

## Band Booster Update

**News – January 27, 2012**

### Reminder:

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#### **From the Band Director:**

Band Family,

First, to the entire band family, I'd like to say thank you for all the well-wishes and thoughtful notes on my birthday last week. It was overwhelming! And a day without one nasty email?...WOW! Seriously though, I really appreciate our families, our school, and working with your bands. You all really helped make my day special!

With school enrollment process growing nearer, I think it's important that we take a moment reflect on our amazing band students! Take a look at this:

### **Our band students are smart. Very smart.**

**Our Band's average weighted GPA is 3.76**

**This year, a band student at West was a National Merit Semi-Finalist!**

**Also, two West band students were named National Merit Commended Scholars!!**

### **On band students are involved.**

**Many are involved in sports, clubs, STUCO, musical, and even work outside school!**

***The Freshmen Class President and Freshmen Class Treasurer are in band!***

### **Our band students are taking AP courses. Yes. Really.**

#### **A lot of them.**

**89% of 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are taking Honors Courses**

**59% of our 10-12<sup>th</sup> Graders are in 2 or more AP Courses!**

I hope that ALL of our students choose to enroll in band again next fall. We have so many special trips, events, and performances on the horizon - - I want everyone that's a part of our family to stay a part of our family! If you have questions about enrollment, please email me. And also, share your story with a future BVW Band family. We ALL made the transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade at some point in time and we realize how uncertain we were. Let's help those "on the fence" be sure about a positive decision to stick with band!

#### **A few reminders:**

- Winterguard Preview Performance is Tuesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30pm in the BVW Main Gym. Be there!
- Symphonic Band will travel by coach bus to Manhattan, KS on Wednesday Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for a shared concert with KSU's top Wind Symphony! Mark your calendars to carpool and support us. We will leave at 12 noon, be on campus by 2:30, perform at 7:30pm in concert, and return to West by 12 midnight.
- February Band Concert, featuring both LKMS and PRMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands, along with Concert and Symphonic Band, is on tap for Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in our PAC at West.
- **COLORADO** PAYMENTS are due. Help us, help YOU! Students' \$240 payment was due two weeks ago.... We need everyone on board with staying current on payments so our band can stay current with the tour company. Final \$100 payments are due Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - - next Friday!!
- **Colorado Meeting** – Pre-trip details meeting. **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:30PM** in the BVW PAC. Everyone traveling must be in attendance or have a family representative.
- Also, get your Colorado Trip Waiver Forms filled out and completed ASAP. Download them at [www.bvwestband.com](http://www.bvwestband.com) Those are due with your last \$100 payment on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Longabaugh needs to know if you're skiing or snowboarding and if you need lessons. Email him at [cjlongabaugh@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:cjlongabaugh@bluevalleyk12.org) We must have them from EACH traveler.
- More details on Colorado will be out soon, along with a date for a full band pre-trip meeting in late March. For now, forms and payments, please.

I hope you're all enjoying a positive new year. This semester is going to fly by; buckle in for fantastic ride!

Mr. Kirk

**Daniel Kirk**

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**From the Assistant Band Director:**

Band Family,

**BOOSTER UPDATE:**

- **Colorado Trip** – we need payments, insurance waivers, and ski/snowboard/lessons options ASAP! The sooner the directors receive all of the appropriate payments, documents, and basic information, the better

prepared Mr. Kirk and I can be with organizing the trip! Thank you for your attention to these important details, and a big thanks to those who have turned in everything.

- **Concert Band** – we are doing some great work in the classroom! Be sure to attend sectionals (they are required and affect your grade). Thank you for all of your hard work in class. I am impressed by your work ethic, improvement, and overall attitude! BRAVO!
- **Dinner of Note** – keep selling program ads for the Dinner of Note. Some of you are making TONS of \$\$ just by selling a few ads. 90% of what you sell goes into your personal ledger...it just doesn't get much better than this! Our inside-front cover, inside-back cover, and our back cover ad spaces are already SOLD.

## GO JAGS!

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### Presidents Corner:

Co-President's Update:

Just a couple of things:

We are changing the start time for the Band Boosters Meeting on February 13th - it will be at 7:30pm instead of 6:30. An important meeting as we will elect officers for next year - See you there.

Mark and Jill Brady

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### From Operations:

No news this week.

Mark Bushouse & Craig Hennerberg

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### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

No news this week.





**WINTERGUARD –**

The Winterguard team will have a preview of their show after their practice on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:40 pm; if anyone would like to come out and cheer them on.

The first Winterguard competition will be Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Grain Valley High School. Their tentative performance time as of now is 6:46 pm.

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