

Blaze Band News

From the Directors

Greetings Blaze Band Students, Parents, and Friends,

Hopefully you have experienced rest and rejuvenation during the holidays (or as much as can be expected during the madness!). We are excited for the semester ahead as many events will take place in the coming weeks. Mid-State Band will take place on January 10-12. We are proud to have 16 students participating in this event. The following weekend we will host the Mid-State Jazz and Orchestra event. We will need several student and parent volunteers to help move equipment during the event. We will post signup sheets the week of the event.

Our jazz band will perform their annual concert at the end of this month on January 31. They will play music of varying styles including swing, Latin, funk, and rock.

Speaking of concerts, we have a great problem in that we have outgrown our concert hall here at

school. We are aware that the BHS auditorium does not have sufficient seating for everyone and we're currently exploring other options for our February concert. Stay tuned for future updates.

This month marks the end of the first full year of our boosters operating under the current set of rules given by the central office. If you recall, the central office allowed us to operate under our former rules regarding our declining balances until January of 2012. We are happy to report that the band continues to meet its fundraising goals. As with any change there is a sense of uncertainty about what will happen, but you have answered the call to continue supporting the band through fundraisers. Let us continue this trend to make sure the students have all the resources they need to reach their musical potential.

Go Blaze,
Ben and Brenda

Calendar

January 8th

Final trip payment due date

January 10th - 12th

Mid State Band Clinic at MTSU / Siegel

January 15th

Booster meeting, 7:00 pm

January 17th - 19th

Mid State Jazz & Orchestra Clinic at Blackman

January 31st

Blaze Jazz Concert, 7:00 pm

February 4th

Wind Ensemble rehearsal (3:45-6:00)

February 5th

Trip Meeting/Financial meeting 7:00 pm

February 7th

Symphonic Band/Concert Band rehearsal (3:45-6:00)

February 11th

Full dress rehearsal, all bands (3:45-6:00)

February 12th

8th Grade/BHS Joint Concert, 7:00 pm, auditorium

February 14th

Snow Date 8th Grade/BHS Joint Concert, 7:00 pm

February 15th - 18th

Annual trip - Orlando, FL

March 11th

Concert Band rehearsal (3:45-5:00)

March 12th

Booster meeting, 7:00 pm

March 18th

Symphonic Band rehearsal (3:45-5:00)

March 25th

Wind Ensemble rehearsal (3:45-5:00)

Support Your Blaze Band Partners

Cagle Floor Covering

Little Guys Movers

Dr. Stephen Simpson, DDS

Super Speed Wash



Blaze Band Booster Meeting

Tuesday January 15th

7:00 p.m. in the Band Room

All parents are encouraged to attend!

Annual Trip Payment Reminder

The FINAL payment for the annual trip is due January 8th. Please remember to make checks payable to Spotlight Tours.

Volunteers Needed January 17th ~ 19th

We are hosting the **Mid-State Jazz and Orchestra Clinic** January 17th - 19th. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. Refreshment items are also needed for the event (a list of items will be provided soon via email). Please contact Patty Gass, pgass@mtmc.com, if you can help.

Spring Banquet Planning

Banquet volunteers: it's time to start planning our annual end-of-year Band Banquet. Melody Canterbury will contact you within the next few weeks to schedule planning meetings.

If you are not on the committee but would like to participate, please contact Melody at 278-0497 or smcanterberry@bellsouth.net. She will GLADLY add you to the committee.

Senior Photos Needed for Spring Banquet Slide Show

Each senior is asked to provide FIVE photographs depicting their childhood through senior year for

the slide show that will be presented at the spring banquet.

Please provide photos to Regina Jones by April 15th. You may provide photos in 3 ways:

- 1) Digital format on CD,
- 2) Digital format via email to reginadj@outlook.com,
- 3) Hard copy (photos will be scanned and returned the night of the banquet).

Delivery options for CD or hard copy:

- 1) Mail to Regina Jones, 3650 Southbend Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37128
- 2) Drop in the blue box to the attention of Regina Jones.

Focus on the Budget

This year's band booster budget is \$70,500, which represents expenses required to operate the band. We have done very well this year in meeting financial needs. However, you may wonder, "doesn't the Rutherford County School board provide funding for the program?" The school board contributes only \$5,000 toward our budget. Putting it into perspective, this amount would not cover the replacement cost of one tuba. Thank you for your continued support of the Blaze Band!

Please Support the Band by Using the Kroger Card!

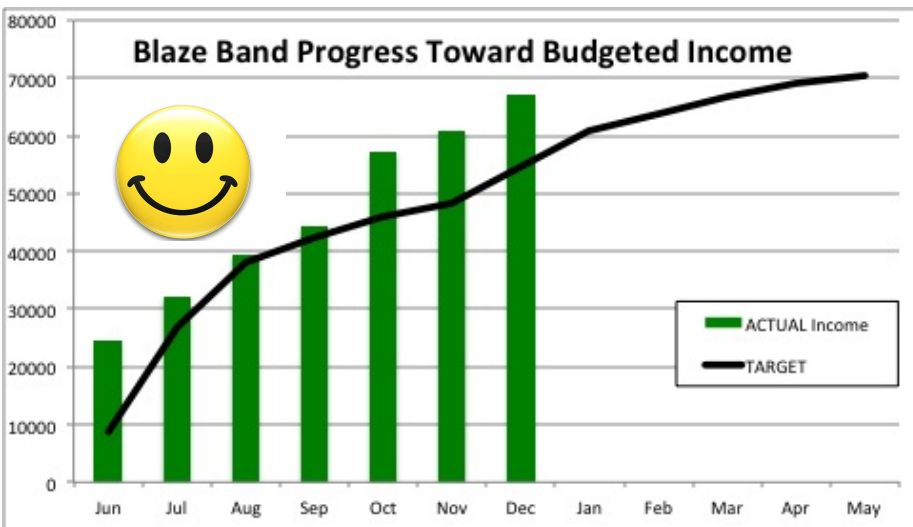
Our seasonal fundraising activities are now complete, but there is one year-round, easy fundraising opportunity that everyone can participate in - the Kroger card program!

The Kroger card program provides an easy, consistent way to support the band. 4% of all funds loaded onto the card are paid-out to the band. You may use the card for all purchases in the store, including food, pharmacy, and fuel. Out-of-town relatives may use the Kroger card at affiliate stores in their area.

This year, we are averaging \$550 in monthly proceeds from Kroger. There is opportunity to exceed this level, as we have seen prior year monthly averages around \$850 per month.

Kroger cards cost \$5.00 and are pre-loaded with \$5.00. Please contact me at 890-1741, dkgkcaldwell@gmail.com, to purchase your card(s).

- Dan Caldwell
Blaze Band: Feel the Fire!



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