



BUCHHOLZ HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Wind Symphony
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Dear Wind Symphony Parent,

August 31, 2011

As you know, the Buchholz Wind Symphony was selected to perform at the prestigious Music for All National Concert Band Festival, presented by Yamaha, on March 15-17, 2012 in Indianapolis. The Music for All National Festival is recognized as the epitome of scholastic instrumental music festivals in America. Music for All is one of the nation's largest and most influential music education organizations.

Buchholz is one of only 14 high school bands from across the nation selected by recorded audition to perform in concert at the Festival, be evaluated by master music educators and participate in master classes, clinics, and special events. Invited concert bands and percussion ensembles for the 2012 Festival come from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. This is a significant accomplishment and honor for all Wind Symphony musicians!

Planning for the trip is underway. We have been working hard to keep the cost of this trip as low as possible. Our current cost estimate for students for the trip is \$700. This includes:

- Charter bus transportation (leaving Wednesday, March 14th and returning Sunday, March 18th)
- Three nights lodging at the JW Marriott hotel in Indianapolis (Brand NEW!)
- All meals
- A Gala Awards Banquet
- Participation in instrumental master classes
- A souvenir CD and DVD from the Festival

We are still working on finalizing the costs of a few items, but are doing our best to keep the cost at \$700. We know many of you would like to work this expense into your household budget. In order to help with this, a schedule of four payments has been devised to facilitate the process of paying off the trip balance. Each payment is due the beginning of the following four months:

Payment #1 – October 5 th	\$175
Payment #2 – November 5 th	\$175
Payment #3 – December 5 th	\$175
Payment #4 – January 5 th	\$175

These payments will be included on your monthly statements. If you would rather pay the full amount and avoid monthly payments, you are welcome to do so and it would be much appreciated.

You do have the opportunity to defray part or even all of the cost of the trip through fundraising, if you choose. This past weekend's Rehearse-a-thon is one such fundraiser. Additionally, upcoming fundraisers include Cheesecake Sales, Sally Foster Gift Wrap, SCRIP cards, and Discount Cards. All money that your student raises will go towards your Fair Share and the Festival.

If your family is experiencing financial hardship and would like to apply for scholarship assistance (maximum of \$200), please contact Band Booster President Anthony Clarizio at claria@shands.ufl.edu for an application. We will work with you as best as we can.

We are limited to 5 chaperones for the trip, though all parents/families are invited to travel on their own to Indy to watch the Wind Symphony perform. At least 3 chaperones, and possibly 4, will need to drive together to Indianapolis in one car. The remaining chaperone(s) will ride on the bus. The total estimated cost for a chaperone is \$750. Payments of \$187.50 will be due at the same time as student payments. If you are interested in being a chaperone or have questions about chaperoning, please contact Lillian Swanger at Lswanger@cox.net. If we have more than 5 interested parents, we will draw names to select the 5 chaperones.

We are excited about this opportunity for our kids to shine on the national stage in Indianapolis! Be sure to visit the web page we have dedicated to the NCBF on the band website! Thank you for your continued support of the Buchholz band program!

Sincerely,

Lillian Swanger

Lillian Swanger, NCBF (Nat'l Concert Band Festival) Parent Committee Chair

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