

# JACKSONVILLE High School Band

Winter 2005

NEWSLETTER

Phone 586-4064

Dear Parents of J.H.S. Band,

Congratulations to the JHS Band members that attended UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. All those that attended benefitted by challenging themselves with new music. It takes extra time, extra work, and courage to perform a solo or ensemble in front of a judge.

This year, our students won 58 medals. Five students, Ryan Bullock, Niki Pierce, Sasha Salazar, Joseph Villavisencio and Ashley Wiegman played their class I solo by memory and qualified for the U.I.L State Contest in Austin. Including ensembles and twirlers, 28 students qualified for state this year.

### **BAND BOOSTER MEETING**

The band boosters will have their next meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the band hall. We will be finalizing plans for the **11th Annual Band Booster Bar-B-Que**. Your help and input is needed concerning this event. The booster club is asking for volunteers to help with:

1. general stuff at the B-B-Q
2. to make homemade cookies and cakes.
3. to help with final ticket sales.

Please make every effort to attend the March 15 booster club meeting to help plan this event.

### **BAND BAR-B-QUE**

We want to invite you to come and hear a preview of our contest music at our annual band booster bar-b-que on Saturday evening, April 2nd from 5:30 to 7:30. Student attendance is required and grades will be given.

Mailed separate from this letter are 5 tickets. Each ticket is numbered and assigned to a band student. We are asking each family to try to sell at least five tickets (at \$7.00 / ticket) for this event. If you need more tickets, the directors can check them out to you. JHS Band student tickets are \$3.50, but must be purchased from the band directors. Checks should be made out to JHS Band Boosters. We need all unsold tickets and money turned in to the band office no later than Wednesday, March 30th. Remember, the selling and handling of these tickets is a big responsibility, and we know you will do a great job with it! If you have any questions, please call Nancy Heron at .

### **SYMPHONIC SECTIONALS**

In order to prepare for UIL Concert Contest, we began sectionals for each Symphonic Band member. They will meet once a week for 45 minutes. These sectionals will continue until Contest on April 12th or 13th. Attendance is required and grades will be given.

### **BAND PICTURES**

Individual band pictures (in marching uniform) will be taken March 14th. Parents are encouraged to purchase these pictures which will be done by Michael Cummins, a

local photographer. Details will be sent home regarding the purchase of individual pictures as well a composite of the entire band.

### **UIL CONTEST**

UIL Concert / Sightreading Contest is on April 12th and 13th this year. It will again be held at Whitehouse High School. We don't know the schedule yet. Parents are encouraged to come support you child at this very important competition.

### **SPRING TRIP**

The J.H.S. Spring Trip will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 22, 23, 24 to South Padre Island. Cost is \$200.

The trip includes:

- 2 nights in a hotel
- Schlitterbahn on the beach

The first trip payment of \$100.00 is due Tuesday, March 15. Final payment of \$100.00 is due Friday, April 1st. All charges owed must be paid by this time as well. Parents, we need chaperones for this trip. We will be leaving after the 10th grade science TAKS (around noon).

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligibility for the spring trip and for UIL Concert/Sightreading Contest is based on the grades received on the 4th 6 weeks report card. If you child failed a class, he/she can become re-eligible by passing all classes at the third week.

Mike Bullock  
Ray Vardaman

**IMPORTANT  
DATES !!!**

April 2, Saturday

April 12 or 13

April 22-24

May 7

May 19

May 29-30 (tentative)

Annual Bar-B-Que & Band concert and supper

UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest

Spring Band Trip

Invitational Solo/Ensemble Contest in Nacogdoches

JHS Band Spring Concert

UIL State Solo/Ensemble Contest in Austin