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The Newsletter for Seminole High School Band

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Final Thoughts About This Year by P.L. Malcolm



Is the next "Idol" in our midst?



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Year after year I'm always amazed by this band program. For the year 2010-2011, I think it was the most outstanding year that I've ever experienced as a high school band director. I was totally blown away by everything that the Seminole kids were asked to do. For example, we played 14 out of 15 football games... that's impressive when you think that a normal season is 10 games. The endurance that it takes for a band program to continue with playoff games and not let that become a morale killer is really an amazing feat in itself. It takes a toll on the band and simply wears you out. That's why I cancelled our winter concert because it was just too much... something had to give and I've NEVER cancelled a winter concert! The endurance shown by these kids this year is one way that I've seen them prove their brilliance.

Another outstanding element this year was the senior class. They have been tremendous leaders and they've done a great job as role models in their behavior, their musicianship, and their professionalism. These young men and women are truly wonderful. It's always about what you give and these seniors have demonstrated that.

The single biggest thing that we set out to do this year was to make our very first international

trip. That was a grueling, intense operation but it was a very magical experience for those kids. We've got people who really sacrificed to do that trip and I am amazed at the number of kids who went to London in spite of this bad economy.

What's cool about band is that each year you have different glasses that you can put on. So your first year as a "gunkie" you learn, you see, you take, you observe. The second year you might want to contribute in a small circle way. Junior year you increase your circle of influence and then as a senior, you do something to give back. I would challenge next year's senior class to reach inside, give their very best and step up as role models for the underclassmen. My previous students have always said that the more they contributed and gave back to other people, the more they learned and grew in the process. What I ultimately care about is to make these super-size 8th graders into young men and women who eventually contribute to society. I feel very confident that they are going to be successful, whatever they do.

So my advice to the kids is to decompress, take the month of June off, and then get back to practicing three or four times per week. Just remember, the biggest room is the room for improvement!



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Letter from the Editor

We did it! Another successful year “in the bag.” Time to say goodbye and good luck to our seniors. For the rest of us, we need to look ahead to band camp, new gunkies, another marching season, and (you guessed it) more fundraising.

The Spring Showcase Concert was great and when the kids came out in their marching uniforms to play Seminole Uprising, I couldn't help but smile and feel excited about next year's marching season. It's a ton of work but a ton of fun too. I hope all band parents reading this will take one chaperone shift in the stands next year because that is where you really understand how exciting it is to be part of the “Pride of the Tribe.” The air becomes absolutely electric and I guarantee you will join in the chanting and singing whether you intend to or not.

Stay tuned for email blasts advising of important dates and reminders over the summer. Please treat yourself to some well deserved time off for the next few weeks... lay around the pool, go to the beach, and get reacquainted with your spouse. Before we know it, August will be here and we will begin this crazy ride all over again!

Jane

**Without the
band, it's just
a game...**



Welcome 2011-2012 BPA

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Treasurer (Accts Rec)
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Outgoing President's Message by Scott Smith

Our successful Bandquet brings about the end to a great school year. The end of the year is always a time for reflection and I would like to share some of my thoughts with you.

What a great year it has been!! Our band has accomplished so much this year from travelling overseas to London to receiving superior ratings for their performances all around the state. Our kids have had wonderful opportunities to grow and experience great things. Our success this year is evident in the excitement that our returning students are showing for the upcoming year. In talking with the underclassmen at the Bandquet, the reoccurring theme was that they cannot wait to begin next year. That is pretty amazing when you think about it. For a high school student to talk about how they want summer vacation to go by quickly so that they can be reunited with their band friends shows that they truly enjoy their band experience. This enthusiasm shows that the "Pride of the Tribe" is in great shape and that our future looks very bright. The other mark of success is the fact that our band will grow in numbers next year and it could become the largest band Seminole High School has ever had. Success produces growth as more people want to be a part of this program.

As much as I would like to take credit for this enthusiasm and growth as the BPA President, I must say that I was only a small component of this success. The real credit goes out to all of the parents who have worked hard this year to support our kids. I have worked side by side with so many wonderful parents (and grandparents) this year that I would not know where to begin to thank everyone. I wish I could name you all and individually recognize your efforts, but I would need many pages to do it justice. Instead, know that I personally appreciate all of your efforts and whether they tell you or not, the kids truly appreciate it as well. Each of you know who you are and hopefully you feel the joy and pride like I do in watching our kids take the field/stage to perform. That is the best reward for your hard work.

The other people who deserve the recognition for our band's continuous success is both of the directors. They work far more hours than most people realize. I am amazed at how much they give in both time and effort to not only provide a rewarding band experience for our students, but also to prepare them for the future as responsible young adults. They touch the lives of our kids and in the process make them better people.

I will be stepping down at the end of next month as the BPA President but I will still be very involved as my son will be going through his senior year. As I step down from my position as President, I cannot help but think that the future is so bright, that next year will be "The Pride of the Tribe's" best ever. In fact there is a line from a song that keeps playing in my head and that is "The future is so bright, I gotta wear shades". I leave you in good hands as David Darby takes over the post of BPA President. David will be going into his 8th year as a Seminole Band Parent and the amount of his experience and commitment is incredible. I have become very close to David this past year and I can honestly say that he is without a doubt the best person for building upon our success from this year.

In closing, I would like to again thank all of those parents who have worked with the BPA this past year. For those of you who are coming on board with the "Pride of the Tribe", I want to say welcome and understand that we could really use whatever time you can give us as a volunteer.

My very best wishes to all of you for a happy and safe summer and I will see you all at band camp.

Scott



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Sponsorship Program by Gary Vogel



Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, a new program is being initiated for our band program. The Sponsorship Program will replace the Scholarship Program which, in the past, has assisted students in financial need that were not able to pay their dues to the band. Beginning this coming year, students needing financial aid to pay their dues may apply for a sponsorship. A limited number of sponsors have generously agreed to donate to the band the dues for students in financial need. Any student needing financial aid for their dues may apply by completing the Student Sponsorship Application and submitting it to the directors. The application requires justification of need and completion of an essay from the student on a topic of their choosing from topics listed on the application.

Applications will be reviewed and if qualified, will be given to the Sponsorship Program Committee for possible pairing to a sponsor. If a student is matched to a sponsor, the student will be responsible for completion of community service hours to the band and a written letter of appreciation to be given to their sponsor. Sponsorships are for one year's dues and students need to re-apply each year.



Sponsors Needed

The Band Parents Association is seeking any individual, family, business, or organization interested in becoming a sponsor for a band student who is in financial need. Sponsors agree to make a donation to the band in the amount of the dues needed for the student with whom they are paired. Sponsors may make a donation in the full amount of a student's dues, or a partial amount. Sponsors may make donations for one year, or multiple years. Sponsors may make the donation in the name of a former student, a family member, or anyone else they desire to honor in this manner. Sponsors may also remain anonymous if they desire.

All donations in the form of sponsorships made to the band, are tax deductible donations to the Seminole High School Band Parents Association, a non-profit, fully recognized 501(c)3 corporation. Anyone needing additional information, or interested in becoming a sponsor for a deserving student, please contact: Gary Vogel, Alumni Representative, at (407)324-8990, or AlumniRep@Seminolehsband.org.

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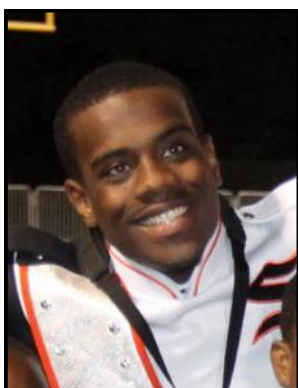
Senior Spotlight



If you do not enjoy what your are doing, try something else until you find something you love.

Yeaseong Han has had quite a year! He was nominated for Prom King and Homecoming King, he captured the “Best Singer” title in his senior class, and he completed the IB program. Musically, Yeaseong played the clarinet for Wind Ensemble, alto saxophone for marching band, and guitar for Jazz Band and church. Understandably, more time is the one thing on his wish list and he only regrets not having had a few more chill moments where he could simply “go to football games and hang out with friends.” Still, the music program has been a blast and Yeaseong recalls last year’s Spring Showcase when Mr. Malcolm let him conduct S.O.S. and then break out into dance. Thankful that he has learned a lot about meeting new people and making friends at SHS, he will call upon those skills again as he heads off to UF where he will study psychology.

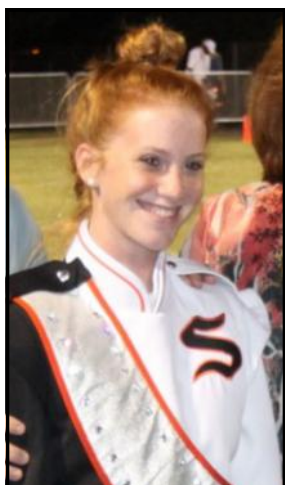
For those seniors who did not want to be interviewed, we wish them success and happiness in their future.



Caleb Bodley
Alto Saxophone



Jonnathan De Jesus
Mellophone



Amy Warner
Clarinet



Summer Brown
Clarinet



Tishae Spence
Mellophone



Alyssa Gonzalez
Frontline



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Hearing the Music, Honing the Mind

Opinion and Analysis from Scientific American's Board of Editors

Nearly 20 years ago a small study advanced the notion that listening to Mozart's Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major could boost mental functioning. It was not long before trademarked "Mozart effect" products appealed to neurotic parents aiming to put toddlers on the fast track to the Ivy League. Georgia's governor even proposed giving every newborn there a classical CD or cassette.

The evidence for Mozart therapy turned out to be flimsy, perhaps nonexistent, although the original study never claimed anything more than a temporary and limited effect. In recent years, however, neuroscientists have examined the benefits of a concerted effort to study and practice music, as opposed to playing a Mozart CD or a computer-based "brain fitness" game once in a while. Advanced monitoring techniques have enabled scientists to see what happens inside your head when you listen to your mother and actually practice the violin for an hour every afternoon. And they have found that music lessons can produce profound and lasting changes that enhance the general ability to learn. These results should disabuse public officials of the idea that music classes are a mere frill, ripe for discarding in the budget crises that constantly beset public schools.

Studies have shown that assiduous instrument training from an early age can help the brain to process sounds better, making it easier to stay focused when absorbing other subjects, from literature to tensor calculus. The musically adept are better able to concentrate on a biology lesson despite the racket in the classroom or, a few years later, to finish a call with a client when a colleague in the next cubicle starts screaming at an underling. They can attend to several things at once in the mental scratch pad called working memory, an essential skill in this era of multitasking.

Discerning subtleties in pitch and timing can also help children or adults in learning a new language. The current craze for high school Mandarin classes furnishes an ideal example. The difference between $m\bar{a}$ (a high level tone) and $m\grave{a}$ (falling tone) represents the difference between "mother" and "scold." Musicians, studies show, are better than nonmusicians at picking out easily when your $m\bar{a}$ is $m\grave{a}$ ing you to practice. These skills may also help the learning disabled improve speech comprehension.

Sadly, fewer schools are giving students an opportunity to learn an instrument. In Nature Reviews Neuroscience this summer, Nina Kraus of Northwestern University and Bha-rath Chandrasekaran of the University of Texas at Austin, who research how music affects the brain, point to a disturbing trend of a decline of music education as part of the standard curriculum. A report by the advocacy organization Music for All Foundation found that from 1999 to 2004 the number of students taking music programs in California public schools dropped by 50 percent.

Research of our brains on music leads to the conclusion that music education needs to be preserved and revamped as needed when further insights demonstrate, say, how the concentration mustered to play the clarinet or the oboe can help a problem student focus better in math class. The main reason for playing an instrument, of course, will always be the sheer joy of blowing a horn or banging out chords. But we should also be working to incorporate into the curriculum our new knowledge of music's beneficial effect on the developing brain. Sustained involvement with an instrument from an early age is an achievable goal even with tight budgets. Music is not just an "extra."

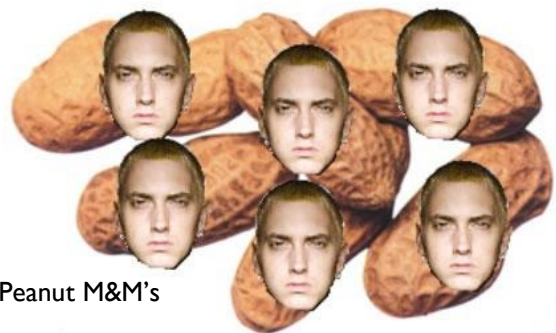
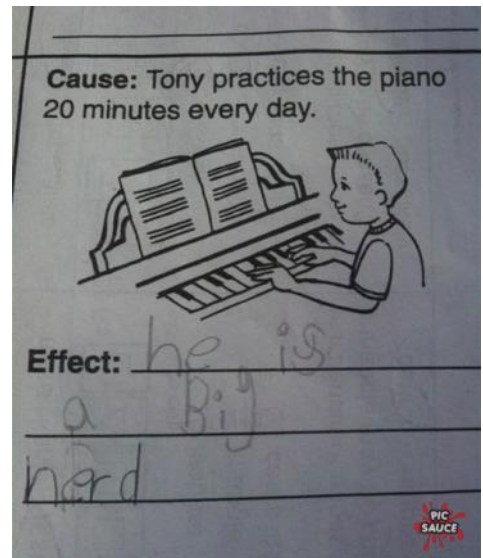
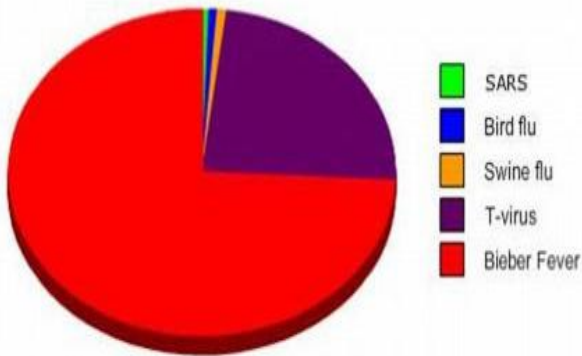
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Just for Laughs...



Epidemics That Have Frightened Me



Peanut M&M's





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Incoming President's Message by David Darby

Looking back at this year, we have accomplished so much in so little time. We supported our football team through a successful season; received many superior and excellent ratings at the individual level, as well as at group levels (Jazz bands, concert bands, and the marching band); and we have marched the streets of London during our first ever international band trip. It is exciting because "The Pride of The Tribe" is not finished yet. P.L. Malcolm and Andrea Newhouse have set their sights to continue getting bigger and better. The Band Parent Association supports their vision for the band so that the band students of Seminole High School will continue to be recognized as one of the leading programs in Seminole County. It is through your support that this program has been able to progress.

Thank you for what you have already done and for the involvement that you will participate in during the coming year. Our strategy for the coming year will be to, "Refine and Promote." In past years we have developed some fabulous programs and resources. Our Showcase Concert provides an avenue for our band students to demonstrate their

creativity. The Journey Thru Jazz concerts have opened the door for our jazz musicians to play with professional musicians. Our website provides a wealth of information to students, parents and others who are interested in the Seminole High School Band. These are just a few of the many programs and resources of the SHS band. As these programs and resources continue to be refined, we will also have to introduce new ways of promoting them.

We must improve in this area, and we are asking for your support. New beginnings are just around the bend. I bid farewell to the seniors in the band. Your leadership and legacy will not soon be forgotten. I challenge you in whatever you may pursue, to exercise motivation, dedication, and discipline.

Returning students, take your rightful place in the leadership of the band. Seize the moment. You have the potential to be the leaders of the greatest band class ever. Enjoy your summer and rest up. Band Camp is right around the corner.

David

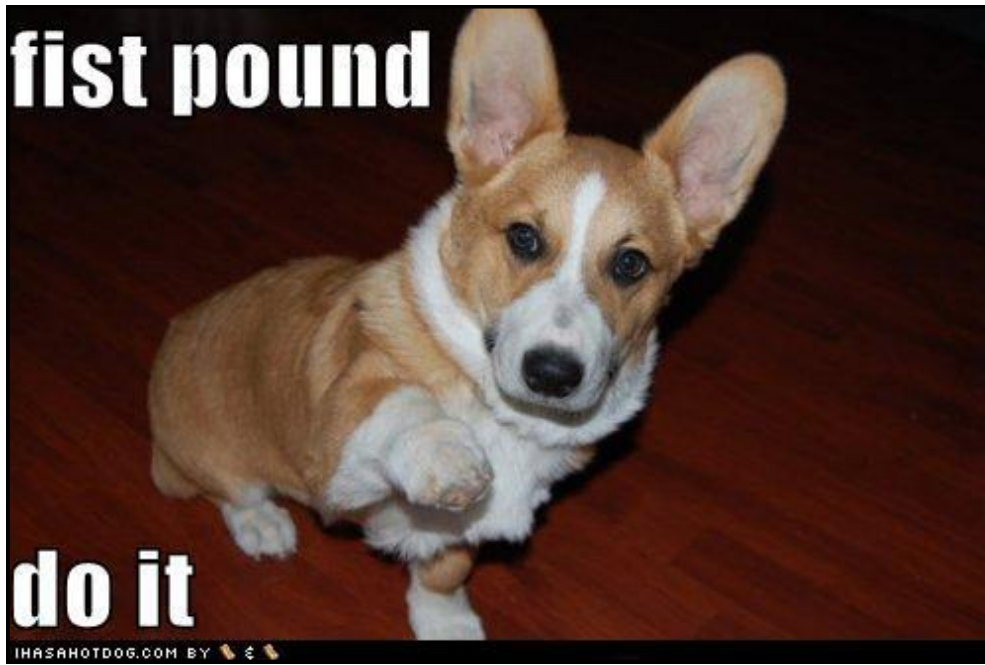


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SHOUT OUTS

Laura Flores
2011 SHS Valedictorian

SHS Band awarded FBA
Otto J. Kraushaar Award
given to band programs in the state of Florida that receive Superior ratings at all marching and concert evaluations throughout the year



Wind Ensemble
Straight Superiors
FBA State Festival

Yeaseong Han
University of Florida

Laura Flores
University of Central Florida



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Fundraising

Did you know that band membership for 2011-2012 is expected to be around 240 students? Your Fundraising Committee is hard at work planning several exciting projects (golf tournament, 5K run and more) to keep up with the very real needs of an ever expanding "Pride of the Tribe." It will require the efforts of our entire "band family" to insure that each of these musicians has music, instruments, uniforms, etc., and we encourage you to stay informed as our menu of fundraising opportunities takes shape to choose the ways that you could best serve. Projects such as these are an integral part of band life, and many hands make for light work!



Seminole High School Band "Pride of the Tribe" Charity Golf Tournament

We're already kicking off the first project for the 2011-2012 season since most golfers prefer lots of advance notice for participation in these events. Start planning NOW for how you'd like to be involved.

SHS Band Parent Association will be hosting the "Pride of the Tribe" Charity Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at The Magnolia Plantation Golf Club on Markham Woods Road in Lake Mary. The PRE-PAID entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per player (or \$350 for a prepaid foursome... put together your dream team!) which includes golf, cart, range balls and a BBQ Buffet Lunch. There will be prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin, plus loads of drawings for fabulous prizes! The tournament will start at 9:00AM sharp. Check-in will be from 7:30 until 8:30 and the driving range will be open early for those who wish to warm up (range balls provided as part of your entry fee).

This event offers band members 3 ways to contribute:

1. Ask your friends, family, neighbors and business associates to play!
2. Ask local businesses, friends, neighbors, etc. to be a Hole/Tee Sponsor for just \$100 donation. A sign will be placed at the tee box with the name of the person or company sponsoring the hole and their company name/link will appear on our band website.
3. Have items donated for our drawing/give-aways.

Deadline for hole sponsors is September 1, 2011.

Deadline for tournament play registration is September 14, 2011.

Registration forms and additional information should appear on the band website in just a few days at www.seminolehsband.org

Contact Tournament Co-Chairs: Brian and Jill McAuley @ bmjmhbz@att.net



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GoodSearch.com

What if the Seminole High School Band earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Seminole High School Band Parent Association (Sanford FL) toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! Add the Seminole High School Band Parent Association (Sanford FL) toolbar at <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/seminole-high-school-band-parent-association>

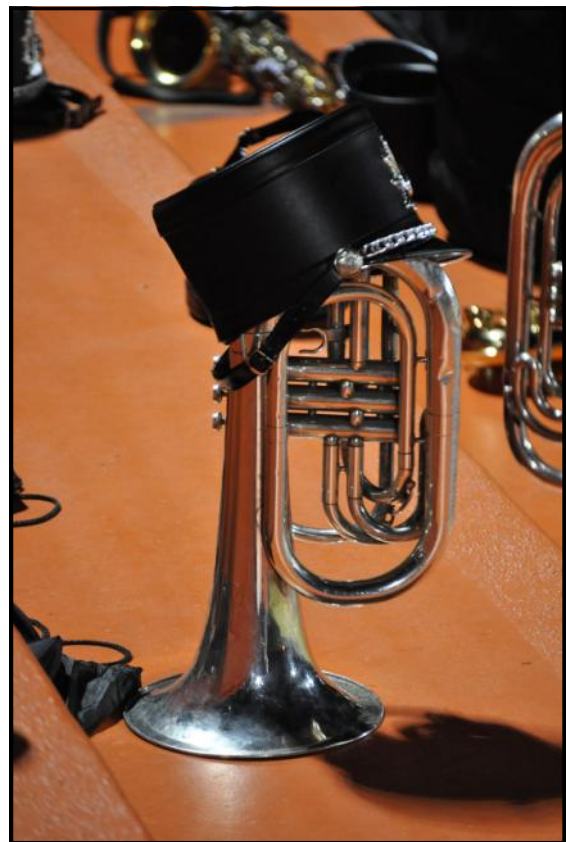


“Savoring Seminole” Cookbooks

Our beautiful HARDCOVER first edition of Savoring Seminole Cookbook, a collection of 369 family favorite and award winning recipes, features a custom artwork cover and personal pages that tell about our band. This proven best seller may now be purchased for just \$10.00 each!!! Students have earned as much as \$200, \$400, even \$700 for their trip accounts this year, just by offering friends, family and neighbors this one of a kind cookbook that they can enjoy forever!

A super easy way to share Savoring Seminole is to download the cover shot of our cookbook and send out a simple e-mail to everyone on your contact list! You will be amazed at the number of cookbooks you will sell with a short 'n' sweet e-mail! If you don't ask, the answer is always "no"!

Contact Kathy Galvin at 803-466-0305 OR e-mail stargalvin@hotmail.com to get yours today!



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Seminole High School Alma Mater

Hail to thee our alma mater
Memories dear and true
Light of life and comrades loyal
Always follow through
Lift your voices, sing your praises
Over hill and dale
Hail to thee our alma mater
Seminole High all hail



Send your email address if
you want to get "BLASTED"
beachhammer2@gmail.com

Save the Date

SUMMER:

- 6/02 - First Summer Rehearsal (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- 7/14 - Second Summer Rehearsal (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- 7/26 - Band Council Day
- 7/27 - Percussion Rehearsal Day
- 7/28 - 11th & 12th grade Registration Night (7pm)
- 7/28 - Leadership Day (9am-1pm)
- 7/29 - 9th & 10th grade Registration Night (7pm)
- 7/29 - Leadership Day (9am-1pm)
- 7/30 - Gunkie Day (9am-1pm)
- 8/1-8/5 BAND CAMP (9am-9pm)

Band Camp Must Haves

Remember that it is hot in August! Do not forget
to bring the following to band camp:

- Lots of sun screen
- Shorts (you will surely die if you wear jeans!)
- Short sleeved, light colored t-shirt
- Wide brimmed hat for your face AND neck
- Athletic shoes with socks (no flip flops)
- UV sunglasses
- Big jug of water
- Lunch/Snacks