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The Newsletter for Seminole High School Band

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Hesse from Mr. Malcolm

"It's not the chef, it's the ingredients... you gotta have good ingredients to make something good." I have taught for 18 years and I can tell you that our kids are extraordinary. They take more risks and accomplish more than most of their peers. We've had valedictorians, salutatorians, and students of the week. These teenagers work harder than anybody else I know. They are passionate and driven, but also vulnerable and sensitive. Anything you ask them to do, they will give heart, body and soul and I love working with them.

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I have three expectations of our band kids. First and most important is to do your best. Whatever you are doing, give it 100% and be proud of your efforts. Second, I want each of you to gain leadership skills during your high school years. A sophomore might consider becoming a Row Leader, a junior might become Quartermaster or Section Leader, and a senior can try to become Drum Major or Captain. Other leadership opportunities exist outside band as well, so I want each of you to stretch yourselves with more responsibilities as time goes on. Finally, I want you to be good people. Being polite, displaying good manners, and showing gratitude will serve you well throughout life. Be supportive, be respectful, and take care of each other.



My expectations for myself are to give the kids the best musical experience that I can, to make the process fun, and to play musical pieces that people will recognize and enjoy but which are still complex. I want to create great trips with wonderful memories and at the end of the year, I want to put on a fantastic band banquet because that is my chance to give something back to the kids after getting so much from them.

As a band director, I get to see the kids grow up because I have them for four years. I plant the seeds while they are with me and although it's always sad to see them go, I have tremendous pride when they come back years later to tell me about their successes. That's very powerful.

You can have my money... just don't take my music!



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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to our first Band Beat of the 2010-2011 school year. My name is Jane Carleton, your humble editor. I guess you can refer to me as a "Gunkie" since this is my first year with the band and with Seminole High School. I find this whole world of marching band very fascinating and the kids are absolutely wonderful... so talented, energetic, fun and just plain nice! I am already being swept up in the group's passion and I am truly honored to play a small part in supporting the "Pride of the Tribe" through this newsletter.

The Band Beat is meant to be one method, along with the website and email blasts, of communicating with our parents, band members, and the school administration. In the Seminole language, this will be your Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki or, place to learn. Please feel free to contact me at any time with an idea for an article or a picture that would be of interest to our readers. Once we get going, there should be a newsletter every other month which highlights upcoming events and opportunities to participate.

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



Letter from the BPA President

Hello Parents,

First let me welcome all the new Gunkie parents to the "Pride of the Tribe." We are off to a great start this year and we hope that you will find time to be involved in this impressive organization. Every year many parents volunteer their time and expertise to make sure our kids have the best band experience possible.

We are into marching season and hopefully you have had the opportunity to make it to one of the games. Our halftime show this year is entitled "British Invasion" in celebration of our trip to London and participation in their New Year's Day Parade. Please refer to the band website for a complete description of trip details.

The band's immediate challenge is to perform in the Seminole County Marching Festival which takes place on October 23rd at Lake Brantley High School and starts at 6:00pm. It is a top-notch performance by all the Seminole County bands and championship dance teams. If you are planning to attend the Marching Festival, we hope you will purchase tickets in advance from a member of the band or at the Fall Concert on October 7th since we are able to keep all proceeds for tickets sold prior to the event. My advice is to bring friends and family, arrive early, find the best seats and enjoy all of the bands. A Seminole seat cushion can provide a bit of extra comfort in the stands and don't forget to dress for fall weather.

My last bit of advice is for you to visit the band's photo web-site at: seminolehsband.shutterfly.com on a regular basis. Our photo and video crew do a remarkable job of capturing the band and putting the pictures on the web for you to download for free. The quality of the work is truly professional and they want you to hold on to these pictures for many years to come.

I hope that you decide to become a part of the Band Parent Association if you haven't yet done so. It really is the best way to stay connected with your high school student and spend time sharing something you both will enjoy. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards, Scott Smith

Letter from Gary Vogel

Let me explain the position I hold as Alumni Representative on the Band Parent Board of Directors. I represent the families with students who are recent graduates of the band and my position was created so as to keep accumulated knowledge accessible to the board. While I am not an alumnus of Seminole High School, I was president of the BPA the year my son graduated in 2009. I've been asked to remain on the board and am now in my 6th year of being involved as a band parent, giving me some experiences to call upon. I've been asked some questions by Gunkie parents so I'd like to take this opportunity to answer them.



SEMINOLE FIRST DOWN

First thing to accept as an incoming parent is that you are now a part of a high school with a great history. Seminole High School opened for classes in 1902. It has moved a few times in those years but by virtue of being a school with a 108 year history, there are many things that have become traditions. Some of those traditions are so old, we don't even know where they originated.

Now, "What's the hand chop all about?" To understand this one, you have to look at Florida State University and their team, The Seminoles. We, too, are The Seminoles and therefore much of what we do mimics what represents FSU and the Seminole Tribe. Many of you may not know, for example, that we are the only other band authorized to play "Seminole Uprise" besides the FSU band. It is a great honor. We also play the "War Chant" where it is traditional to "chop" up our opponents with a tomahawk, hence the "hand chop." Just follow the lead of the band, directors, cheerleaders, Dazzlers, etc... right hand only... keep the beat and you'll be fine.

"What's this FIRST DOWN thing?" Well, that's a tradition that seems to be

all over actually. I was first exposed to the FIRST DOWN and accompanying hand chop at UCF football games. I think it's actually up to an individual announcer. Our football announcer seems to like doing it so just go along with him.

"Are there words to the school song?" Yes, but I don't know them since I didn't go to school here. In all the years I've been going to the games, I just stand and swing along to the beat of the song, showing support to the students. I suspect that a lot of the kids don't know the words either but I do know that the school song is in your student's planner. Use "looking for the words to the alma mater" as an excuse to glance through your son's or daughter's planner. Who knows what else you'll find! The students do eventually learn the school song as they traditionally sing it when returning to campus from an away game.

There are some other traditions coming in the near future as well, so let me give you Gunkie parents a heads up about a few of them. The band will be going to FBA (Florida Bandmasters Association) in Deland on Oct 30th. We are "The Pride of the Tribe" and represent our

community very well. We are very proud of our Superior ratings at FBA, and a lot of pressure is put on the students to maintain this tradition. Senior speeches are given before the students get on the bus, wherein the seniors are given the opportunity to tell the other students what being in the band has meant to them over the years. If you are there, get out your hankie as it's usually pretty emotional. Also, pennies are placed on the floor of the band room in interesting designs on that day. It's always challenging to decipher what the kids are trying to say with their designs so make sure to take pictures. Another tradition is silence on the buses going to Deland. The students are supposed to be concentrating on a superior performance and nothing else. If you've chaperoned on the bus to an away game, this is kind of eerie but enjoyable. On the return trip to campus the noise resumes as they belt out the school song.

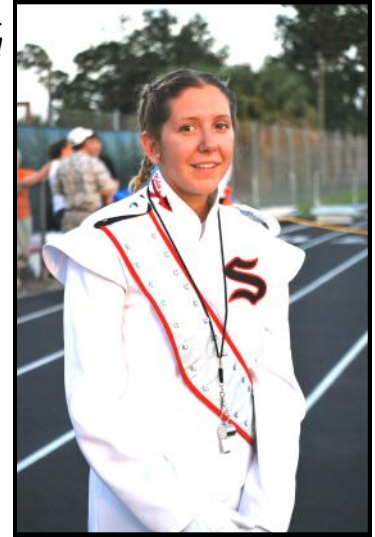
Keep in mind that traditions are a part of what binds a community together, and the band traditions are some of the reasons why being in the band isn't just another extracurricular activity. We are "The Pride of the Tribe."

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Senior Spotlight

*These four years go by fast.
Cherish every minute!*

Alana Guarino's position as Senior Drum Major requires confidence, focus, practice, and a really loud whistle. Most people have seen her at the football games leading the band through its paces, but Alana has a life full of music outside of conducting. She not only plays her flute at church and helps as a teacher's assistant with the freshman band and Jazz Combo, but she is a member of the Wind Ensemble, the Florida Young Artists Orchestra and a Winter Park chamber group. Alana earned a Superior at Solo and Ensemble earlier this year and was in the All County Honors Band at the end of 2009. She hopes to pursue a college degree in music at U of Alabama, Gettysburg College, FSU, or Stetson. Admitting that balancing academics and music has been her biggest challenge in high school, Alana feels that being in the band has been the most enjoyable and unforgettable aspect of these last four years.



Conducting is so much fun. I don't get nervous because I'm prepared and I just get into the zone.

Steven Zakai first picked up a trombone in sixth grade at Sanford Middle School. His passion for music was strong when he entered Seminole High School but he thought he would never want to be one of those guys leading the band. Steven didn't attempt any leadership roles until his junior year when he became Row Leader. That year his section achieved the Marching Band Section of the Year Award and he was hooked. He decided to audition for Drum Major and attended Marching Band Leadership Camp at Florida State University. The SHS team won a conducting honor out of about 50 teams during Pass and Review. These days, Steven is busy finishing the requirements of the IB program, practicing for jazz band, perfecting his conducting skills, participating in the Key Club and Beta Chi, and filling out college applications. He confesses that the hardest thing in high school was prioritizing but he says "if it wasn't for band, I don't think I'd be the person I am today."



Fundraising

For the next 60 days, much of the focus on fundraising will be centered on London and other trip accounts. Although not every band member is going to London, those who are will represent the entire band, school and community, and it is critically important to support upcoming fundraising events in order to accomplish this extraordinary venture.

“Savoring Seminole” cookbooks are still available, and a great value at just \$16 each. You know, the “go-to” cookbook for most great cooks is the one put together by a church or civic organization and now, their favorite marching band families! Fill your cookbook orders during “Cookbook Hour” every Wednesday in the Band Room from 4:30-5:30. Remember, 600 books in our inventory mean \$6,000 in profit just waiting to find a home in your account. Steal your claim (sorry, couldn’t resist that one)!!! Cookbook contact person is Kathy Galvin at: 803-466-0305 OR stargalvin@hotmail.com.

On September 29th we launched another “Discount Travel Coupon” sale. These travel coupons provide fabulous discounts on travel options, just like our Cruise Giveaway earlier this year. Available at just \$10 each, the big selling point for these coupons is that all the purchasers will be entered into a DRAWING for their choice of an 8 day/7 night vacation at either the Beach or the Mountains! There are hundreds of locations available from which the winner can choose. Be

Why is London important? By P.L. Malcolm

Over the last few years, Seminole’s band has traveled and performed in Washington D.C., New York City, and various cities and theme parks around Florida. Our kids have always exceeded my expectations and have held the highest standards in music. We lift our crowds, we motivate our teams, and we give inspiring concerts to our school and community. We have given patriotic concerts on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, on the Mall next to the Lincoln Memorial, and at the base of the Statue of Liberty.

Our students have not only grown musically through these travel and performance opportunities, but they have had invaluable life experiences. I have watched the kids ask questions at the museums and listen in awe at The Phantom of the Opera. I’ve watched kids laugh on buses and I’ve seen them cry at Arlington Cemetery and at Ground Zero. Tears flow myself when our school Alma Mater is played at these sacred places. Opportunities like these make learning real for our students. I know that this trip to London will prove just as invaluable.

assured that there is no time share presentation, just a fabulous getaway! The final drawing will be Sunday, October 10th at the Sanford Bikefest in downtown Sanford. You do not have to be present to win. Student profits will be \$35-\$50 per booklet of ten tickets sold. Maximum profits apply after total sales of 1,000 tickets. Multiple trips will be given away if sales exceed 2,000 total tickets! See the band website for more details and/or log on to the sponsor website at: www.CharityGetaway.com Pick up your booklets of ten tickets during the Wednesday “Cookbook Hour” OR contact Kathy Galvin.

Our band has been given the opportunity to have a booth at the upcoming Bikefest in downtown Sanford over the weekend of October 8, 9 and 10. This is a family friendly event with an anticipated crowd of 80,000-100,000 attendees! We will have multiple opportunities to earn funds at this event and yes, you may sell your own “Discount Travel Coupons” there. To sign up for a four hour shift, contact Leslie McGilvray at: chaperone@seminolehsband.org

The fundraising committee is working on a BBQ lunch for Sunday, October 17th. Tickets will be pre-sold for this event so log into the band website and watch for email blasts with more information on this potential project.





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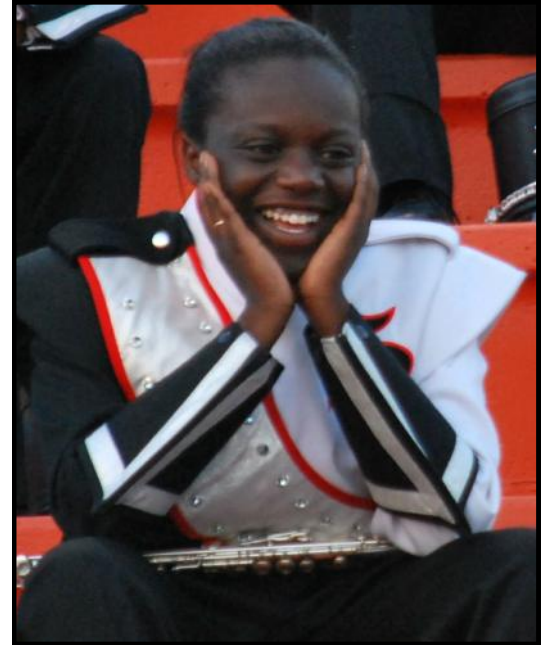
Finances (updated from May 2010 newsletter)

Every year we need to raise \$75,000 to cover the band's expenses.



As a general rule, we need to raise approximately \$75,000 per year to cover the band's expenses. Here are some of the expenses we incur year round:

- ♪ guest clinicians during band camp
- ♪ buying rights to the music that we play during marching season and concert season
- ♪ renting a moving van for each away game, paying for tolls and gasoline
- ♪ dry cleaning all marching uniforms, and tuxes and gowns during concert season
- ♪ entry fees to festivals
- ♪ catering Senior Night
- ♪ scholarships for a limited number of students
- ♪ maintaining school-owned instruments
- ♪ renting a hall and catering for Band Banquet
- ♪ providing students with a bottle of cold water at each football game



To pay these bills, the Band Parent Assn. raises funds throughout the year. Here are some of the ways we make it possible for the band to do it's thing:

- dues from membership in the BPA
- student band dues
- selling cheesecakes, Christmas trees, advertising, etc
- silent auction during the winter band concert
- selling cold drinks, snacks and locks during open house
- selling Spirit Wear at games
- working in the concession stands
- selling photo-CDs and DVDs of the band



In addition to profiting the band, students also receive money in their individual accounts which can be used to pay for next year's band dues. Seniors can also use the money towards their Band Trip.

2010-2011 Budget

	Expense	Income
Instrument Purchase and Repair	10,500.00	3,500.00
Uniforms	13,800.00	1,000.00
Solo & Ensemble	4,300.00	100.00
All State	1,455.00	
Contract Services & Music	9,650.00	
Dues and Memberships	500.00	
Special Events	630.00	
Band Banquet	7,000.00	2,200.00
Office Expenses	4,010.00	
Operation Expenses	850.00	
Insurance and Accounting	1,240.00	
Training and Seminars	1,900.00	
Food and Water	8,350.00	2,550.00
Fundraising Expenses	12,710.00	38,200.00
Registration Dues		35,000.00
BPA Dues		2,200.00
	76,895.00	84,750.00



The budget is subject to change as requirements are updated throughout the year. We try to end the year with positive cash so that there is cushion for emergencies and no stress when the new school year starts.

FBA Assessment

October 30th is the band's Florida Bandmasters Association performance at Spec Martin Stadium in Deland. This is where our band will compete and be judged/rated for their performance. Bands from all over the state will also be performing but our time slot will not be announced until later in the month.

FBA ratings are based on a scale of one through five, one being the highest rating called "Superior." Other ratings range from "Excellent" to "Poor" but through hard work and practice, the "Pride of the Tribe" has received straight Superiors for the last thirteen years! Congratulations to our band for their past performance and good luck in the next assessment!





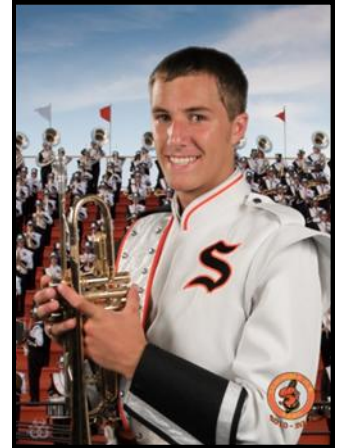
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Glamour Shots

Every parent has one thing in common... we all love to have pictures of our children. Although the school takes annual pictures of each student and the yearbook may contain a few candid poses, the band is offering a high quality picture worthy of sending to relatives.



Senior portraits have been done for years. The BPA paid for these and the photo committee took them, matted them and presented them to the seniors on Senior night. Last year we tried several new approaches and then came up with the idea of using a green screen against which to take the portraits, thus allowing any background to be used. We used a full band picture as the background and Mr. Malcolm dubbed the result "Glamour Shots". We took portraits of every band member and made them available through a fund raiser.



Arrrrrrrrrr, Matie!

This year we have chosen an online professional website and printing service called SmugMug. SmugMug is highly rated among professional photographers and has no advertising. We have chosen the Power Users level to add security which will allow parents to view the pictures in full resolution at their convenience, but no downloading is permitted. Using this service should greatly speed up the ordering process and allow parents to get their pictures well in advance of Christmas.

SmugMug only uses Kodak papers. Most cheaper printing services use Fuji printers and papers which tend to emphasize blues and greens and are duller.

Matte: Matte is a more muted finish. Darker than Lustre. Printed on Kodak Edge paper.

Lustre: Lustre is a premium finish on heavier paper. It offers the vibrant colors of glossy with the fingerprint resistance of matte. Printed on Kodak Supra Endura paper.

Metallic: Rich, distinctive metallic look with a huge WOW! factor. Printed on Kodak Eudura Professional Metallic paper.

PROPOSED CHARGES PER PRINT:

- 5x7 matte, \$5.00
- 5x7 lustre, \$5.25
- 5x7 metallic \$6.00
- 8x10 matte, \$7.50
- 8x10 lustre, \$8.00
- 8x10 metallic \$9.00
- Wallets x 4 matte \$3.00



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Spirit Wear

What a great sight for the football team, Dazzlers, and band to see nothing but orange and black in the stands! Show your school pride and help out the band with a purchase of Spirit Wear either at the games or through the band website under the "Fundraisers" tab. Go Noles!!!

A few of the items for purchase are:

- Noles Visor
- Noles Cap
- Hoodie
- Sweatshirt
- Cushion
- T-Shirts
- License Plate
- Bead Strands

And more good stuff is coming!



**2010-2011 Band Council
wearing the "orange and black"**

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Save the Date

Games:

Oct 1—Deland
Oct 8—Lake Mary
Oct 15—Spruce Creek
Oct 22—Lake Brantley
Nov 5—Lyman
Nov 12—Lake Howell

Concerts:

Oct 5—Fall Orchestra (7pm)
Oct 7—Fall Concert (7pm)
Dec 7—Winter Orchestra & Jazz
Dec 9—Winter Band Concert

Other:

Oct 8-10—Bikefest
Oct 23—Seminole County Marching Festival (6pm)
Oct 30—FBA Assessment
TBA—All County Auditions
Dec 4—Sanford Christmas Parade

Coming soon...

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