



Dear Band and Orchestra Family,

I think we are off to a great start! New turf...new band shirts...new seating placement-- we can actually hear the band play... and a winning football team! And then, if you are not aware, the Mid-High Orchestra under Mr. Carr's direction has been selected as an honor group to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Convention in January! This honor is like a state championship for a sports team. (Read more about this in the Orchestra News section.) We have a lot to be proud of!

You may be asking yourself, why mention the football team (besides the fact that I really like football) in a music-related newsletter? As you know by now—when football teams are winning, more people attend the games, and the more people attending the games, the more food will be sold at the concession stands. The concession stand revenue is vital to our efforts to keep the band and orchestra fully functional at the 6A school level. Our children are very fortunate to have so many wonderful opportunities with Bartlesville High School/Mid-High. Without the contract and related profits that BBOB has for operating the concession stands, the instrumental music programs would be **under-funded by approximately \$19,000** (approx. \$115 per student). Right now your students receive the benefit of outside clinicians, private lesson instructors, all-district participation, color guard/winter-guard, percussion, year-end recognition awards, insurance coverage, etc. All of that comes from the BBOB budget which is funded primarily by the concession stands and secondly by minimum points of \$35 from each Orchestra and Band student (approximately \$8,000).

THE FUNDING OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS NEEDS YOU!

We (the BBOB) operate the concessions stand for a total of 13 football games. It takes approximately 50 people to work a varsity game and approximately 25 people to work at the combined JV and freshman games. In total this makes approximately 500 work periods to staff (50 people * 5 games plus 25 people * 8 games). There are a total of 237 students in the instrumental music program, 9th – 12th grade. **A family member representing each student works two times.** Mid-High and High School students are eligible to work whenever it does not conflict with rehearsals or homework. **The work is distributed among those benefiting so the concession stand can be properly operated. WE NEED EACH OF YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR AT LEAST 2 GAMES, SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE POINT REQUIREMENT AT ONLY \$35.**

The two-time commitment of working concessions affords a great return for your child. So, if you haven't yet signed up, please call or email Rachelle (333-6740 rdwilson@arvest.com) for an available time slot.

A huge thank you to all who have been faithful to meet our concession stand commitment and the many other volunteer opportunities! We appreciate all the instrumental music parents and look forward to your input at our monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month.

Next meeting: October 13th – Mid-High Bandroom 7:00pm

Enjoy the Season!
Rhonda, BBOB President

Orchestra News

Congratulations to the Mid-High Orchestra

The Mid-High orchestra was selected as an honor group to perform at the Oklahoma Music Educators Convention in January. They were chosen based off a CD of selections of music they played over the course of last year. One mid level, senior high level and college level orchestra was selected to perform out of the state of Oklahoma. The performance is at 7:00 pm, January 30th at the Assembly Hall in the Tulsa Convention Center. The other orchestras performing on the concert will be Putnam City North Philharmonic Orchestra and Oklahoma City University Symphonic Orchestra. This is an honor equivalent of a state championship for a sports team.

All District Orchestra Auditions

Music has been handed out in class for All District Orchestra Auditions. This is for 7th –11th grade. The Auditions will be on Monday, October 6 at Madison from 3:30 to 5:00. The All district clinic will be at Tulsa Union on Saturday, November 1.

All OMEA Auditions at Westmoore HS are also fast approaching. Students will leave after school on Friday December 5th. The auditions are December 6th. Students auditioning for all state orchestra (all OMEA orchestra) need to be putting a lot of time in now on their etude and scale. Excerpts from the program music will be sent out after Fall Break.

Congratulations to High School Orchestra for a well-received performance for National Honor Society on September 9. They put together a very nice program with short notice.

Uniform and Concession Help - BIG THANK YOU!

We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the parents who helped with uniforms. They are Martine Baillergeon, Jamie Gaskill, Jody Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Voelkers, Ms. Hammon, Debbie Schwegman, and Marilyn Boone. We are so thankful for your help.

We'd also like to say thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Culver, the entire Gaskill family, the Fentress's, Victoria Steinhart, and the Carlinski's, Diana Cole and Debbie French for helping in the concession stands last Friday night. It was a busy but fun experience.

Uniform Guidelines

The uniforms are nearly all passed out. There are some guidelines that need to be followed with the care and wear of the uniform. Girls' dresses must be hemmed, not cut off if they need to be shorter. Do not cut off the dresses. If you need a dress hemmed and do not know how to sew, call Expert Alterations at 333-0220, Sew-N-Go at 336-7397, Alterations Plus at 336-7587. The dresses need to be hand washed and drip dried, not dry-cleaned. Boys' shirts need to be washed after every

wearing. The Tuxedos pants must be hemmed to fit. Please don't shorten them by cutting them off. All tuxes must be dry-cleaned.

Concert attire for Girls: Orchestra dresses, black dress shoes, dark hose, modest jewelry. No flip-flops, tennis shoes or boots are to be worn with any orchestra uniform. **Concert attire for boys:** tuxedos, bow ties, black dress shoes and socks. No flip-flops, tennis shoes, or boots are to be worn with the tuxedos.

Thank you,

The Carrs

Band News

The All-District/All-State

Attention 10th, 11th and 12th grade students: The All-District/All-State entry deadline is Monday, September 22nd. The cost is \$25.00 per entry plus \$7.50 for each additional instrument. So far, only 4 people have turned in their card and money. If you intend to audition, please pay by the end of the day on Monday. Please make all checks payable to the BBOB. If you are in need of music, please see Mr. Claussen or Ms. Benford as soon as possible so that you can begin practicing.

Good Luck!!!

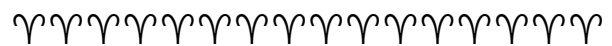
Owasso Contest – September 27th

The Bruin Brigade's first contest of the season will be in Owasso at the High School Stadium on September 27th. At this time there are 19 bands scheduled to perform. Our preliminary time will be at noon. Come and cheer them on!!!

A rehearsal time at the High School Stadium prior to leaving is desired. **Details will be determined as soon as possible so watch for e-mails and notices sent home from the directors.**

Homecoming Parade

The Bruin Brigade will march in the homecoming parade on Thursday, October 2nd. The band will meet at 5:50 pm at the First Baptist Church parking lot on Cherokee. Attire for the parade is the warm weather uniform. Step off is 6:30 pm. Please carpool to the church and park at the Family Life Center or streets near by.



Jazz Band

The Jazz Band played at the Washington County Free Fair on August 22nd. They did a great job!

The Jazz Band has been practicing on Tuesdays. Let me know if you have ideas of places that the group might play. Jazz Band Contests happen during 2nd Semester!

Here's the link to the Jazz Band Web site. Check it out!

<http://www.bographix.com/bruinjazz/bio.htm>

Mike Dodson



Band Dates to Remember

- Sept. 26** – Away Game – Muskogee
Marching Uniform
- Sept. 27** – Owasso Marching Contest – Full Day
- October 2** – Homecoming Parade
- October 3** – Homecoming Football Game
- October 4** – Spaghetti Dinner (Fundraiser)
11:00 am – 6:00 pm 1st Nazarene Church
3650 Adams Blvd.
- October 10** – Away Game – Claremore
Marching Uniform
- October 11** – Broken Arrow Invitational
marching contest – Full Day
- October 15 & 16**– **Fall Break –Rehearsal throughout the day TBA**
- October 16** – Home Game – Marching Uniform
- October 24** – Away Game – Jenks
Marching Uniform
- October 29** – OSSAA Marching contest – BA HS
- October 31** – Home Game – Marching Uniform
- November 1** – OBA State Marching Band
Championships – BA HS – Full Day
- November 7** – Home Game – Sr. Night
Marching Uniform
- November 8** – NBDA Honor Band & 1st Round
All-State Band auditions (10th –12th grade only)
- November 8** – Veterans’ Day Parade (tentative)
- November 13** – Marching Band Banquet - TBA
- November 15** – All State Jazz band auditions
Midwest City
- November 26-28** – **Thanksgiving Break – No School**
- December 5** – Leave for 2nd round OMEA
All-State Band Auditions (afternoon)
- December 6** – 2nd round All-State Band Auditions
Moore, OK
- December 6** – Bartlesville Christmas Parade
- December 8** – All-City Band Winter Concert
(7th – 12th grade) FAC 7:00 pm
musicians report at 6:30 pm

BBOB Website

Terri Thomas is serving as our web master. She works at Kane Elementary, so the site address is:
<http://www.bps-ok.org/kane/BBOB/>
Check it out for information on band and orchestra happenings.

Attention: Students taking the PSAT

If a student is planning to take the PSAT test on October 15th and a rehearsal is scheduled for that time, the student will be excused from rehearsal. Please notify Mr. Claussen with a note prior to that day.

Attention: Juniors and Seniors

The following ACT and SAT testing dates **DO NOT** have band conflicts.

- October 4 – SAT
- October 25 – ACT
- December 13 – ACT
- January 24 – SAT
- February 7 – ACT
- March 14 - SAT

Germany Trip

MONTHLY TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>DUE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
March	1, 2008	\$ 250
April	11, 2008	200
May	15, 2008	200
June	15, 2008	200
July	15, 2008	200
August	15, 2008	200
Sept	15, 2008	200
Oct	15, 2008	200
Nov	15, 2008	200
Dec	15, 2008	200
January	15, 2009	145
Total estimated trip cost		2,195

Please send trip payments to: **Kevin Williams**
2124 Turtle Creek, Bartlesville, OK 74006

Remember to send changes of address, phone numbers, e-mail, etc. to Stephanie Williams at SWilli1199@aol.com or call her at 331-2703.

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