



The Marching Clan

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WHERE DID THE SEASON GO?

It's hard to believe that Camp is over and the season has begun, but here we are. That was the first line of the last newsletter. Now it's hard to believe that the season is over! Every summer, I tell the band that it will be over before you know it. This season was no different. When I finally sat down to think about what we were doing, it was already Thanksgiving!

Now it's time to move on to different things.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The holiday season is already upon us. Through the hustle and bustle of trying to complete all of the events that we plan or are a part of, we sometimes forget to reflect on our own personal lives and the fortunes that we all possess. I have been very lucky throughout my life to have people that love and support me. I have also been very lucky to be surrounded by so many people that care about music and music making. Additionally, I have been lucky to work in a profession that gives back to me every day and allows me to explore my passion with a freedom that few other professions allow.

I would like to thank my staff (Eileen, Bob, Matt, and Meghan) for the assistance and support that they give, not only to me but also to the members of the band. I would like to thank the parents that continue to support the efforts of their children, not just in band, but in the rest of the lives as well. I would like to thank the administration and staff of Vineland High School and the Vineland City Public Schools for their continued support and understanding of the importance of music as a curricular subject and an art form.

Finally I would like to thank the students. Sometimes I don't know why you continue to do some of the things that you do. Your lives become increasingly more difficult every day, and yet you continue to plug away at it, making each day better than the next. I have always believed that there is potential in every one of you. You just need to see it in yourself.

Have a safe, happy, and restful Holiday!



Band-Aides of Vineland

Thank you to everyone that has helped with the band this season. It takes a lot of volunteers to get the band where they need to be. That includes getting equipment on the field, feeding students, pushing them out of the door on time, chaperoning, and just being a good parent. I really appreciate everything that everyone has done to make this a wonderful season.

TRIP INFORMATION

I met with the Band Officers on the evening that the group photo was taken and several things became apparent.

- 1) There are not a lot of students with a lot of money in their accounts.
- 2) We don't have many opportunities left to raise funds.
- 3) The cost of transportation is phenomenal.
- 4) Spending one less day in Virginia would be cheaper, but 6 hours travel in each direction cuts down the amount of time that you actually spend on the trip.

It was decided by the officers that a closer venue for two days would accommodate all of the needs of the band. Because of all of this, I have decided to change the destination to New York City. It's close enough that if we go for 2 days we won't lose much time in travel and we can maximize our performance and touring schedule.

I am currently working on the package and will distribute the info as soon as I am ready. I will be asking for a \$75.00 deposit. You can use whatever is in your account for the deposit. If you have less than \$75.00 in there, you will have to make up the difference.

If you currently have a negative balance in your account, I will not accept a trip form from you until the negative balance is cleared and there is \$75.00 on the plus side.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 12/22 Jasmine Gonzalez
- 1/2 Joe Rivera
- 1/3 Chris Scott
- 1/4 Ron Walker
- 1/14 Patrick Bryant
- 1/23 Chris Caban
- 1/25 Irvin Parades-Martinez
- 2/7 Billy Buchanan
- 2/13 Joleen Rodriguez
- 2/17 Chelsea Cohen
- 2/18 Nick Mason
- 2/22 Giovanna Crescenzo



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THE FAMILY CORNER

- Congratulations to our members that were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 18th. They are:

- Juli Crescenzo
- Diane Severino
- Jeff Walters

- Cumberland County Honors Band will be held at Vineland this year. The dates are:

- Rehearsal - January 12th 3:00-9:00
- Rehearsal - January 19th 3:00
- Concert - January 19th 7:00

- As we discussed in class, we will have a Pep Band for the Girls Basketball Games. I have chosen 5 home games to participate this year. I will have a sign-up sheet for each game to make sure that we have appropriate instrumentation for each game. The dates are:

- Fri, Dec 17 (vs. Middle Twp)
- Thu, Jan 6 (vs. Atlantic City)
- Mon, Jan 12 (vs. Egg Harbor Twp)
- Thu, Jan 27 (vs. Bridgeton)
- Tue, Feb 1 (vs. Ocean City)

- The Marching Band website is up and running (www.vhsmarchingband.org) I have wanted to get this going for a number of years and it has finally happened. You should check out the site often as information on it changes every week. I hope to make it even more informative as time goes on and I learn how to make it even better.

- FUND RAISING ALL-STARs

Sub Sale

- 50 Walters
- 45 Bryant
- 27 Muller
- 24 Crescenzo
- 24 Steinbronn

Cheesecakes

- 31 Crescenzo
- 29 Caban
- 24 Powell
- 17 Raively
- 15 Jones

Boscov's Coupons

- 10 Bryant
- 13 Crescenzo

Buns

- Crescenzo 19 items
- Bowen 13 items
- Gonzalez 10 items

Coupon Books

- 14 E. Lopez
- 9 Bryant
- 7 Crescenzo
- 7 Feliciano

Cookie Dough

- Crescenzo 31 items
- Bowen 17 items
- Jenkins 12 items

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

We have several concerts scheduled to get everyone into the holiday spirit. They are:

- 12/ 7 North Concert
- 12/15 South Choral Concert
- 12/21 South Instrumental Concert

All Concerts begin at 7:00 PM in the

