

Band Highlights/Band Trip Request/Fundraising Request

Honor Band- SFT had 9 band students qualify for the Northeast District Honor Band earlier this year! Emily Miller qualified as the top Bari Sax in the district and was able to audition for the all-state group in Salina.

Ottawa Jazz Festival- In December, the SFT Jazz band was invited to perform at Ottawa University Jazz Festival. Members of the Jazz faculty held a master class for the students in the morning, followed by a question/answer discussion on what to look for when choosing a college. The students were also able to listen to professional jazz musicians from Kansas City and were even invited to sit in and play with them. The Festival concluded with 9 schools (including SFT) from around the state playing in an evening performance that included the OU Jazz band.

Tuba Christmas- Every December, Tuba and Baritone players from the Midwest gather at the Kauffman Performing Arts Center in Kansas City to play one large Christmas concert for approximately 2,000 people. This year, just under 500 players showed up to perform including 9 Tuba/Baritone Players from SFT. It is an amazing experience for the students and is something that they look forward to every year.

League Band- This is the 1st year the Band has participated in the league band festival. Our band is the largest in the league, but had the opportunity to combine with the other groups to make a band of over 270 students! It was a great experience and the band represented us well.

Solo Ensemble Festival- 11 members from the band will be participating in the regional solo/ ensemble festival at Desoto in April. Students that receive a "1" rating will qualify for state at the end of April.

State Large group Festival- Another festival that the band will be participating in is the KSHSAA large group festival. The band will perform two pieces for three judges and receive a rating following the performance. The band will be taking two challenging pieces that the students have worked very hard on.

Spring Concert- the SFT band will wish farewell to our seniors at the final concert of the year on April 29th. Gifts and awards will be given to the members and also 2 people from the community will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to music education. **This year we have two Scholarships totaling 1,250 dollars that will be available to any Band seniors who will be continuing music, in some capacity, at the collegiate level. In addition, we have 4 seniors that have been awarded significant music scholarships! These students are: Haley Ferris, Michael Musick, Alisha Gibbs, and Emily Miller.**

Band Trip Request for Next year-

The band is asking permission from the board to travel to LA/San Diego next spring. The purpose of the trip is to give the students a fun and educational experience that allows them to experience music, food, fun and educational attractions that they are not exposed to in our area. The trip cost is not exact since we have not given a down payment but the approximate cost would range from 900-975 dollars per student. This price would include:

Travel (flight and motor coach)

Hotel (security guards included in cost)

All meals with the exception of 2 lunches

Insurance for each student

Attractions (Universal studios, The USS midway, The Queen Mary, Dinner Cruise, Hard Rock Café, San Diego Zoo, California Science Center, etc.)

Band Clinic and Master Class with College professors from either USC or UCLA

We will be taking approximately 1 sponsor for every 8 students and stay for 4 days and 3 nights.

Name plates-

As a fundraising idea, the band is seeking permission from the board to dedicate chairs in the new auditorium to anyone who would like to make a donation towards the band. We would be attaching name plates to the chair/chairs of their choice with an adhesive (no screws). (Samples will be shown at the meeting)

Fundraising-

Below is the list of solicitation fundraisers that we are seeking permission to run next year. I know that this is usually presented at the beginning of the school year, but the students would need to start in late May in order to put down a deposit for the trip and to secure travel arrangements.

Donation Scratch Card (May)

Pizza Card (Late August)

Band on the run (September)

Chocolate bars (December)

Thank you for your time and support,
Lance Quilling