

JHS Band Update - September 28, 2016

Visit the band's web site www.JupiterBands.com to review [recent emails](#), check the [online calendar](#) and see the latest [photos](#) from band activities.

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Congratulations Band Students!

Spirit: Thursday 9/29 Rehearsal Reminders - What to Wear

Spirit Competition Saturday

More Spirit Rehearsal Reminders

- No Rehearsal Monday 10/3 - RESCHEDULE for Tuesday 10/4

- EXTENDED Rehearsal Saturday 10/8 - 9am to 9pm

Cheesecake Pick Up: Wednesday 10/5 - 2:45pm to 6:45pm

DonorsChoose Project Expires 9/30

Fundraiser: Mixed Bag Designs through 10/12

Fundraiser: Christmas Trees starts 10/1

Volunteer Needs:

- October Spirit Rehearsals

Fundraiser: New Sponsorship Form Available (attached)

Donations Needed:

- Garbage bags for 20-gal garbage can

- Paper Towels

- Paper Napkins

- Individually wrapped dry snacks

- Gatorade (SMALL 12 oz bottles)

- Cases of Water

- Name Brand SOUR Candy

- Coca-Cola or Sprite (NO DIET COKE)

- 3 3-ft tall bookshelves

Form/Payment Submission Reminders

Spirit Fair Share - **VERY IMPORTANT** to be up to date with payments

- Payment Schedule

- Fundraising Opportunities

Spirit of Jupiter Remind Code: @sojupiter

Festival of Bands Planning Meetings: Thursday after Band Parent Meeting

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Upcoming Activities

Attachment:

[2016-2017 Sponsorship Form](#)

CONGRATULATIONS BAND STUDENTS!

Our band students are receiving a lot of recognition in September!

Dianna Smith, Wind Symphony and Color Guard member, is one of three National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists at Jupiter High.

Wind Symphony member **Angelina Franks** was recently named 11th grade Student of the Month.

At the first local Speech & Debate tournament, Spirit of Jupiter member **Gregory Elder** received a Best Legislator nomination.

Spirit of Jupiter members **Stephanie Guillen** and **Matt Taylor** have been named FMBC Student Ambassadors again this year.

The following JHS Band students were inducted into the JHS chapter of the National Honor Society on Tuesday night:

Christina Sconzo
Adam Scovera
Nina Titus
Shelby Titus
Estefania Urrego-Hernandez
Sarah Wachtman
Sydney Wayne
Grace Wiley

These students made the effort to audition for All-State on September 17:

Jonathan Baird
Daniel Berman
Cameron Cohen
Justin Dudley
Fiona Giardino
Ashley La Platte
Adam Scovera
Jason Shawver
Shayna Teitelbaum
Julia Teri
Sarah Wachtman
Grace Wiley

Congratulations to all!

SPIRIT: THURSDAY 9/29 REHEARSAL REMINDERS

Instrumentalists should ARRIVE in practice uniform with:

Shakos
Shako wraps
Gloves
Vipers AND
Jacket - bring/wear a compression shirt or tight fitting shirt to wear underneath

IF you have received your jacket, PLEASE TRY IT ON. If you have any issues with the fit, please arrive at 4:30 on Thursday so we can try to help you.

You MAY want to consider ordering a black arm sleeve similar to [THIS ONE \(click on link\)](#) if the fur on the arm bothers your student.

Gloves will be available for purchase.

Color Guard members should bring their hoods to rehearsal.

SPIRIT OF JUPITER COMPETITION SATURDAY

The Spirit of Jupiter will perform in their FIRST competition of the season this Saturday, October 1 at Flanagan HS in Pembroke Pines. The band performs at 7:15 pm.

For more information about this performance, please [see this email](#).

MORE SPIRIT REHEARSAL REMINDERS

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 3, so there **WILL BE rehearsal on Tuesday, October 4** instead.

The Saturday, October 8 rehearsal time is CHANGED to 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

More details on this next week.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CHEESECAKE PICK UP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Items from our cheesecake fundraiser must be picked up **WEDNESDAY, October 5 between 2:45pm and 6:45pm** in the band room.

We do not have storage to keep these items cold, so everyone must pick up their orders that Wednesday. If you are not available, please ask a friend to do it for you!

See this email for more details about pick up and how you can help!

Questions? Contact Please contact Shannon Appel at jsbappel@comcast.net or Audrey Albright at audrey.albright@yahoo.com.

DONORS CHOOSE PROJECT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30

DonorsChoose.org is an award-winning charity that the Jupiter High School Band uses to raise funds for specific needs.

We have raised more than half of our goal for our latest project! **We have \$958 left to raise BY SEPTEMBER 30.**

Visit www.donorschoose.org/project/percussion-stands/2019338 to see our project to purchase percussion stands and metronomes. Enter any amount and click "Give."

Please share with your friends and family!

FUNDRAISER: MIXED BAG DESIGNS THROUGH OCTOBER 12

Catalogs are available in the band room on the piano and on the "forbidden shelf" near the band room entry doors.

For more information about this fundraiser, [see this email](#).

Questions? Contact Heather Bournes at hk6475@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISER: CHRISTMAS TREES ARE COMING SOON!

Sales for Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces and garland start October 1 and end November 1. WATCH YOUR EMAIL for details about this VERY PROFITABLE fundraiser!

Questions? Contact Tammy Mager at magersfive@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All volunteer hours for the band go towards the Volunteer Credit. BE SURE to sign in/out at ANY activity you volunteer. **You will NOT receive hours towards the volunteer credit without signing in and out!**

October Spirit Rehearsals

Shifts are now available for October rehearsals! Sign up for a shift at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aba62fa5fe3-october1/733573>. You MUST sign up on SignUpGenius in order to receive hours towards the Volunteer Credit.

Please contact Susan Taylor at sflasue@bellsouth.net or (561) 628-7402 with any questions.

FUNDRAISER: NEW SPONSORSHIP FORM AVAILABLE

Please use the updated Sponsorship form (attached) when soliciting sponsors for the rest of the school year. The form is also located on the [Forms page](#) of our website.

This is a GREAT way to earn money for your fundraising account! For all non-banner sponsors, 100% of the sponsorship is credited to your student! For sponsors who want banners, the cost of the banner is deducted from the sponsorship amount.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The band is always in need of donations, and we do appreciate them!

- **Garbage bags for 20-gallon size garbage can**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Paper Napkins**
- **Individually wrapped Dry Snacks**, such as Goldfish, pretzels, peanut butter/cheese cracker sandwiches, cookies, etc.
- **Gatorade** - **SMALL** (12 oz.) single serving bottles
- **Cases of Water** - 16.9 oz. or 0.5 liter single serving bottles
- **Name Brand SOUR Candy** (1.8-2 oz per bar)
- **Coca-Cola** or **Sprite** (12 oz cans) - **NO DIET COKE - MUST BE BRAND NAME**

We can also use the following in the band room:

3 3-foot tall bookshelves for music scores and reference books

Any of these items can be dropped off in the band kitchen.

Thank you for your generous donations of copy paper! We are in the unusual situation where we have enough for now! We will let you know when we need more!

FORM/PAYMENT SUBMISSION REMINDERS

With so many payments and so much paperwork due in the first weeks of school, we have found many items submitted in the wrong places. PLEASE review this with your student so we can receive your submissions in a timely manner.

FORMS: There is a wire inbox located on the shelf immediately on the left once the band room is entered. **ALL FORMS go in the wire box.** Please do not hand them to Mr. Gekoskie.

DO NOT PUT PAYMENTS OF ANY KIND IN THE WIRE INBOX. It is not secure.

PAYMENTS: There are wooden marked collection boxes outside the band kitchen (mostly used for fundraisers and apparel) AND the Fair Share box located just outside the tuba/uniform room that should be used for payments.

Payments should ALWAYS have the student's name either written on the check or written on an envelope containing cash. **CHECKS or MONEY ORDERS ARE PREFERRED** for the majority of transactions.

When in doubt, PLEASE put payments in the Fair Share box.

SPIRIT FAIR SHARE

Please remember that it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to pay your Fair Share on the schedule provided. **The next Fair Share payment (\$250) is due Tuesday, October 4.** We have MANY bills that are coming due NOW for staff, props, flags, and the FMBC hotel, so it is VITAL that Fair Share payments are up to date.

The payment schedule (as explained in the [Spirit of Jupiter Financial Statement](#) distributed in April) is as follows:

May 16 - \$50

June 2 - \$100

July 11 - \$150

August 15 - \$200 ~ \$25 DISCOUNT FOR ACCOUNTS WITH 100% FAIR SHARE PAID

October 4 - \$250

October 31 - \$200

FINAL PAYMENT DUE IF NOT PARTICIPATING IN CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

December 8

FINAL PAYMENT DUE ONLY IF PARTICIPATING IN CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER

Please communicate with Rosalie Jablonski (rljablonski@gmail.com), our Treasurer in charge of student fundraising accounts, if you need to make arrangements for a different payment plan.

You do NOT need to pay out of pocket, but you must participate in fundraisers to raise money to cover fees! We have MANY fundraisers available to you (click on links for forms for these):

[Sponsorships](#)

[Auditorium Seat Plaques](#)

[Concert Program Advertising](#)

[Concert Program Dedications](#)

[Mixed Bag Designs](#) - through October 12

Christmas Trees - October 1 - November 1

These fundraisers are open to ALL STUDENTS in a band class!

SPIRIT OF JUPITER REMIND CODE

Sign up with Remind to receive text message reminders for Spirit of Jupiter activities. To subscribe, text the class code **@sojupiter** to **81010**.

If anyone has trouble with **81010**, try texting **@sojupiter** to **(754) 227-2109**.

FESTIVAL OF BANDS PLANNING MEETING: THURSDAY

We continue to hold our Festival of Bands planning meetings on Thursday at 7 PM in the chorus room. Please come and find out how you can help put on this event! We have MANY opportunities to volunteer!

You do NOT need have a student in the marching band to help with this event! We need a LOT of help to pull off this event!

NOTE: ALL Spirit of Jupiter families are required to provide an adult volunteer to man a shift on Friday, October 28 or Saturday, October 29 according to the [Spirit of Jupiter Fair Share Agreement](#).

CONTACTS FOR DONATIONS

If you have any business or personal contacts who may be interested in making any type of donation to the band, please contact our Donation Coordinators Crystal Titus (cstitus@bellsouth.net) and Jeff DeMario (jeffnjill@hotmail.com).

They are doing a GREAT job getting us donations, but it is always easier to approach businesses if there is an established contact person they can use to build a relationship.

DONATE TO BAND TRAILER

Since last year, the JHS Band is raising funds for a custom-painted 53' trailer. This purchase will help us keep our competition costs down, greatly improve logistics at performances, and provide much needed additional storage for the band.

Band sponsorship levels are as follows:

\$10,000 - Very Large Logo and branding on the truck for Five Years - sides and back

\$5,000 - Large Logo on truck for 5 years - sides and back

\$3,000 - Medium Sized logo on back for 3 years

\$2,000 - Small logos on back for 3 years

\$1,000 - Smaller logos on back for 1 year

To make a donation, mail a check payable to **"Jupiter High School – Band Trailer"** and send it to:

Jupiter High School Band
500 North Military Trail
Jupiter, FL 33458

Any and all amounts are appreciated. If you know of any major sponsors, please contact JHS Director of Bands, Andrew Gekoskie, at Andrew.Gekoskie@palmbeachschools.org.

We are also looking for an actual trailer to purchase, a cab we can rent/borrow to pull the trailer, and a cab driver (CDL license required). If you have leads for any of these needs, please contact Mr. Gekoskie.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/28: Parent Polo Shirt Orders Due: 3:00 pm

9/29: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

9/29: Festival of Bands Planning Meeting: 7:00 pm

10/1: Spirit Payment Due (\$250)

10/1: Spirit Competition at Flanagan HS: ALL DAY - Call Time 9:00 AM

10/3: NO SCHOOL - Fall Holiday

10/4: **TUESDAY** Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

10/5: Cheesecake Order Pick Up: 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm

10/6: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

10/6: Festival of Bands Planning Meeting: 7:00 pm

10/8: **SATURDAY** Spirit Rehearsal: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

10/10: Spirit: Homecoming Pep Rally

10/10: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

10/12: NO SCHOOL - Fall Holiday

10/13: LTM - Late Start

10/13: Spirit: Homecoming Parade

10/13: Spirit Rehearsal: ~6:00pm to 9:00 pm

10/13: Festival of Bands Planning Meeting: 7:00 pm

10/14: Spirit: Homecoming Football Game vs. Wellington HS - Call Time TBD

10/15: Spirit Competition at John I. Leonard HS ALL DAY - Call Time TBD

10/17: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

All of these dates are available on the [online calendar](#).