Under the Podium

A Ridgeview High School Music Booster Newsletter

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Hello, and Happy Vacation! Hopefully, you've been able to enjoy the nice weather so far this summer. This mix of sweltering heat, and refreshing days in the 80's is welcome. The first real heat wave is hitting just as summer school is getting over. With only 4 weeks of summer classes, students get to enjoy a couple extra weeks of summer this July.

Band Summer sectionals have concluded with the percussion, colorguard, and winds having a few rehearsals at school to pick up music, meet the team, and check out equipment. Band Section Leaders will contact people in their group to have another meeting before band camp starts. If you have missed out on summer sectionals, contact Mr. Martens and get checked in for the fall band classes. Everyone should be planning for Band Camp. All marching band and colorguard will meet in person on the drill field July 28-August 2.

We have a fun, exciting, and challenging show for you this fall. On the menu is a full course of classically familiar themes set in a restaurant. Each course, full of color and flare, offers famous and popular themes in many tasty moments for soloists, colorguard, and the full ensemble. It's a Taste of Class.

Have a great summer. Practice for what will be an amazing season.

Band Camp is July 28- August 2, 7AM-1PM

Band camp is critical and mandatory. We set the foundation for learning, marching, and playing in the Wolf Pack Vanguard at band camp. These are some of the most fun and productive rehearsals we have all year. All students will go through physical conditioning (rigorous at times), marching fundamentals, and a playing evaluation on music and scales. All band and color guard students report on Monday July 28 at 7am. The clinic will conclude on Saturday, August 2 with a concert, and picnic.

WHAT TO BRING TO REHEARSALS: Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate marching shoes (no sandals). A hat is highly recommended, as is sunscreen. A hand towel will serve many purposes as well. Water Jug with water, of course, and a nutritious snack, and your instrument are all necessary. All Brass and Woodwinds should have a flip folder for music and a lyre for instruments by Friday August 1. (We plan to have the music store bring some items for you to purchase for Wednesday's rehearsal.) And the most important thing to bring is your great attitude.



Boosters Have a Blast Working in the Fireworks Booth. From July 1-4, our dedicated and determined parents team up for 4 days, 24 hours a day, just for the opportunity to sell you some TNT Fireworks to celebrate Independence Day and raise a lot of money for the kids' extra expenses.

Please... **Support Ridgeview Music** by purchasing your fireworks from our booth at the **corner on Stine and Panama**. And while you're picking up your patriotic pastimes, please thank the great people working behind the counter, who are making a positive influence in the lives of children they care about. And we'll thank you for the same. If you can help us by working a shift, We use a sign up wizard through the Remind App. Here's a link:

FIREWORKS BOOTH VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Parents Orientation Meeting: Outline Student Responsibilities

The first meeting with Mr. Martens will be an informative session to introduce you to the opportunities for parental involvement in the RHS Music Booster Club, as well as explain your child's responsibilities as part of the Ridgeview Wolf Pack Vanguard.

The meeting will be in the Band Room on **Tuesday**, **July 29**, **at 7:00pm**. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a chance to meet our veteran booster club members and get a first-hand view of our instrumental music programs. You will enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club--- OUR PARENTS. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group.

I urge you to attend RHSMBC meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" that ensure our students are at the front of life's parade. Boosters typically meet the first Tuesday of the month in the band room at 7:00PM.

Check out the music booster website: http://www.rhsmbc.org/
Facebook has pics and fun: https://www.facebook.com/RHSMBC/

The **Band Camp Revue and BBQ** will be Saturday, August 2, on the Gymnasium steps at 11:30am. The Wolf Pack Vanguard shows the spirit of Ridgeview with this first performance of the 2025 Season. See and hear the Pride of the Pack stride high again. Following the concert, we will have a hamburger picnic for family members and performers. We charge \$20 for family of 4, or \$6 for single plate. Performers may eat for free.

Plan Your Vacations and Avoid Conflicts

We all deserve a break, and families need to go on vacation. We appreciate it when parents plan their family vacations and events so that it doesn't conflict with their child's obligation to the Wolf Pack Vanguard. If it is necessary for a student to be absent from Band Camp, a performance of any kind, or a rehearsal, please notify the Band Director, Rob Martens, email: martens@kernhigh.org.

Calendar of Events

Our calendar is a work in progress, with new and different events to consider. The QR Code will take you to the calendar in Google Drive.

Depending on sections, and personnel, and staffing, we will continue Monday Night Rehearsals 6pm-9pm and Select Saturdays to be determined later from 8AM-Noon. <u>Calendar Google Link</u> or scan:



Overnight Trips for Orchestra, Jazz Band, Winter Guard, Winter Drumline, and Band

Overnight trips are a great way to influence and educate our performing students. They offer excellent judges and award winning performances. We play at outstanding performance venues, and enjoy historical sites, and scenic views. Group experiences lend to our unity, camaraderie, and family atmosphere that is so important for a successful program.

The String Orchestra especially benefitted from their opportunity a couple years ago, and now we need to do it again with a World Strides Heritage Festival. The kids loved the experience. This year we will get the Jazz Band on the band wagon as well. The Wolf Pack Vanguard is looking to test their recipe in the SoCal are this fall. The Winter Drumline and Winterguard continue to compete on the national stage and have annual overnighters. We have not locked in dates as we are waiting for WGI, and PPAACC to put out their calendar to plan accordingly. You may notice "tentative" options on the Performance Calendar.

Our RHSMBC and the school help with much of the costs for contests and educational endeavors, but most of the funds will come from student effort fundraising. Sponsorships, sales and sweat is what it will take to pay for rooms, transportation, and excursions. To be the most prepared, we will start our fundraising the first semester to pay for the second semester.

Expenses are estimated \$300-\$750 per student per group per trip, depending.

WE ARE GOING TO NEED SOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Please come out and help what you can. Uniform Fitting, Chuckwagon, Hospitality, Spud Hut, Pit Crew, Travel Chaperones.

Here is a list of dedicated parents leading the Ridgeview High School Music Booster Club. Talk to them. They will inform you where, when, and how you can support the Arts at Ridgeview.

President: Chris Rodriguez Vice President: Beatris Perez Treasurer: Heather Evans Co-Treasurer: Brenda Singh

Secretary: Krista Todd

Co-Secretary: Sabrina Ingram



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