



Bryan Station Band Newsletter



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Newsletter of the Bryan Station Band Boosters

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS

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Winter has flown by and, it is finally Spring. Solo & Ensemble and Concert Band Festivals are behind us and we can prepare for the busy schedule for the remainder of the school year. The defender classic 5K race is being held on Saturday, April 18th. Come out and run the race with Mr. Owens and his sons. Proceeds from the entry fee can be designated to help organizations at the school. We hope you will mark Band on entry form. The Guitar and Jazz Ensembles will be performing between 4-7 that afternoon. A roaming Pep Band will serenade guests attending the school's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Our may 4th meeting will have our incoming freshmen and their parents in attendance. Please come and make them feel welcome. Band Banquet is scheduled for May 12th and our Spring Concert will be on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Finally, Graduation will be June 5th at Rupp Arena.

Congratulations!

The following students received Distinguished ratings at Solo & Ensemble Festival:

Distinguished Solos: Taylor Chapman (I+), Micah Tatum, Cassie Edington, Cecilia Owsley, James Guyton, Skylor Shemak, Chris Walters, Ashleigh McMenama, Brooke Howard, Ester Vasilyuk, Chris Cutshaw

Distinguished Ensembles: Holly Hardwick, Chris Walters, TC Sorrell, Stephen Waun, Charity Barbour, Cecilia Owsley, Richana Campbell, Christian Campbell, Jordan Leedy (2), Elizabeth Stone (2), Sam Nickell, Rico Sanchez, James Guyton.

Concert Band Festival!

In March the combined bands traveled to Madison Central HS for KMEA District Concert Festival. The group performed *A Thousand Hills Overture* by Claude T. Smith and *A Tallis Prelude* by Douglas Akey. The received a Proficient rating with a distinguished rating for their sightreading efforts.

DEFENDER BAND NOTES



Upcoming Events:

BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS

- April 6, Monday at 6:00 pm
- May 4, Monday at 6:00 pm – Incoming 9th grade orientation. Come meet these new band families and make them feel welcome.
- June 8, Monday at 6:00 pm



. 7th Annual

Bryan Station Defender Classic 5K Run/Walk Saturday, April 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Spring is here and it's time to stretch those muscles. Encourage your band student to participate in the 5K whether they run or walk and then help them get sponsorships from grandparents, neighbors, friends, and people you work with. Parents are also invited to participate and get sponsors. The band kind of dropped the ball in getting cooperate sponsors for this event, so we encourage our band families to earn money for the band through individual sponsors. This event was originally started as a fundraiser for the band and we want to continue the tradition.

If you are not interested in participating in the race, we need you to volunteer to help. Visit the 5K website: <http://defenderclassic5k.home.insightbb.com> and sign up on-line.

We also need volunteers and contributions for the annual pancake breakfast that the band sponsors immediately after the race. Sharon Waun is in charge of the breakfast.

- **Registration**

Early registration entry fee is \$15 (\$10 if under 18). \$20 for all ages after Wed., April 8, 2009. Each participant will

receive a commemorative race T-shirt and be eligible for prizes drawn after the race. T-shirt not guaranteed if registered after April 8th. Race caps are available for \$15 and must be ordered by April 8th (see race entry form).

- **Pancake Breakfast**

The BSHS Band Boosters will host a pancake breakfast fund raiser in the school cafeteria after the race. If you don't want to run, you can help cook and serve pancakes!

- **Volunteer to help** – all you have to do is go to the 5K website and volunteer to work the race on line – there is a listing of jobs to do.

- **Questions**

Skip Rafferty - raffertysk@yahoo.com, 859-489-2211

- **Many Thanks to Skip and his family!** They are a former band family whose heart is still with the band. This family works hard to make this fundraiser a great success for the band and other Bryan Station organizations each year.



50th Anniversary Celebration of Bryan Station HS

The Bryan Station High school students, staff and alumni would like to invite you to be a part of the "Reunion of the 50 classes of Bryan Station High School" on April 18 from 4-7pm. There will be a dance immediately following hosted by the BS Alumni assoc.

Everyone is encouraged to reunite with classmates, as well as walk through an exhibit of the past 50 years of Bryan Station. Students will be on hand to perform as well as give tours of the beautiful new building. A video presentation is being put together by staff and students. If you have any interesting pictures from your graduating year that you would like to share, please contact Ashley P. Herndon at Ashley.herndon@insightbb.com or notify the alumni association. Also, we are looking for people to represent each year by obtaining memorabilia to be put on display during the festivities.

Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m. - [Defender Classic 5K Run/Walk](#)

9:00 a.m. - Pancake breakfast

9:45 a.m. - 5K Awards Ceremony

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm - Reunion Celebration (exhibits, tours, etc.)

7:00 p.m. - Reunion Celebration Dance



Winter Guard Championships @ Ryle High School in Northern Kentucky

Saturday, March 28. The guard had their best performance of the season. This group has had a great winter season performing to the music "I'd Do Anything for Love!" Thanks Lindsay, Mr. Owens, and Mike for sticking with us throughout the season.

COLORGUARD TRYOUTS

We have a large number of graduating seniors on colorguard, so help us recruit some new students. Lindsay will hold a colorguard training class on Mondays and Tuesdays, April 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and then holding tryouts on Tuesday, April 21. These classes and tryouts will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.



Band Banquet

Tuesday, May 12. May always gets busy as each school organization schedules its culminating event. The band banquet is a great night of reflections and memories of the band year, students are recognized with awards, and next year's band show is announced. Details of time and place will be announced soon, but mark your calendar now. It is one event you don't want to miss!



Band Spring Concert:

Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm. Come listen to the music that the band has been working on all winter. It will be an evening that you will enjoy.



THURSDAY, MAY 7

DEFENDER NIGHT 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC AWARDS 6:00 P.M.



BRYAN STATION PROM:

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 8:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M. AT THE RED MILE.

THE THEME IS “MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT”

For more information about prices, guidelines and permissions forms go to:
www.bsbs.fcps.net/



Senior Awards: Thursday, May 14, 6:00 p.m.

Bluegrass Winterguard and Percussion Competition

Bryan Station hosted its first annual (hopefully) Winterguard and Percussion Competition on Saturday, February 14. It was an exciting day. We had 55 units perform in our gym from three different states. Our new building stood the test and was a great layout for this type of competition. We received compliments on how well run the competition was considering it was our first event.

It took every band parent and band student working many long hours and we could have used more adults. Our students were great, demonstrating responsibility, and working tirelessly completing whatever jobs needed to be done. They pitched in to help clean the building well after ten p.m. and everyone was dog tired.

Many thanks to all of the parents and students that worked. We couldn't have done it without you!

Reminders:

New Group Website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bryanstationband/>

Thanks to band parent, Leslie Neilson, for setting this up. This sight is a private sight that only band parents can use on the internet. This site automatically sends you a daily summary email so everyone can know what is going on with the band. This way we can communicate with the whole group, instead of sending individual emails to different people involved in band. Now that pageant is over, we can learn to use this for lots of our band needs. Hopefully, we can start putting band booster minutes and newsletter on this site. If you have any questions contact Leslie Neilson neilson@bloodhorse.com or call 396-1850.

We are Bryan Station! The PTSA started a website where you can take your stand as a supporter of Bryan Station. All you have to do is sign up on the website for \$10. There are many people in the community whose hearts are still at Bryan Station even though they graduated 30 years ago or their kids went to school there many way before the grandkids came. Get them to join this website. The wonderful thing about joining up on this website is that if they list **band** affiliation, then the band gets to keep all of the \$10. This is one of those ways that the PTSA is working hard to help all of Bryan Station organizations fundraise. Check it out!

www://bshsptsa.home.insightbb.com/



DEFENDER FUND RAISING NEWS



Send **fund raising ideas** to our Ways and Means co-chairs: Tanya Dailey tddailey@alltell.net



KROGER CARDS –

You can get a Kroger gift card for \$5 from Terri Pattie. The \$5 you pay to get the card is already on your card and ready to spend. (So really the card is free.) Prior to making a purchase at Kroger's, if you will take the money that you are going to be spending anyway, and put it on this gift card, Kroger's will make a 4% donation to the Bryan Station Band. This works with anything and everything that you buy at Kroger's: groceries, gas, and pharmacy. The cashiers know how to do it and they never seem to mind loading the gift card. Keep the card and add more money next time.

The more families that are willing to put their money on the gift card, the more money Kroger's will donate. As soon as the band earns \$250 from Kroger's, Kroger's goes ahead and writes the check. We have already gotten 4 or 5 checks this year. If you are already spending money at Kroger's, it is a great way to help the band. Think of this as a positive for rising gas, prescriptions, and grocery prices. The more they cost, the more money Kroger's will donate to the band.

If you have more than one family member that spends a lot at Kroger's, get more than one card. Also, this is a great way to give you student that has just started driving gas money. Give them a gift card for gas.

- **Out of town family** – we have received donations from families of students who don't live locally and don't typically participate in fundraisers. The form letter to use is on the band website. How much easier can that be? : <http://www.bryanstationband.org/> . Click Personal Sponsorship within the website.



B.S.H.S. BAND BOOSTERS

BAND BOOSTER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To create and maintain organized support of the BSHS Band, within the policies of the School, and with the guidance of the Director of Bands.
- To develop between the Bryan Station High School Band Program, Bryan Station High School, and General Public such united efforts so as to secure for every student the highest advantages in musical, physical, intellectual and social education.
- To provide financial aid and assistance necessary to support program needs not met through School or Board of Education finds.

Band website, www.bryanstationband.org. Make it routine – maybe once a week to check the band website for the calendar and the monthly newsletter.

Newsletter

The newsletter is on this Bryan Station Band website monthly from July through December and bi-monthly from January to June. Watch for it at the beginning of the month. Reading this newsletter on the website saves the band printing and postage fees. Let Mr. Owens know if you do not have access to the internet. Band information that you want to contribute to the newspaper should be sent to susan.ecton@fayette.kyschools.us



Everyone who helped make the first annual Bluegrass Winterguard and Percussion Competition a success. We couldn't have done it without you!



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Wonder what the band directors have cookin' for the 2009-2010 band show? The show will be announced during the spring band banquet. Bryan Station Band keeps moving on up! It will be an exciting year!

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