



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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DEFENDER BAND NOTES



The 2009 school year is now in full swing. Hopefully everybody is back into the rhythm of things. The overwhelming theme in the marching band world is preparation. The kids are out on the field practicing and polishing up the show for the upcoming competitions. As for the Band Association, preparation for the Pageant of Bands is job one. October 24th will be here before you know it, and we need to be ready. By now most of you should have received an E-Mail letting you know about all the opportunities to help out. Please come out and make a difference by helping at this years pageant. The different areas where you can help are listed in the news letter. If you can help out on October 24th, contact the band association by contacting one of the board members. Use one of the E-Mail addresses listed below.

In addition to the pageant, there are many fundraising efforts under way. Currently the Cheese and Sausage sale is underway. Your band member should have brought home a sales sheet listing all the items for sale. Take advantage of this fundraiser. Contact your family and friends and let them know about the great items we have available. Also, let them know that proceeds help out the band.



Mark your Fall calendar

September Competitions — for more information go to <http://www.bryanstationband.org> . More competitions will be listed as information becomes available.

September 4 – Home football game

September 11 – Home football game

September 19 – Contest (location TBA)

September 27 – 3 day weekend – no competitions

October 5 – Fire Prevention Parade

October 7 – Homecoming Parade (Smokey Jax Barbeque for sale)

October 24 – Bluegrass Pageant of Bands

Volunteer to help during these competitions by signing up as part of the pit crew, chaperone, or food committee. It takes a lot of hands to move 70 student band members, their instruments, uniforms, flags and other paraphernalia. If you can't help on these days, drive down, sit in the stands and support our band

Homecoming Parade – Wednesday, October 7

This is always a fun activity. Various organizations and classes make floats and with the band, they march around the neighborhood. The community enjoys watching this even and the students have fun and display school spirit. Come and watch your band student march in their first parade of the season. If you know of another school organization that wants to participate in the parade, send an email to rebecca.mueller@fayette.kyschools.us

Smoky Jax Barbeque – Before and After the Homecoming Parade – Wednesday, September 17

We are going to strive to have the barbeque ready at 5:30. If you know ahead that you want one of these savory dinners, we will be taking orders ahead of time. The barbeque and side dishes are delicious. Don't miss out. We will also have bake sale items.

Most students do not go home after school, but stay to get ready for the parade. They get really hungry.

We will need parents to help set up and serve starting at 4:30. We need parents to donate bake sale items for the homecoming event. Contact Tanya Dailey to preorder a dinner, tell her what you are bringing for the bake sale, and/or to volunteer to help. tddailey@windstream.net.

Open House: Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 10th between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and talk about their progress.

General BSHS EVENTS:

Sept. 7 - No School (Labor Day)

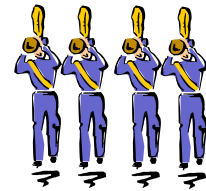
Sept. 8 - Curriculum & Instruction Committee Mtg 3:30 rm 126

Sept. 8 - Assessment Committee Mtg 3:45 in Counseling Off.

Sept. 10 - Open House 4:00 - 7:00

Sept. 10 - PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm

Sept. 28 - No School for Students (Staff Development Day)



Pageant of the Bands: Saturday, October 24

This can't be over emphasized, but this is our biggest event of the year. All students are **required** to work it for the day, and we need many, many parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, grandparents, and friends. It is extremely necessary for families of band members that work during this day to sign in when they start working and sign out when they are finished in order to earn service credit.

This year will be the third pageant in our new facility. Other schools were in awe of our outstanding school. It is time for us to put our best foot forward and shine. We will host between 3,000 to 5,000 people that day.

Sign up early – Committing to be responsible for specific jobs for this event ahead of time helps us be prepared. Students will sign up for specific duties during band class. Let Dianna Ash know immediately how you are willing to help volunteer that day. You can also contact Robert Lee at robert_lee@bryanstationband.org and let him know if you will work.



Immediate and very important needs:

1. We are having difficulty locating Gators, ATV, 4-wheeler, Easy Go types of vehicles that can pull a maximum of 2,500 pounds. Bryan Station has a reputation of putting on a

pageant where we pull bands onto the field. We need specific ones due to our new Astroturf field. If you know of anyone that would loan us one or rent to us – please let Earl Ragland or Ira Brown know asap.

Flatbed Trailers - We will need several 14 ft. – 16 ft. flatbed trailers to use on Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 24. If you know of one that we can borrow – contact Earl or Ira Brown [Experienced Tractor Drivers Needed](#).



2. Ads and Trophies – . The due date for all Ads and Trophies content and money is October 15. Contact Robert Lee robert_lee@bryanstationband.org or Juan Castro jcastro@thejccgroup.com for any questions.

A large portion of the profit from BPOB comes from the sale of advertising that appears in the program book. Trophy sponsorships pay for the cost of the trophies presented at the contest. The Ads and Trophies sales are hugely important to the financial success of the BPOB and therefore, as a band parent or student, you are strongly encouraged to participate in this important fundraiser.

The money raised from this is our “insurance policy” in case it rains, or the day has to be canceled at the last minute.

All ads and trophy sponsorships are tax deductible. So the time has come to get out in the community and ask some businesses that you patronize to buy an ad or sponsor a trophy. Are you making a major purchase like a car or a new roof? If so, ask that business to place an ad or sponsor a trophy. Have your student get out in the community and sell some ads. There are many north end businesses that would be willing to support Bryan Station if they were asked. But they are not going to do it unless they are asked. . Don't wait until the last minute to ask them, often they have to check with a boss.

Buy an ad for your student and surprise them. You can include a picture or have fun with a baby picture. Get grandparents, family to buy an ad for your band student. KMEA does not allow air grams during competitions, so purchasing an ad for your student is the best way to show your support.



Hospitality Room – Tanya Dailey has agreed to be the chairman – coordinator of the hospitality room. [Tanya needs a lot of food donated for this day and she needs you to let her know what you are bringing so she can plan accordingly.](#) tddailey@windstream.net.

On the day of the pageant we will host a hospitality room for judges, band directors, and bus drivers. Bryan Station has a reputation of having a wonderful hospitality room. We need both donated food and home cooked food. Last year there were several crock pots of soup /chili's, sandwiches – deli trays, fruit, deserts, and soft drinks. This takes quite a bit more food than one might think. Remember to make the food look appetizing, and double check for cleanliness. If you need an excuse to buy a new crock pot, or serving dish, this might be a good time to do so. Remember to pick up your dishes after the pageant.



Bake Sale - Many individually wrapped and labeled bake sale items are needed. Last year this booth sold out quickly and made quite a bit of money. So help by bringing items the morning of the pageant. The goal is for each family to contribute at least one or two makings to sell. Also, workers are needed for this booth. Each item needs to be packaged to sell for \$1 and needs ingredients listed. An easy way to do this is using address labels on the computer and copy/paste away. Make sure you label ingredients with food allergies in mind. (Tanya Dailey - contact)

Concession stand: workers are needed. The concession stand stays very busy all day. Two people are needed to cook on a large grill.



Police Officers – if someone in your family is a police officer and is willing to volunteer a few hours, it would save from the costs that occur from paying the officers.



Parking – We need people to direct parking for buses and cars.

Dressing room supervisors – Many bands wait to put their uniforms on once they get to the competition.



Ticket gate – We need people to sell tickets and others to work the gate to insure that everyone that enters has purchased a ticket.



Water tables – provide water for bands after exiting the field.



First aid table – available for first aid, preferably someone with a medical background



Trash pick-up and delivering supplies to needed areas

EMAIL: Watch for a more specific emails as time grows closer to the BPOB.

Bryan Station Defender Football 2009-2010 Home Game Schedule

Date	Opponent/Location	Time
Aug. 14	@ Simon Kenton	TBA
Aug. 21	vs. Clark Co.	7:30
Aug. 28	Bowl Game vs. Mercer Co @ Tates Creek	TBA
Sept. 4	vs. Tates Creek	7:30
Sept. 11	vs. Western (Louisville)	7:30
Sept. 18	Open	
Sept. 25	@ Pleasure Ridge Park	7:30
Oct. 2	@ Henry Clay	7:30
Oct. 9	vs. Scott County (Homecoming)	7:30
Oct. 16	vs. Lafayette	7:30
Oct. 23	@ Dunbar	7:30
Oct. 30	@ North Hardin	7:30



Bryan Station band plays at all **HOME** football games. All band students are required to be at the home football games. Report to the Band Room at 6:00 p.m. on game days.

Past events recap

Band picnic

Wow! What a great way to end band camp. Everybody met up at Constitution Park for a band family picnic and swimming. It was perfect weather to sit under huge shade trees, eat great food, and be with friends and family. The grills were fired up to produce tasty hotdogs and hamburgers, and families provided the rest of the dishes potluck style. Someone else's cooking is always so much better. The students cooled off from a scorching day, marching on the black asphalt, by plunging into the pool and having a great time. There were hardly any other people in the pool, so it was like having a private pool party. After their refreshing swim, many band members hit the food for seconds. Hungry high schoolers! Comments were overheard like "We should do these kind of fun events more often!" "This was fun." Thanks to all of the parents who helped pull this event together. Band camp and this picnic really meshed the kids and their parents together as a band family.



Popsicles: Thanks to the parents that provided popsicles during band camp. They were a refreshing treat that the students looked forward to. The freezer stayed running over with icy delights so that there have been popsicles left for after school practices these first few weeks of schools.



Band class fee: If your student is enrolled in a band class, that class has a class fee of \$25. This is separate from marching bands and the fee covers music and items needed for the class. This check is made out to Bryan Station High school. Information will come home those first few days of school in that big stack of papers that have to be signed by parents.

Free & Reduced Lunch forms: Do you remember these forms coming home with all of those other papers to be signed the first few days of school? It is important that parents fill out these forms and return them to school, regardless if you think your student would qualify. The forms are kept strictly confidential.

There are a lot of factors that go into who qualifies and money is given to the school for many other things than just lunch money. The numbers of students that qualify help the school get extra teachers and funds for materials. The forms also help pay textbook fees, class fees, and field trip fees. They can also help pay part of some extracurricular activities such as band. Also, if your family does qualify for free/reduced lunch, all students enter their student numbers at lunch, so no one knows who qualifies and who doesn't.

If your forms got lost in the shuffle, Mr. Owens has extra forms, and he can give your student an extra one confidentially.



Music practice

Fall is a busy time for band students with after school band practices, football games, Saturday competitions, homework, part time jobs, cell phones and friends. But remind them to practice their instruments at home.

You can download Smartmusic from the home page of Bryan Station band website www.bryanstationband.org for about \$25 a year and your student can use it to practice at home. It is cheaper if you join through the school than if you join individually. I'm sure many parents are aware of the cost of individual private music lessons. Smartmusic is a bargain, and you don't have to drive your student to lessons.

Join Bryan Station PTSA

First PTSA Meeting – Thursday, September 11 at 7pm in the Bryan Station Library

For only \$5 you can join the one organization that pulls the entire school together. This group of parents and teachers work hard to benefit the school as a whole. They have been working to sponsor larger fundraising projects that benefit every organization that is involved. .

Several of our band parents are on the BS PTSA board. Let's give them our support. Visit their website: <http://bshsptsa.home.insightbb.com/> You can join on this website, or they have a table at school during open house and other beginning school events such as the first football game.

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!

[://bshsptsa.home.insightbb.com/](http://bshsptsa.home.insightbb.com/)

Infinite campus: <https://infinitecampus.fayette.kyschools.us/campus/portal/fayette.jsp>

Infinite campus is an individualized picture of your student's life at school. You can check your student's schedule, grades and attendance any time you have access to a computer. Parents who want access to the Parent Portal to check grades must first submit their Household Verification Form. Once completed, you will receive an email with information on how to access the Parent Portal. Forms can be turned in to the counseling office.

BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS

September 3, **THURSDAY** at 6:00 pm

Band meetings are held in the band room. All parents and interested parties are invited to attend.

When you come to the band meetings, you get an understanding of the many parent volunteer hands that are needed to put the band on the field. You will see where you can use your talents and expertise to make your student's high school years memorable.

You may enter at the band room door at the side of the school building or through the front lobby of the school. Make sure you pick up minutes from past meetings, and other relevant information as you enter. Your family will receive one service hour for attending by signing in. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.



Band Booster Executive Board :

President: Earl Ragland ragtown1970@msn.com

Executive Vice-President: Angela Miller angela@teator.com

1st Vice-President – Special Events: Dianna Ash kash@sstire.com

2nd Vice-President – Sponsorships: To be determined.

3rd Vice-President - Fundraising – Tanya Dailey tcailey@windstream.net

Secretary: Robert Lee robert_lee@bryanstationband.org

Treasurer: Tim Francis

Co-Treasurer: Juan Castro jcastro@thejccgroup.com

Committees :

Some parents have turned in their volunteer preferences – but we need more hands for each committee. Some committees still need a chair. Could it be you?

Pageant of the Band – October 24, 2009 – chairwoman Dianna Ash

Defender 5K - spring event – needs a chair

Craft Fair - needs a chair

Corporate Sponsors – TBD

. We were very fortunate to receive the corporate sponsorship of **BB & T Bank** in Hamburg this past season. If you bank there, express your appreciation. Hopefully, more sponsorships are on the way. Is there one that you could recommend?

Personal Sponsorships - Melissa Austin and Terri Pattie will spearhead this part of the total Corporate and Personal Sponsorship Committee.

Pit Crew - Ira Brown leads this committee and will teach you everything you need to know.

Spirit Sales – Dawn Walters needs a committee to help her develop ideas and sell spirit items at different events.

Seasonal Sales –Tanya Dailey needs committee members to plan and coordinate Spirit Sales, seasonal sales such as cheese & sausage sales, fruit sales, homecoming cookout, UK football concessions and Defender 5 K and Affinity sales such as Kroger, Meijjer and Giovanni's pizza.

Uniforms – This committee needs a chair to make sure that our band looks spiffy on the field. Their charge is to make sure uniforms fit, are organized so students can find them, and make sure they are clean.

Chaperone/ Guard Mom – chair – Angela Miller

All adults have to have a background check for this job unless you are a Fayette County Public School Employee – so sign up early.

Historian – Angela Miller

Sewing – Sharon Waun is doing some of the work this year. If you can help out please let somebody on the board know of your willingness to help.

Food / Drink Committee – Needs a chair

It's up to you! - You know your talents and what you like to do. The chairs of each committee can not do their job alone, but need the support of at least 4 or 5 other people. Once you've read what committee opportunities are available, email Earl Ragland or Angela Miller with your choices.

Financial Information

2009/ 2010 Band Fees

Band members should have paid their initial camp fees and the August installment if they didn't pay the entire \$500.00 up front. There are a few people who have paid their fees entirely, and some more families that are on track with the monthly fee schedule. But there are many families that are behind in their payments. If you are behind, like with any bills that you have, it is important to go ahead and discuss it with the booster president, Earl Ragland or the band directors.

The band boosters and the band directors work hard to keep band expenses to the bare minimum. Mr. Owens writes the music for the show instead of buying it, which saves us thousands of dollars. Parents spend many hours doing things like rebuild and paint the Jarvis carts themselves to save money. These are just a few examples of ways that the band tries to save money. Both the directors and the boosters squeeze every dime and seriously think out expenditures before making purchases. We have been very fortunate in the past few years in that various people and organizations have donated what we needed because they know that Bryan Station band is a band that operates on a low expense ratio. The band directors watch out for bargain sales of instruments and items that they direly need.

The band boosters are also trying to explore new ways to earn money and increase fundraisers, but this will take more parent participation. If you have ideas for fundraisers or know someone that wants to make a donation, please share the information with us.



DEFENDER FUND RAISING NEWS



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



KROGER CARDS –

You can get a Kroger gift card for \$5 from Tanya Dailey tcdailey@windstream.net 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.



Band T-Shirts:

Mr. Owens has ordered new Super Defender t-shirts. Your band student should have received one of the band version t-shirts free during band camp. But you can support the band by buying a Defender Super shirt for each member of the family to wear to football games, competitions, and other band events. **Send a check made out to Bryan Station Band to Mr. Owens. Short sleeve shirts are \$12 (2X - \$15).**

Sponsor a Band chair - \$70.00 per chair contact the band room (381-3311)

Meijer Community Rewards (use #465824 at www.meijer.com/rewards)

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 robert_lee@bryanstationband .

Thanks TO...

All staff, students, and parents that made band camp a success!

Thank you, **BB&T Bank**, for your support this band season!