

## **Directors Report August 2009**

### Band Camp:

Overall, a positive experience, and one I would like to repeat. Camp Hickory Hills was a great facility, although remote. Camp had its share of issues, some were expected, others were unanticipated. The band learned a significant portion of the work needed to get done for the season, and allowed us to focus on such a early start to the season.

### First weeks of school:

We have had a few students join us post camp and we are looking forward to working them into the show. The first football game is tomorrow evening and the band is going to make a strong impression with its level of dedication and preparedness for the festivities. The band has a book of over 25 stand tunes available at my disposal for the game situation, and I look forward to seeing them take the field at halftime.

To that end, our pantry is in desperate need of restocking. Snack cakes, lil debbies, and the rest are invaluable to the snacking needs of our students. In addition, anytime bottled water is provided we are most grateful.

One of the perks of being an executive committee member or assisting at the football games is the free admission to the games. (just another incentive to being an active band booster!) Please understand we are limited in the passes, per the athletic director and we are trying to be as accommodating as possible.

### First weeks of school continued... or...life in Cheatham County...

The county commissioners and school board have as of tonight not passed a budget for the 2009-2010 school year. As such, the funds normally used to get our year started as we collect band fees and expend the majority of costs have been unavailable. Although as Mr. Clinton will indicate we are still "in the black" it is by a very very small, minute, microscopic thread. To that end, all students have received a current statement of their band fee payments and balances. In order to continue providing the same level of dedication and financial commitment that is required to operate our season, we must have all of our funds in as soon as possible.

### Smiling new faces join the Sycamore Family!

Please welcome Kelly Koester and John David Duncan as our new Guard Instructors as we have made a programmatic change. They are both experienced and very friendly. The color guard have had a few rehearsals with them now, and the relationship seems to be developing well.

### On the horizon...(teasers)

Predators, Pasta Sale, Fruit Sale, Christmas Concerts, trip, winter guard, winter drumline?

Thanks again for all of your support and enthusiasm. We look forward to another exciting year. On a personal note, I am so glad to be joining such a great community again for another year. Thank you again for supporting the Sycamore Marching War Eagle Band!

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