

Band Booster



Upcoming Events

September 8
Full Band 6-9 PM

September 9
Home game vs. Bermudian Springs – Report @ 5:00

September 10
Full Band 10-2 PM

September 12
Percussion 6-9 PM

September 13
Winds & Percussion 3-5:30 PM
Guard 6-9 PM

September 14
Full Band 6-9 PM

September 16
Away game at Manheim Central – Report @ 3:55

September 17
Competition at Conestoga Valley

September 20
Winds & Percussion 3-5:30 PM
Guard 6-9 PM

September 21
Full Band 6-9 PM

Our Student Spotlight – Quinn Billings



This month we feature senior Quinn Billings. This is Quinn's 5th year in Marching Band. He plays the snare drum as well as the bass drum and the piano.

In addition to Marching Band, Quinn participates in Concert Band, Indoor Drumline, Percussion Ensemble and Full Orchestra. One of his favorite band experiences is winning first place at Indoor Drumline championships last year.

Quinn was going to quit marching band upon moving to Susquehannock, but his parents encouraged him to stick with it, and now it's "pretty awesome." His hobbies include practicing the snare drum and working out. He also played football for four years.

Quinn has a twin brother (Kyle) and one older sibling. His grandfather served in the Air Force and his uncle served in the Navy. His mother's uncle once hijacked a plane and flew to Cuba for reasons that are still unknown. One of his relatives was actually one of the bodyguards to George Washington.

Quinn has a dachshund named Twinkie. He swears he's 6', even though the doctor says he's only 5' 10. He plans to attend a 4-year college to pursue a major in geology and a minor in astronomy.



Competition Season is Upon Us



<https://cavalcadeofbands.com/>

Membership in the Cavalcade of Bands continues to attract schools from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Currently there are well over 100 actively participating schools and over 80 contests or performing opportunities a year,

The philosophy of Cavalcade of Bands is to provide students with a broad array of educational opportunities for the development of abilities in music and the performing arts. Through competitive and non-competitive evaluations, the primary goal is to promote the ongoing development and mastery of cumulative technical and artistic skills reflecting contemporary educational principles.

Our first Cavalcade competition is **Saturday, September 17th** at Conestoga Valley in Lancaster. We are in the "Liberty Open" class this year.

And looking ahead, mark your calendars parents. You don't want to miss **CHAMPIONSHIPS at Hershey Park Stadium on Saturday, November 12th**.



www.musicforall.org

Music for All's Bands of America (BOA) marching band championships are the premier events for marching band in the nation. From the first step on the field to the excitement of the awards ceremonies, Bands of America Championships create an aura of excellence for student performers, teachers, parents, and fans that fosters healthy competition and development for students and band directors, all in an atmosphere of celebration for the entire band program. Participating bands receive commentary from the most skilled judges and educators in the nation.

The Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional will be held at the University of Delaware on **Saturday, October 8th**.

- The band will not attend the football game that week, but will rehearse Friday afternoon (there is no school), then depart for the Holiday Inn Express in Newark, Delaware.

Upcoming Events cont.

September 23

Home game vs. Dover
BAND NIGHT

September 24

Full Band 10-2 PM

September 27

Winds & Percussion 3-5:30 PM
Guard 6-9 PM

September 28

Percussion 6-9 PM

September 29

Full Band 6-9 PM

September 30

HOMECOMING game vs. New Oxford

October 4

Winds & Percussion 3-5:30 PM
Guard 6-9 PM

October 6

Full Band 6-9 PM

October 7

Afternoon Rehearsal then travel to University of Delaware

October 8

BANDS OF AMERICA
Competition



- The Boosters will provide a meal to the students before boarding the buses on Friday evening.
- Students have chosen their roommates. There will be four students per room. The cost is \$50 per student and payment may be made through CHARMS.
- Our performance time for prelims will be in block 1 which is between 7:15-9:00 AM Saturday morning. It will be an early but we will be rested. After our performance, we will stay to watch the remainder of prelims, which ends at 4:00 PM.

Supporter Spotlight



The Markets at Shrewsbury is an Amish farmers market true to tradition—housing over 19 merchants that offer local Amish produce and meat, homemade baked goods, crafts, clothing, and some of the best Pennsylvania Dutch eateries around.

Skip the crowded, impersonal aisles of the grocery store and visit The Markets instead. Grocery foods merchants offer all your weekly needs for fruits and vegetables, dairy, meats, cheese, eggs, and dry goods with a smile and friendly conversation.

Looking for authentic Amish art and crafts? The Amish market is home to a wide variety of traditional Pennsylvania Dutch marketplace goods like handmade wooden Amish Furniture and outdoor structures from Penn Dutch Furniture (featured in our August 2022 Newsletter).

The Markets also host many community events throughout the year. Popular events include Cruisin' At The Markets—a Motor Menders Rod & Custom Club cruise night hosted once a month from April through October, the Penn-Mar Irish Festival—a celebration of Irish heritage held each June, Trunk or Treat, community yard sales and much more!

The Markets at Shrewsbury is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year, although days and hours of operation may change in observance of holidays.
<https://www.marketsatshrewsbury.com/>

Uniform News

Attention Students ...

Garment Bag Name Tags

Preprinted tags will be distributed shortly. Please be sure to insert your tag into your garment bag. You access the pouch from inside the bag.

We encourage you to use your garment bag at all games and competitions in order to keep your assigned uniform pieces together and clean.



How's that Uniform Fitting?

Now that you've had a chance to wear your uniform a few times, if something is uncomfortable or doesn't fit well, please contact Mrs. Kuhns (Karlye's mom) by texting 717-855-4787 or tell Karlye. We'll try to make whatever adjustments that we can. It's important that you look good *and* feel comfortable too.



Our Instructor Spotlight



Meet our dynamic duo, **Brian & Chalet Harris**. 2022 marks the 16th year for Brian on the percussion staff. He is also a director of the indoor percussion staff. Chalet has been a marching tech with the band since 2015.

Chalet played in band all through school and graduated from Dover HS. She went on to march in college and eventually joined the Reading Buccaneers D&B Corps. Chalet has taught many marching band programs. She is also a classically trained singer.

When she is not working with the band, Chalet is the Parks & Recreation Director at Dover Township. Her hobbies include, singing, reading, gaming, travel, photography, gardening and raising chickens.

Brian has had a long and varied marching career including school band and several drum and baton corps. He eventually became a member of the Reading Buccaneers D&B Corps, marching in the percussion section. This is where Brian and Chalet met, and the rest, as they say, is history. Brian has been teaching high school marching band since 1993, and in 2003 and 2004, he taught the New York Skyliners Drum and Bugle Corps. Chalet and Brian also ran an independent indoor percussion program for 14 years.

Brian works as a Senior Subrogation Rep at Glatfelter Insurance. His hobbies include music (of course!) history, travel and raising chickens.

Brian & Chalet share that they are honored to be part of the SYCSD Band Program and to work with the other staff members. Being a former band parent, as well as a staff member, they are grateful for all of the support from the parents, boosters and administration.

**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED INSTRUCTORS
WE VALUE AND APPRECIATE YOU!**

No Hassle Fundraiser

As of 9/4, donations received total \$5,805. This puts us ahead of the last two years.

AWESOME!!



Band Booster Board

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The Susquehannock High School Music Department is resuming the biannual trip to New York City on Friday, March 3, 2023. This trip includes a day in Manhattan and a Broadway show [Wicked or Lion King—the students get to vote].

Yellow papers with all the details about this trip were distributed last week. In order to finalize trip costs and to secure a spot for your student (and you, if you care to chaperone), an initial, *non-refundable* payment of \$50 per person is due along with the bottom portion of the yellow form by Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Checks should be made payable to Susquehannock High School (not to the Band Boosters).

Please contact Mr. Poole with any questions or concerns.

Future Newsletters

Students & Parents – please forward any ideas and/or candid photos for future newsletter issues to Mrs. Kuhns at lynnkuhns@yahoo.com.

And Now for the Funny ...



The Mighty Clarinet Players



Volunteer Reminder

Volunteers who have direct contact with a student or students (meaning that they have care supervision, guidance or control and routine interaction with students) are required to obtain criminal background clearance checks. For example, this volunteer contact time could include, but is not limited to: coaching, **chaperoning a field trip or competition**, and/or providing supplemental assistance to a student without direct supervision by a School District employee.

NOTE: You must have all clearances in order to chaperone the NYC trip.

<https://www.sycsd.org/Page/476>

Director's Notes

- The field show is going very well and we are in a really good position going into the first competition. This certainly has been a challenging season with moving equipment to and from temporary places on campus. The band has been fantastic, helping out in every way possible to have things in place as normal.
- We are now using the BAND app to keep the band up to date with daily details. We have been encouraged by the school to use such a system. So far, we have been using the app to create reminders of times, create sign up lists for daily prop set-up and quick messages. **Parents who are not already on the app and want to be invited, should email Mr. Poole for the invite code.**

