

# NATION FORD MARCHING BAND NEWS

Weekly Update October 8 - October 14

To be a champion, I think you have to see the big picture. It's not about winning and losing; it's about everyday hard work and about thriving on a challenge ---Summer Sanders



## Medal Monday

Tomorrow is Medal Monday -- feel free to wear your BOA Region Champion medal to school for the day. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done.

## Macy's Bear Raffle

Macy's bear raffles resume tomorrow - get your tickets now to win a Limited Edition Gund Macy's bear

## March to Macy's Flair

Don't forget we have March to Macy's car magnets and wristbands for sale at the band store. Magnets are \$10 and wristbands are \$5. Help promote this event by advertising on your car as you drive around town.

## Macy's Parade trip reminder

Final payments for the Macy's trip are due October 15th. Be sure you are making preparations to get your trip paid for if you are behind!

## Paint the Town Red campaign

**We have 1 week left in the Paint the Town Red campaign.** Now is the time to purchase your red bow for your mailbox. Remind your neighbors to help support the band as well! All bows are \$10 and will be placed on your mailbox early November. There is a button on [nationfordband.com](http://nationfordband.com) to purchase or send your money in along with your address to Mr Dickey's office. Out of town family can buy a bow and we are placing them on the lamp posts along Main Street. Let's turn everything **RED!!!!!! Last day to purchase is October 15th!!!!**

## BOA Regional - Winston Salem 10/14

NFHS will be performing at BOA Regional in Winston Salem, NC on 10/14 at 12:30pm. Call time will be announced that week to the students. The stadium gates will open at 7am, prelims run from 7:30am - 4:30pm. Presentation of awards begins afterwards with finalists being announced. Stadium then closes and gates will reopen at 6:45pm. First finalist band performs at 7:45pm, with the presentation of awards at 10:30am. The stadium is BB&T Field at Wake Forest University. Parking is \$10, admission to prelims is \$18, Children 10 years old and younger admitted free for general admission seating only. Discounted General Admission tickets are available for Senior Citizens (65+), Military, and Students. **You do not need stadium seats as they have comfortable seating. Clear bags are not needed either, those are for football games only.**

## Fruit & Pastry Sale kick off

The Fruit and Pastry Sale is in full swing! Flyers and order forms were sent home with your student as well as how points will be earned for all sales. All regular orders will be due October 31st. Online sales will need to be placed by November 6th. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the points that can be earned through these sales. Gretchen Whitesell is heading this up, for any questions, please contact her at [gretchenwhitesell@gmail.com](mailto:gretchenwhitesell@gmail.com)

## BOA Regional - Jacksonville St 10/7 recap

Yesterday was a tremendously exciting day at the BOA Regional in Jacksonville, Alabama. We won overall for the 2nd consecutive year with awards also in Overall General Effect. I know everyone was excited and is now looking forward to this coming Saturday in Winston Salem. Keep encouraging your student to work harder than ever and not too comfortable with this last win. Next week has some stiff competition, but with hard work, diligence and dedication to the program we can achieve anything!

## 911 Driving School Referral Info

We are now able to enjoy referral money back to the band from 911 Driving School. For each Nation Ford Band student that signs up to take a driving class, 911 Driving School will pay a referral bonus to the band of \$25. Please be sure to say your student is part of NAFO Marching Band for the referral money. This is a great driving program and we have a lot of students that utilize this driving school.

## Ways to keep informed of band information

Don't forget we have 4 ways to keep informed of all band related information. We have this newsletter, our band website [www.nationfordband.com](http://www.nationfordband.com) which is updated weekly, the Charms public calendar link, a Facebook page: Nation Ford HS Band Boosters, and an Instagram page @nation.ford.band. Please be sure you check these sites regularly for updated information.

## Restaurant Dine Out Night

Our next Dine Out Night is October 18th at Chick Fil A (across from Baxter) from 5pm - 8pm. Take a night off from cooking and come enjoy a dinner cooked by someone else!

## March to Macy's kick off

Our official March to Macy's Kick Off is underway! Information is on the website, [nationfordband.com](http://nationfordband.com), regarding student donations or business sponsorships. **All donations as a sponsor or through donations to your students account are tax deductible.** Once a donation is made, an email will be sent directly to the sponsor/ donor thanking them for the tax free donation. Your students account can be accessed directly via [www.nationfordband.com/donations/last name-first name](http://www.nationfordband.com/donations/last name-first name) Copy and paste this link in emails, facebook, etc, etc. **The only way to get donations or sponsorships is through promotion, promotion, promotion!** Business donations can also be name in your students name. Tag Along payments cannot be applied to the donations that would be put in your students name.

## Volunteering/ Chaperones

**Please be sure that if you are planning on chaperoning we need you to be a secure volunteer.** This card is issued through the Fort Mill School District that performs as background check to clear you to work directly with the students. The district will then be in touch with you regarding passing the verification process. In turn, they will send us a list of cleared parents to help with the students. If you have one from the middle school, it is still valid -- be sure to check the expiration date on the card so it doesn't expire. **If you applied this summer and haven't heard anything - please call them as they have not processed your request.**

## Harris Teeter E-Vic

Nation Ford High School Band has teamed up with Harris Teeter E-Vic program as an easy way to help raise funds for our band program. Please go to the Harris Teeter website and under Together in Education click the **green tab** to "link your school". Link your card to Nation Ford HS Marching Band and you are set. **Note: If you did this last year, you need to do this again this year. E-Vic linking is only good for 1 year at a time.** We receive quarterly checks once we meet a \$250 minimum required. Please, everyone link your E-Vic card as this is an easy and effortless way to help raise funds for the band. **This past year, we earned \$362.93 -- hopefully we can surpass that this year!**

## Pick up/ Drop off from band

**Please, please, please do not park in front of the band room and wait for your child when picking up.** We have cars unable to back out as the space is too limited. Please use the car loop before and after practices. There have been many complaints recently about people unwilling to move their cars as people try to back out.

## Crosswinds Insurance referral

Renado Robinson at Crosswinds Insurance has begun a referral program to benefit the band program. For each referral sent to Crosswinds Insurance, they will donate \$10 to the band on a monthly basis. The referring person will also receive a \$10 gift card. There is no obligation for you to purchase insurance from them. This insurance company can beat the price of most other companies as they are an independent insurance representative. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

## All You Can Eat BBQ & Oyster Roast, 11/11

Saturday, November 11th is our Annual All You can Eat BBQ & Oyster Roast at the Field Trial Barn. We are also selling BBQ Butts as pre-orders. If you have never come to this, you need to set aside that Saturday evening. The food is phenomenal and you will not be disappointed. Fresh roasted oysters are delicious and all you can eat. Trust and believe -- this event is not to be missed. Fun is had for all that attend!!! **All tickets are advance purchase only and will call at the door the day of the event.** All you can eat BBQ & sides for \$20, All you can eat BBQ/ Oysters/ side for \$40, pre-sale BBQ Butts \$40 each. Purchase tickets online at [nationfordband.com](http://nationfordband.com) or send a check or cash in to Mr. Dickey's office. **Last day to purchase is October 25th.**

## Amazon Smiles

Amazon has a very easy to use giving program to the band. All you need to do is be shure you shop with [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) This site uses your same user name and password as the Amazon site, however it gives a percentage of all purchases back to the band. **You will need to choose Fort Mill District Band Booster Club Inc in order to support the band.** Please consider using this Amazon site when shopping -- we are having great results with the quarterly earnings and hope you will help us out if you haven't already been doing so.

## Senior Night & 8th Grade Band Night10/13

Senior Night and 8th Grade Band Night is Friday, October 13th during the football game. All Seniors and their parents should plan on walking during halftime while their child is recognized. You will have your picture taken with Mr Johns during the walk. The 8th grade will also be playing with the band that evening as well. It will be a very exciting night for everyone!!

## IMPORTANT DATES — DO NOT FORGET!

- October 13 Home Football Game  
8th Grade Band Night  
Senior Night
- October 14 BOA Regional Wake Forest University BB&T  
Stadium Winston Salem, NC
- October 15 LAST DAY TO PURCHASE A RED BOW
- October 18 Dine Out Night at Chick Fil A 5pm - 8pm
- October 21 Upper State Competition Boiling Springs HS
- October 25 LAST DAY TO PURCHASE OYSTER & BBQ  
ROAST TICKETS
- October 27 AWAY Football game (Band performs @  
Fort Mill High School)
- October 28 State Competition Spring Valley High School
- October 30 Booster Club meeting 7pm Large Band Room
- October 31 LAST DAY FOR ORDER FORMS FOR  
FRUIT & PASTRY TO BE TURNED IN