



Riders on

Events Calendar

May

- May 1-3 (all day) All-State Jazz Band Aberdeen
- May 2 (6:00pm - 9:00pm) Marching Band Percussion Camp
- May 3 (9:00am - 4:00pm) Marching Band Percussion Camp
- May 8 (7:00pm - 8:00pm) Band Parents Meeting
- May 9 (7:00pm) Band Concert for all groups
- May 18 (TBA) Graduation - Symphony and selected others
- May 27 - 30 (1:00pm - 5:00pm) Band Camp for New Marchers, Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Percussion and Color Guard
- May 30 (5:00pm - 7:30pm) Potluck Dinner and Parent Presentation
- May 31 (8:00am - 2:00pm) Annual Pledge Car Wash—All Marching Band Personnel

June

- June 12 (7:00pm - 8:00pm) Band Parent Meeting
- June 16 (6:00pm - 7:30pm) Volunteer Meeting for Sioux Empire Spectacular (this will be at Howard Wood Field where we will mark seating for the event)
- June 24 (6:45pm - 10:00pm) Sioux Empire Spectacular at Howard Wood Field

All Events Will Be Thoroughly Explained at the Parent Meetings

RHS BAND

MAY 2008

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Rummage Sale

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Band Rummage Sale {provided items to sell, helped with marking during the drop off times, helped during the rummage, donated pop/water and baked goods}. Even though we didn't have the best weather conditions for 2 of the 3 days, we raised over \$2500 for our band program. We are very appreciative to all who helped make this another successful rummage sale. Jackie and Brian Wek

DCI Sioux Empire Spectacular

On Tuesday, June 24th five of the top 12 Drum Corps in the nation will take the field in competition here in Sioux Falls. Our event is one of the first of the DCI Summer Games 2008 season, an event where the participants will be fine tuning their skills and giving everything to be the best. If you want to know what it is like to be part of one of these Drum Corps, watch the videos at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUnk8PeH5M4> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xjgu2gYs2UQ>. To see some of the best in the Nation, order tickets today and join us for this exciting night of entertainment. Parents, we have many volunteer positions still needing to be filled. Please contact Brent Bieber for more information.

HyVee Cards Dates

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The cutoff time for the HyVee Card orders is Monday noon on the order date. **During the summer the HyVee box will be in the main office.** The cards will be ready to be picked up after 6:00pm at Cindy Ens's home (2617 S Theodore Ave), the Tuesday after the order date. Please call Cindy @ 361-6958 if you have any questions.

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Indoor Marching Chicken Dinner-Nov

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Dessert Show –December
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Awards Banquet -

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Things your Mother never told you about Marching Band

Those horrible, hot days of summer band. Re-rehearsing drill until your legs burn. Doing the show until you are positively sick of Mr. Macklin saying "let's do it just one more time." Loading and unloading instruments,, carrying flags and props on and off the field with the timing of a military offensive, day after day after day. Ice to relieve bruises on wrists, foreheads, ankles. Swollen lips. Doing pushups. Standing at attention for five more minutes than you can bear. **Sunburn.**

Wanting to sell your soul for five more minutes of sleep. Flags in the face, rifles in the ribs. Wanting to give it all up and join the debate team. Hearing the show music in your sleep. Sectionals. Heartburn. Heartbreak. Drumming on everything in sight. Tossing anything you can pick up. Thinking marching band was a stupid way to get out of P.E. Running laps because someone else was late, again. Realizing Color Guard looked a lot easier than it is. Doing more push-ups.

Wondering what happened to your life. Eating dinner in the car while changing clothes and doing homework. Lost shoes and lost mouth-pieces. Blood blisters on your palms. Long underwear under your uniform and icy wind in your face. Learning the fine art of sleeping on a bus. Tears and teasing. Learning you have 120 new brothers and sisters who stick by you through thick and thin. Knowing you have 250 new parents who will cheer for you, no matter what. Laughing at each other's jokes and learning more about yourself than you knew. Doing more push-ups. Thinking the show will never work.

And then, finally, it all comes together and you have achieved perfection, drumming your hands off and playing your brains out and tossing higher than the sky. A slice of time in a stadium when everyone cheers and your mom cries and pictures get taken and once, just once you have the world in your hands. And the band marches out of the stadium, always together whether it's success or not, and you know by the feeling in your heart it doesn't get any better than this.

And you know if Mr. Macklin asked you to turn around and "do it just one more time, a little better," you would!

Annual Car Wash Fundraiser

To kick off our 2008 fund-raising season this year, the 8th Annual RHS Car Wash will be held on **Saturday, May 31, 2008**. Please mark your calendar for this important event and plan "now" to participate! We expect 100% participation from all the band students & color guard on this fun-filled day. This year's Super Saturday goal is to raise \$15,000.00. All money collected helps to defray & pay those costs incurred to put on our 2008 Marching Band Show, which are not covered by Roosevelt High School or the Sioux Falls School District budgets.

For many of you that are new to Super Saturday, this is no ordinary car wash. We will be washing cars at (2) different locations (Roosevelt High School and Hy-Vee @ 26th St. & Marion Rd.). This year, the Band Parent Organization has decided to go back to the successful & proven way of collecting our funds! Instead of doing a pledge drive or asking for an unspecified donation amount in exchange for a car wash ticket, we have found that a car wash ticket sale drive is much more efficient. As such, we are asking that each & every one of our marching band & color guard students sell a **minimum** of [10] car wash tickets @ \$5.00 each. We plan to hold a ticket sales blitz one evening in early May (TBA). Students and parents will meet at the Band Room for a rally and then spend two hours in their neighborhoods selling tickets, returning to the Band Room afterwards to turn in their results. Prizes will be awarded for top three highest sales. (We are thinking I-Pod)

Tickets will be good at either of our (2) car wash locations. Should it rain on May 31st and cause us to cancel the car wash, those tickets sold will be good & redeemable at our donation car wash scheduled for August 2nd. In May each marching band & color guard member will receive an envelope containing event information and numbered car wash tickets. Students will have until the Freshman Band Camp Potluck on Friday, May 30th to sell their tickets. That evening, we will be collecting all the ticket sale money as well as any unsold tickets. Supplies and equipment are needed for the car washes. A letter was sent outlining what is needed, Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the Parents Meeting. Adult volunteers are needed. We need parent supervisors and helpers for both locations on both dates. Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations of beverages and treats will be circulated at the Band Parents meetings.

Thanks to Outgoing Band Parent Officers

May marks the end of the 2007-2008 term for Officers of the RHS Band Parent Organization. This past year has been a grand success due to the efforts of everyone associated with the RHS Band program. From the directors, to the student musicians, to the parent volunteers, everyone fulfilled their role marvelously. As we look back lets take a moment to thank all outgoing senior parents, especially those parents who, volunteered as part of the group of Band Parent officers and Chairpersons who worked hard behind the scenes to make everything work so well, yet seem so effortless.

Summer Band Camps

Marching Band Camps this year.
May 27 - 30 Mini-camp for new members, color guard, percussion, section leaders and Drum Majors 1:00 - 5:00pm (Pot Luck Dinner and Parent presentation on the 30th 5:00 - 7:30pm)
July 30th - August 1 FULL BAND CAMP
On these dates: 1:00pm - 9:00pm
August 4 - 8 FULL BAND CAMP
On these dates: 9:00am - 5:00pm
August 11- 15 FULL BAND CAMP
On these dates: 9:00am - 5:00pm (Pot Luck Dinner and Show Preview 5:00 - 8:00pm)
Band Members are encouraged to attend the Sioux Empire Spectacular on June 24th

RHS Band Website under construction

There are a couple of pages up on the website as of today and new pages are being created and added. Soon there will be a great interactive website that will have a constantly updated calendar, past and present newsletters, interactive forms for permission slips and notification, links to popular band websites, pages for each band section to use for section leaders to communicate with their team, forum pages for students and parents and much more.