Greetings to All
The purpose of this newsletter is to keep everyone informed of the happenings in the Jamestown High School Band Department.

Lottery Tickets (for marching band students only)
This winter we are looking forward to trying out a new fundraiser to raise money for our successful and growing program. We have given ten (10) February lottery tickets (enclosed in this mailing) per family to sell to friends, family and community members. Here’s how it works…

- Each ticket is sold for $5.00. A person can buy as many as he/she wishes
- The three-digit number on the ticket corresponds with the New York Evening Daily “Pick Three” Number. If the number comes up anytime during the month, the holder of the ticket will be mailed a check for $50 (Monday-Saturday) or $100 (Sundays).
- The cash winnings will be mailed automatically without the ticket holder having to do anything!

IMPORTANT: All ticket stubs must be filled out with the ticket holder’s name, address, and phone number. All ticket stubs and money need to be turned into the band room no later than Friday, January 27. Please help us meet our goal by selling all the printed tickets (1000). This means if you are unable to sell all of yours, please return them to the band room immediately so that someone else can sell the tickets. Please note that this is a parent/guardian fundraiser as we ask that no students sell lottery tickets.

Concert Band Auditions
Auditions for the 2006-2007 Concert Band will take place February 6-10. All current band students in grades 9-11 will be assigned an audition time. Auditions will include: memorized scales, prepared solo work, and prepared excerpt.

Concert Band members…
✓ must also be members of the marching band (or participate in fall sport)
✓ are strongly encouraged to take private lessons (see suggested list)
✓ are often asked to attend extra rehearsals outside the school day
Virginia Trip Updates

DETAILS
The JHS Marching Band will travel to Norfolk, Virginia April 26-30. An updated itinerary accompanies this newsletter. Please note the adjusted departure time that gives students an opportunity to attend classes on Wednesday morning. With the concern of AP testing the week we return, we are happy to share the following arrangements to help better prepare our students:

- **Study Bus**: All AP students will be on this bus as well as any other student as requested by a teacher or parent that needs the travel time for self-directed study. Quiet conditions will be ensured by chaperones.
- **Study Wing**: AP students will room together in a designated quiet room of the hotel. They will be able to meet in study groups accompanied by a chaperone during study periods.
- **Time Exchange**: there will be opportunity to meet with AP teachers (at teacher’s convenience) prior to the trip from band class to recover from the time that will be missed during the trip.

Much thought and planning is going into creating an educational and motivational trip for all our band students. This trip will surely have lasting memories and thus we want our entire “band family” to participate. If there are any questions or items of concern you may have, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr. Stephens or Mrs. Sigler.

CHAPERONES
We are still in need of chaperones for the trip. The cost of the trip for chaperones is $600.00 and includes bus transportation, admission to all events, hotel accommodations (2 persons per room), and group meals. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Stephens or Mrs. Sigler at your earliest convenience.

PAYMENT PLANS
The Band Boosters are happy to provide a flexible payment schedule for this trip. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the up-to-date trip account for your child. We kindly remind you that the full balance of $450.00 is due by Thursday, March 23.

Patron Tickets
All members of Concert and Symphonic Band have been given patron tickets to sell. It is our hope to have more Jamestown businesses as patrons printed in our program this year. Each band student has selected at least one area business to solicit. We are tracking sales on a bulletin board in the band room (see photo). Each business name is printed on an index card and every band student has signed their name on at least one card committing to sell a patron book to that business. The book of 5 tickets at $20.00 is good for 3 concerts. In addition we are happy to award the following incentive...

- Highest Seller to Businesses = $100 off trip or $50 cash
- 2nd Highest Seller to Businesses = $50 off trip or $25 cash
Cookbooks Still Available
As Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Sigler have announced in class, there are still many cookbooks available to sell. If you are still interested in bringing your trip cost down, students are welcome to sign out cookbooks to sell. The Jamestown Band Dessert Cookbook goes for $5.00 and the total amount of the sale goes directly into the student's account. What a great way to pay your way to Virginia!

CCMTA Solo Festival
The 2006 Chautauqua County Music Teacher’s Association Festival is schedule for Saturday, February 4 at Fredonia High School. Yes, it is the same day as our Winter Band Concert so it will make for a very musical day! Jamestown High School has 36 soloists registered for this educational event. Students have the option to provide their own transportation or to ride the bus. School bus report time will be 8:00 am at the high school pool doors. The bus will return by 3:00 pm. Students will need to commit to their form of transportation to their band director as soon as possible. In addition, students are reminded to submit their application fee ($18.00 for level 5-6 solo, $16.00 for level 4 solos) prior to attending the solo festival.

Symphonic Band Concert Attire
We are very pleased to announce that the Symphonic Band ladies have been issued a brand new concert dress. These dresses will help enable the Symphonic Band to look uniform and professional. Please understand that you are personally responsible for your own dress. Every dress has an inventory number on the tag and will be inspected for damage after it is returned. If your dress is lost or damaged, you are responsible for replacing it ($55.00) Please take extra care of this garment as it will be used for many years to come by future band members. When it is time for you to return the dress, please be sure the plastic cover is over it in order to protect it from any damage. If your daughter's dress needs to be hemmed please be sure that the dress comes to her ankle with her shoes on. Below, you will find information concerning proper concert attire:

1.) Black nylons need to be worn. (you are not permitted to wear shoes with no nylons)
2.) Black dress shoes
3.) No necklaces or other flashy jewelry. (Small earrings are fine)
4.) No bright nail polish
5.) No bright hair clips or hair bands.

Due to the cost involved in outfitting the entire 100-piece Symphonic Band, purchasing concert attire needs to happen in stages. Concert attire for the gentlemen is a purchase that will be made in the future. For now however, below you will find information concerning proper concert attire for the boys:

1.) Black dress pants (no black jeans)
2.) A white button down oxford-like shirt. (LONG-SLEEVED)
3.) Black socks (NOT WHITE)
4.) Black dress shoes (no gym shoes)

The boys will be issued a black bow tie and vest prior to the concert. Thank you.

Concert Info
Concert and Symphonic Band members need to report to the high school by 6:15 pm the evening of the concert (Saturday, February 4, 2006) Do not be late! Concert band will report to room 250 and Symphonic band to the band room (257).
Concert band members please make sure you have your instrument with you when you report on Saturday. We ask that you not go into the band room while the symphonic band is warming up and tuning. It is important that both bands support one another, therefore, members of both bands will stay for the entire program. The concert band will sit as a section in the balcony to watch the symphonic band perform and the symphonic band will also sit as a group in the balcony during the concert band portion. Please note that there will be staff and chaperones in the balcony at all times, and everyone needs to be on their best behavior.
CONCERT BAND REHEARSALS
As a reminder, in preparation of the Winter Concert, the Concert Band has scheduled the following additional rehearsals...

Monday, January 23
11:30-12:30 - after school's early dismissal

Friday, January 27
1:00-2:30 - after exams

Wednesday, February 1
7:00-8:30 pm

Final Thoughts
It is the goal of the Jamestown High School Band Department to provide our students the best opportunities to excel in musicianship and citizenship. We do this through a well-balanced program that centers around high quality music performance. We attempt to give our students a variety of educational experiences that include concert, marching, and solo/ensemble areas. With the help and cooperation of the parents and students, much can be accomplished. I thank you for your continued support. Working together, we will continue to reach our goals!

Most Sincerely,
Mr. Stephens & Mrs. Sigler

TO THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF