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

A Mother’s Thoughts
ARRGH!! I can't believe I have to truck the kids to Jefferson again for band practice. We load up the van with instruments, water bottles, and sunscreen. As the kids jump out of the van, I decide to stay a few minutes to chat with a group of other moms who I've become very close to over the last few years. "Boy those freshmen look pretty green, don't they." After some chit chat - I get back in the van and go home, only to do the same thing the next day, and the next day...

A few weeks later I decide to stay and watch again. "Wow I can't believe how far they have come." "Listen to that sound, Look at those lines." "Oh my gosh - some of them are those same 'green' freshmen from a few weeks ago.

Next comes the first home football game. As I sit in the bleachers, I get goose bumps, just watching the band march onto the field for half time. "Look at how those gold sashes catch the sunlight." Even the warm-up scale brings joy to the mother's heart. I am so amazed at how the routine continues to better itself week after week.

After a long and fulfilling season we are finally at the Dome in Syracuse for State Competition. I want to video tape it, but I also want the full glory of watching our Jamestown High School Band march on to the field in competition. Tears well up in my eyes as I watch these wonderful children who have worked so hard, give their all for the final competition of the school year. It doesn't matter what place we take - all that matters is that they have been a part of a healthy, safe and fun organization called the JHS Marching Band.

-Anonymous

Rehearsal Schedule for Virginia Trip...
See “Virginia Trip Updates”
Virginia Trip Updates

DETAILS
The JHS Marching Band will travel to Norfolk, Virginia April 26-30. An updated itinerary was sent in last month’s Band Notes. Final details will be distributed at a parent meeting on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Please plan on attending this important meeting!

Much thought and planning is going into creating an educational and motivational trip for all our band students. Students will not only perform in Norfolk’s Azalea Festival Parade but will also give demonstration concerts at two local elementary schools to promote music education. In preparation for these events the following rehearsal schedule has been set (see below). This trip will surely have long-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
The following individuals will be serving as chaperones on our trip: Eric & Deborah Bolling, Lauren Bolling, Lyman Buck, Jerry Costantini, Kathy Lawson, Rob & Theresa Meger, Lee & Sandy Potts, George & Lynda Schwob

There will be a chaperone meeting the night of the parent meeting at 6:30.

As a reminder, 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. We look forward to having you with us on the trip!

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.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE (for parade and demonstration concerts)

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All rehearsals will take place at JHS (band room/track) from 3:30-5:00. Rehearsals are mandatory for all students participating on the trip. Work and other activities should be planned around this rehearsal schedule.
The Return of Lottery Tickets
(for marching band students only)
We want to thank everyone for helping make our recent lottery fundraiser the huge success it was! It turns out this was one of the most successful recent fundraisers. With such success we have decided to give it another run during April and May. In this mailing you have been given five (5) April lottery tickets per family to sell to friends, family, and community members. Remember...

- 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 Monday, March 27. Please help us meet our goal by selling all printed tickets. **This means if you are unable to sell all of your tickets, 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.

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! **Please Note:** All unsold cookbooks and money collected for cookbooks needs to be turned into the band office no later than **Thursday, March 23.**

Solo & Ensemble Festival News
Congratulations to all the students that participated in the CCMTA Solo Festival last month. There were many outstanding performances from Jamestown. Keep up the great work! The NYSSMA Solo Festival will be here before you know it. We have requested our students be able to perform on Friday, May 5 so students won’t have to perform the same day as the Spring Concert (May 6). This year’s NYSSMA Festival will be held at Frontier High School. Transportation information will be forthcoming. Students are reminded to submit their application fee ($12 for level 1-4, $18 for level 5 & 6, $23.00 with piano accompaniment) prior to attending the festival. Please make checks payable to JHS Band.

Patron Tickets
A sincere thank you goes to all members of the Concert and Symphonic Band for increased sales of patron tickets for our concert series. It is our hope to have more Jamestown businesses as patrons printed in our program each year. If any individual or business is still interested in becoming a patron, it is not too late to be printed in our spring program! Contact Mr. Stephens or Mrs. Sigler for additional patron tickets. A purchase of 5 tickets for $20.00 gets an honor patron printed in the program, a purchase of 1-4 tickets gets a patron name or business printed.

Band to Compete in Towson, Maryland
The fall of 2006 will be an exciting one for the Red Raider Marching Band. The band is scheduled to perform in a Bands of America Regional Competition in Towson, Maryland on October 21. At this regional event we will be competing against a variety of bands from the East Coast and Midwest regions. Of all the bands competing in the preliminary competition, the 10 highest scoring bands will perform that night in finals competition. We are very excited about the potential of next year’s group and the opportunity to perform at such a prestigious competition. The
CONCERT BAND REHEARSALS
As a reminder, in preparation for the Spring Concert, the Concert Band has scheduled the following additional rehearsals...

**Friday, April 7**
11:45- 1:00 (after school’s early dismissal)

**Monday, April 10**
7:00-9:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 3**
7:00-9:00 pm

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**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

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