



# JHS Band Notes

Jamestown High School Band Department

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## Greetings to All

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

## Opening Day with Jamestown Jammers

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The Jamestown Red Raider Marching Band has been invited to kick-off the 2006 season for the Jamestown Jammers. On Tuesday, June 20 the JHS Marching Band will perform the National Anthem at the start of the home opener where the Jamestown Jammers will host the Mahoning Valley Scrappers. We are excited to have our band involved with what is sure to be an exciting evening for the Jamestown community.

## WCA Auxiliary Fundraiser Event

The WCA Hospital Auxiliary is holding a fundraiser event on **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** in the hospital parking lot. Our marching band has been asked to perform. Students should bring their marching band uniforms to school the morning of **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** and are asked to hang them in the band room on the rack provided. Students need to be dressed in full uniform and ready to go in the band room by 3:30 that afternoon. Our performance will entail us marching down to the hospital and playing for the crowd. We look forward to being able to serve such a worthwhile event!

## Memorial Day Parade Schedule...

Music Memory Quiz

*Thursday, May 11*

Rehearsals

*Tuesday, May 16 3:30-4:30 Lincoln Elementary*

*Thursday, May 18 3:30-4:30 Lincoln Elementary*

*Tuesday, May 23 3:30-4:30 Lincoln Elementary*

*Thursday, May 25 3:30-4:30 Lincoln Elementary*

Parade

*Monday, May 29 report to high school at 8:30 am*

## Calendar of Events

### NYSSMA Festival

May 5, 2006  
Frontier H.S.

### Spring Concert

May 6, 2006  
7:00 pm

### Memorial Day Parade

May 29, 2006  
10:00 am

### CCMTA All-County Festival

June 3, 2006  
Chautauqua Institution

### Band Banquet

June 12, 2006  
First Lutheran Church

### Jammers Opening Day

June 20, 2006

### Concert Band at Allen Park

June 21, 2006  
7:00 pm

### Commencement

June 23, 2006  
7:00 pm

## **Marching Band...right around the corner!**

### New Marching Band Members

A new season always means new faces and we are very excited to welcome our new freshmen to our band family. An informational meeting for all new members (next year's freshmen) and their parents will be held in the high school auditorium on **Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm.**

### Color Guard Auditions

Color Guard tryouts for the 2006 JHS Marching Band will begin **Monday, May 1.** They are open to any student in grades 8-11. You don't need any prior experience to audition. You would be a natural if you have any dance experience and love to perform. Members will participate in all marching band activities if selected. If you are interested, you should plan to attend the following sessions. Meet in the JHS band room.

<b>CLINIC #1</b>	<b>Monday, May 1</b>	<b>7:00-8:30 pm</b>
<b>CLINIC #2</b>	<b>Monday, May 8</b>	<b>7:00-8:30 pm</b>
<b>TRYOUTS</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 9</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

### Marching Band Meeting

All members of the 2006 Red Raider Marching Band should plan to attend an introductory meeting on **Wednesday, June 7** from **3:30-4:30** in the **high school band room.** Music will be distributed along with band handbooks, summer/fall schedule, and fundraising details. Percussion students should be prepared to play excerpts in order to be placed on the proper instrument for the upcoming season.

### Summer Schedule at a Glance

The summer rehearsal schedule slightly differs from last year to give more time off early in the summer and more focus in August. The following is a tentative rehearsal plan. A final calendar of events will be distributed at the first marching band meeting on **June 7.** Vacation forms will also be distributed at that time.

### **"Drums Along the Waterfront" Drum Corps Show**

July 12

#### **Full Band**

July 24, 26, 31, August 2

#### **Mini-Camp**

August 7-11

#### **Full Band**

August 14, 16, 21, 23

#### **Intensive Week**

August 28-September 1

## Uniform Collection Day: Monday, June 26

All uniforms will be collected at the end of this school year for inventory check and dry cleaning. Students will not be permitted to keep any uniform items (other than marching shoes) at home over the summer! Uniform collection will be done in the following manner...

**Symphonic Band students** will turn-in symphonic uniforms during class time.

**All Marching Band and Concert Band students** will need to turn in marching and/or concert uniform at the assigned date and time.

## Monday, June 26

Please report to the uniform rooms across from the pop machines. All Quarter Masters and Quarter Mistresses should plan to work from 9:30-12:30. Students should report during these designated times...

Last name A-D	10:00-10:40
Last name E-O	10:40-11:20
Last name P-Z	11:20-12:00

Please come prepared to turn-in any of the following items you currently have signed out:

- Marching Band jacket (any sashes you may have)
- Marching Band pants
- Concert Band dress/tuxedo coat, pants, dress shirt, bow tie
- Garment bag

## NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival

The 2006 NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 5 at Frontier High School. Jamestown High School has 31 students registered for this educational event. Final details including performance times were distributed in school the week of April 24. Students have the option to provide their own transportation or to ride the bus. Bus departure and return times will be announced in school. Students will need to commit to their form of transportation, and let their band director know as soon as possible. In addition, students are reminded to submit their application fee prior to attending the solo festival. Good luck to all students participating in this event!

## Spring Concert Details

Concert and Symphonic Band members need to report to the high school by **6:15 pm** the evening of the concert (Saturday, May 6, 2006) Please be on time! Concert band will report to the string room (259) 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.

## 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 "Red Raider" Band last performed in a Bands of America event in 1992 where they were a finalist band.

Please note that **October 21** is listed as the PSAT testing date for Jamestown High School students. Any student that is planning to take the PSAT this fall should contact their guidance counselor at their earliest convenience to arrange to take the test earlier that week at another location.

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**JHS BAND BANQUET!**

The dress is casual, the atmosphere is festive, and the food will be awesome! We would like to invite all Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Marching Band and Color Guard students and their families to our Annual Awards Banquet! The banquet will be held on **Monday, June 12** at the First Lutheran Church, 120 Chandler Street. The banquet will begin at 5:00 pm with a tureen dinner. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass as indicated below. Your dish should be large enough to serve 10-12 people.

If your last name begins with:

**A-F** please bring a dessert

**G-L** please bring a vegetable dish or salad

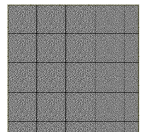
**M-Z** please bring a main dish

**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,  
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