



SANTALUCES BAND

Parent Information Letter November-December 2017

UPDATED (possible change of pre-MPA and explanation of S&E dues)

(Please always refer to the website <http://www.santalucesband.com> for the latest and most up to date information about band events, including concerts, fundraisers, performances, etc.. You can even sync your smart phone calendar to ours!)

Welcome To Concert Band and Solo & Ensemble Season!

Wednesday afternoons are days when the entire band program comes together to put together what we learn throughout the week in all performance classes. This is a crucial day for the success of our program. All band students are expected to be after school practices on ***Wednesday's from 3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m Starting November 8th, 2017 and ending on May 23rd, 2018. Students are expected to arrive on time and bring water, snack, your tuner, music and instrument.*** Please refer to the band program handbook distributed at the beginning of the school year for policies on absences and the expectations we have set together and discussed in class. Everyone in band depends on each other to achieve our goals

Our first Concert Performance:

Christmas and Winter Holiday Concert December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to perform a Solo or an Ensemble for this event. The deadline to sign up for a solo or ensemble for this performance is December 6th, 2017. The concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) with a \$5 Suggested Donation. Families are encouraged to attend! Please come and support your students' hard work. We will be selling fundraising items at this event.

Solo and Ensemble

To support our mission and vision statements, all students are obligated to participate at the Florida Band Association **Solo & Ensemble event at John I. Leonard High School on February 2nd and 3rd.** Individual practice and performance helps our students self-assess, self-motivate, and become well rounded musicians and individuals. It is also a fantastic way for students to build confidence in their musicianship. **The deadline for students to select a Solo or Ensemble piece is November 16th, 2017. The music must be ordered by your student for any solos and small ensembles that they wish to perform. The band has a few selections for duets, trios and will provide the Brass and Woodwind Ensemble music. The deadline to have Solo & Ensemble in hand is November 30th, 2017.** Students are provided optional Solo & Ensemble **tutoring and help to choose music on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school starting November 7th, 2017 and ending on December 14th, 2017. Entry dues will be provided for all Brass, Woodwind, Percussion Ensembles (one entry fee included) and Color Guard (one entry fee included), any other entries will cost \$7.45-Due December 8th. Any solo and/or small ensemble performing (example:**

saxophone solo, trumpet duet, clarinet trio) owes a \$7.45 fee- *Due December 8th*. Please make note that if you choose to do a solo, it is required by the Florida Bandmasters Association that you have a piano accompanist-fee applies. The entry fee is a minimal fee for what the students get out of the event. Each student participating in a solo or small ensemble gets individualized feedback and a lesson by a State approved adjudicator. Students are also encouraged to perform their solo or small ensemble on December 13th Christmas Concert. If a student chooses to perform a solo, they will owe an accompanist fee in addition to their \$7.45 cent event fee.

Students who choose to participate in Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion Ensembles will have **mandatory practices on Tuesdays for Brass and Thursdays for Woodwinds starting January 9th and ending on February 1st from 3:00 to 3:40 pm**. All Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion ensemble students are expected to practice music ahead of time, prior to the rehearsals. We will only have 4 short rehearsals to get ready for S&E. All students will be expected to submit a full run performance of their musical selection by **January 29th, 2018**.

Florida Band Association Music Performance Assessment (MPA)

Pre-MPA Performance for High School and Middle School Students will be held on **February 28th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** **DATE MIGHT CHANGE TO 02.21 OR 02.22 PER DISCUSSION WITH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS**> in the PAC with a \$5 Suggested Donation. Please come and support music education! **TBA**

Students that will participate at MPA will be expected to have their music performance ready by January 10th, 2018. All students will be expected to practice over Christmas break and come back to school prepared to put our ensemble together.

(MPA) Performance will be held at Park Vista High School March 13th or 14th, 2018. We will be notified of our exact time a few weeks ahead of schedule. Families are welcome to attend and watch their students.

X-CITE!

Our annual spring *X-cite* Concert will be held on **May 16th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC**. Admission Tickets will be available for sale in advance and at the door. This is an end of year celebration for all Santaluces Band students and a **MUST SEE** event for families!

Color Guard practices to prepare for ALL events are on Wednesdays after school and during 6th hour. All color guard members are obligated to participate in assigned events and after school practices.

Students that fail to comply with the above expectations will receive a letter grade deduction for each infraction. Additional details will be provided in class, and students are responsible to pass the message to parents and guardians.

Parade We are looking into participating at Lake Worth's Christmas parade on Saturday, December 16th. However, all **positive behaviors** discussed in class must be obeyed and improved. You will be notified if this event is going to occur two weeks before the parade, on December 1st. Our students are held to high expectations and they are also expected to represent Santaluces like ladies and gentlemen and respect every student and adult participant/volunteer at all times.

All District Band Opportunity-Optional

Students are encouraged to participate and audition at the All-District Honor Band. Deadline to let Mr. Nikolovski about interest in participating is November 28. Feel free to get in touch with Mr. Nikolovski if interested.

Fundraisers

Designed to help you and your student's fairshare dues.

Spirit Cups - Beverage Cups: \$5.00 & Tumblers \$10.00. (Order forms to go home soon)

Show Shirts - Ongoing

Throwback Uniforms - Ongoing

Fence Banners - Ongoing- *Students will receive a large amount back to their fairshare. Highly Suggested!*

Cookie Dough- End of November to December if there is a parent volunteer to assist the band director in managing the fundraiser.

SnapRaise- Donation Based fundraiser that helps the band purchase new equipment, props,etc. Date coming up soon- January-February

Santaluces High School and Santaluces Band Spirit Wear- Hats, Shirts, etc Spring-March

Dominos Pizza - January or April

SECME Saturday, February 24, 2018 - Elementary

Saturday, April 7, 2018 - Secondary

Car Wash- Possible in April if there is enough parent involvement and interest

Charms Log In Information

www.charmsoffice.com

School code: Santalucesband

Student Code: Initial Student ID Number

**please note that up to date Fairshare statements will be handed out soon when all current fundraisers are balanced out.*

Fairshare Hints

When applying earned fairshare, you must transfer the funds. In Charms, select "Finances", then "Transfer Request" tab. Select payment(s) and click "submit". Mr. Nikolovski will then approve transfer in Charms.

Remind Log In Information- PLEASE EVERYONE SIGN UP FOR REMIND

Download the "Remind" App

Click "Join a Class"

Enter class code @chiefs1617

Or go to this link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/chiefs1617>

Or from your cell phone: Text 81010 to @chiefs1617

Website

Www.santalucesband.com

Please use our website to stay informed about our program.

<https://santalucesband.com/announcements/>

<https://santalucesband.com/calendar/>

<https://santalucesband.com/parents/>

Parents and guardians,

I thank you for the opportunity to work with your students. We are having a great year. This letter replaces our December band parent meeting as December is a busy time for families. *Our regular parent meetings will resume on Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00pm in the band room.* I look forward to seeing you then.

Nik Nikolovski, Band Director

Please acknowledge that you and your student have received this mid year communication and have your student return to me by November 28, 2017.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date_____

Please write your comments if you have any questions for Mr. Nikolovski below. Also, please include a phone number where Mr. Nikolovski can reach you.

Comments: