

Straub Band News

April, 2015

Greetings Band Families,

We really need your help! All but one of the members of the Straub Music Booster Board will be leaving us at the end of this school year, as they will no longer have children in our school. The funds raised by the Music Boosters are essential to the success of our Band, Choir, and Orchestra programs. We need parents to become involved. Please contact me to find out how you can support your children through the Booster Organization.

I would like to thank everyone for making our 4th Annual Straub Soiree a huge success. I really appreciate all of your support.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Salem Keizer Solo & Ensemble Festival. All of our students received either a Superior (I) or Excellent (II) rating. Great work everyone!

Congratulations to **Madison Massey** – flute; **Camille Blake** – clarinet; **Josie Smith**– clarinet; **Madison Tucker** – clarinet; **Sebastian DeLeon** – trumpet; **Zach Barrows** – trombone; **Clayton Hall** – euphonium; **Sopnar Ngin** – euphonium; **Jaden Mandel** – tuba; and **Dylan I’Anson-Yount** –percussion; who auditioned for and were accepted to the Salem Keizer All City Honor Band. Special recognition to **Mariah Bingham** – flute; **Abby Butler** – oboe; and **Deion DeLeon**– tuba; who were all sitting first chair in their respective sections in the Salem Keizer All City Honor Band. Also congratulations to **Lauren Gallick** – clarinet, who was chosen as the 1st alternate.

I would like to encourage all of you to sign up for concert reminders at Remind. Com, if you haven’t already done so. Remind is “safe” way for me to send text messages to students and parents that will allow me to text concert reminders and other important information to you. It is “safe” because I will never see my students’ or parents’ phone numbers, and they will never see mine. Remind 101 is a one-way broadcast system. As a teacher I cannot send individual messages to students or parents, and parents/students cannot reply to the messages I send. All that is needed to be “in the loop” is for you to send one text. The phone number that you send the text from will then be in that group when I send a message out. So, please send the following text to the phone number that is listed from each cell phone (parent and student!)

that you want to receive Straub Advanced Band, Straub Jazz Band, Straub Intermediate Band, or Straub Beginning Band related reminders: Phone number: (802) 549-4246 Text: @272adv (for Advanced Band); @272jb (for Jazz Band), @272int (for Intermediate Band); and @272beg (for Beginning Band).

Advanced Band – Our Advanced Band placed 1st at the Warner Pacific Band Festival. Congrats to Sebastian DeLeon, who was chosen as one of three Outstanding Jazz Band Soloists. Our kids not only sounded great, but were outstanding citizens throughout the day.

We will have a mandatory after school rehearsal on Monday, April 13, from 2:45 – 4:45 pm. We will be providing pizza for everyone after the rehearsal.

We will be performing at the West Salem Area Band Festival on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 at West Salem High School in the gym. Call time is 6:30. Please look for a permission slip from you child.

The Salem Keizer Advanced Band Festival will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at North Salem High School. Call time is 6:20 at North. We will be finished by 9:10. Please look for a permission slip from your child.

Beginning Band – Beginning Band is doing a great job this year. Our next concert will be the West Salem Area Band Festival, on April 15, at West Salem High School. Call time is 6:30, with the concert beginning at 7:00. Dress is nice clothes.

Jazz Band –Our next Jazz Band Concert will be at the Spring Concert on May 28 here at Straub. We will also be performing at West Salem Jazz Night on May 29, at the Grand Ballroom in downtown Salem. More info to come.

Intermediate Band – Our Intermediate Band will be performing at the Corban University Band and Orchestra Festival, on April 7. Please look for a permission slip. Dress will be band shirts and jeans. We will also be performing at the West Salem Area Festival on April 15. Dress for the Area Festival is nice clothes.

Everyone – We are always in need of school instruments. If you have an instrument taking up space in your closet and would like to see it put to good use, please contact me. I will provide you with a receipt for a tax write off.

If you are interested in purchasing a better instrument for your child, or would like to get private instruction, please feel free to contact me. I will gladly provide you with some great solutions, or put you in touch with someone else who can better assist you.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. It is an honor to work with you and your children. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. I can be reached at Straub at 503-399-2030, or drop me an email at hall_jaimie@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Hall
Director