

- BAND BOOSTER UPDATE –

December 1, 2018

Long, hot summer days, or short days with cool, crisp air – which do you prefer? Maybe you like extended sunlight and bee-bopping in tank tops and flip flops. Or, maybe you prefer the crisp, cool air and bundling up by the fire with a hot cup of coffee, cider, or cocoa – all harbingers of one of the more beloved times of the year between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day.

Regardless of your seasonal preference, the David High Band will always have opportunities for fellowship, food, and just pure fun!

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

In this season marked by the gifts of family, friends, and good food, students and staff alike are anxious to get through these next few weeks in favor of a well-deserved winter break! It has been an exciting school year so far with the first concert of the year in the history books, and another (winter) concert quickly approaching on December 18th! The most exciting time of the year for the Band Boosters is happening *right now* with the opening of the [Dewey's store](#) on November 12th. If you have never worked a shift at the Dewey’s store, *you are missing out!* There is no better way to get in the Holiday spirit than by spending a few hours assisting others select the most delectable sweet and savory items imaginable for their Christmas gifts, Holiday parties, and snack cravings.

DEWEY’S STORE: THE 5 W’S (AND AN H TOO)

Most writers start with who, then what, etc...let’s start with why! Maybe you are thinking that only band members in “that other” ensemble are the ones who need the money. Wind ensemble has to have certain things, and certainly the marching band requires a lot of resources! Would you be surprised to learn that the funds raised from Dewey’s and other efforts support *ALL* band students? [This link](#) shows a list of instruments that are either needed now, or will need to be replaced in the near future. Note that the instruments are used in all the band programs. Typical

band booster organizations use their funds to sponsor special music education clinics for the students throughout the year as a way to provide more direct instruction that a band director who instructs almost 200 students every day cannot feasibly provide. Events like the Dewey's store and others like them demonstrate our tangible support for our students, ensuring that their high school music experience is truly one of excellence.

Going back to who... YOU of course! Or, maybe you have a friend or family member who would love to volunteer on behalf of your student.

What: Volunteer for a shift (or maybe you have a friend or family member who would love to volunteer on behalf of your student).

When: Any 4 hour or 2 ½ hour shift, any day of the week, between now and December 24th. For those of you who work a standard, 9-5 work schedule, here are some ideas for arranging a Dewey's shift (if every band student has someone who can work just one shift, the entire season would be covered):

- Do a weekend shift on Saturday (4 hours per shift) or Sunday (2 ½ hours per shift);
- Enlist a friend or family member who does not work a traditional 9-5 schedule to volunteer for a shift;
- If your employer allows it and/or you have the vacation time available, plan for a weekday 2pm – 6pm shift so that you only take a limited time away from your work.
- If your employer allows it and/or you have the vacation time available, take a day off and volunteer for back-to-back shifts from 10am – 6pm.

Where: 136 N. Main Street in Mocksville, right across the street from Scoops ice cream shop!

How: Sign up [here](#) to volunteer for a shift. First time volunteers who did not attend training should make a note in the “phone/notes” field that you need training, which will alert a coordinator to train you.

JOIN US

The Band Boosters' next meeting will be held on January 10, 2019 at Venezia's, 6:30pm. Plan to

join us and be a member of a vital community with the mission of supporting the Davie High Band Program.

In the meantime, best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WHO WE ARE: A collaboration of supportive members of the community, parents, Band Director, and students, the Band Boosters are on a mission to promote excellence in musicianship by raising money and providing other resources (time, talent) as needed to support the Davie County High School Band program. Booster officers for the 2018-2019 year are:

President - *Chris Smith*

Vice President - *David Gledhill*

Treasurer / Finance Committee – *Wendy Gallimore*

Secretary / Communications Committee – *Debbie Hill*