

*We've got the beat!*



October 2009

# down BEAT

CRAYTON BAND BOOSTERS



## “Orange” You Glad It’s October?

It's that time of the year again for our annual fruit sale, which begins Tuesday, October 13 at our next Band Booster meeting. Order forms will be distributed at the meeting.

Florida Indian River Grove will again provide us with the freshest, juiciest fruit this year. We will offer navel oranges, tangelos, grapefruit and mixed boxes of oranges and grapefruits.

The sales timetable is October 13 thru November 6. Order forms should be returned to the band room, with payment, between Nov. 5 and 6. Here is this year's price schedule:

10 lbs. boxes - \$20

20 lbs boxes - \$25

40 lbs. boxes - \$35

See any band student, or go to the band room or the office for an order form. The student that has the most fruit sales wins a prize!

Got questions? . . . call an Executive Committee member. Remember, fruits make economical and thoughtful gifts for family, friends, coworkers, church members and neighbors!

### ONLINE ORDERS



Fresh, delicious fruit is just a click away! **Beginning October 13**, you may order fruits online by going to [www.fruitorder.com](http://www.fruitorder.com). Click the “Order Now” button (inside the orange slice). Enter the “Organization ID,” **593571**. You must use a debit or credit card to complete your purchase. **All online orders will be delivered to the school along with the paper orders in early December.**



## Important Dates

- Oct. 13 (6-7 pm) - Booster meets to distribute fruit sale order forms and for *Smart Music* presentation
- November 3, 10 & 17 – After-school rehearsals
- Nov. 6 - Jazz Ensemble performs at Satchel Ford Arts Day (Time TBA)
- 1st Week of Dec. - Fruit delivery expected
- Dec. 4 - Jazz Ensemble performs at the Holiday Market (State Fair grounds)
- Dec. 15 - Crayton Winter Concert, 7 pm.

## Crayton Middle School Band Boosters 2009-2010 Budget

Music, Supplies, Repairs, Misc.	\$2,000
Software Purchases	\$ 500
Festival & Awards Registration	\$ 500
Awards	\$ 400
Regional and All-State Expenses	\$ 200
MENC Dues	\$ 100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>

## Meet Our New Vice President and Secretary

The Band Booster has two new smiling faces this school year to serve as our vice president and secretary, Melanie Parker and Deborah Parks, respectively. Melanie will fill the shoes of former VP Sharmin Hill, while outgoing secretary, Martha Kessler, is replaced by Deborah. Please welcome these ladies as you meet them.

# RECAP from September 22 Meeting

If you were unable to make the September 22 meeting, here's a quick recap:

- All board members were in attendance and voted to keep last year's prices for this year's fruit sale;
- We discussed the need for band parents to join the Band Booster Club. The membership dues help fund band activities and are at levels of \$10, \$25, or \$50 noting the \$50 contribution joins as a business partner;
- We have two major fundraisers for this school year: our annual "fruit sale" (fall), and the "Toss it in the Tuba" fundraiser (spring);
- When soliciting fruit sales, remind potential customers that they can donate to the cause if they're not interested in purchasing fruit;
- Our Winter Concert date is December 15th, and all after-school rehearsal days are on Tuesdays: Nov 3, 10, Nov 17, and Dec 1 and 8. Only 7th and 8th graders will participate in the after-school rehearsals (6th graders will rehearse during school); and
- The dress attire for performances (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders only) is the official red polo shirts with the band logo, black pants, black socks and shoes. Sixth graders will wear red t-shirts. Mr. Byrd has 20 new polo shirts available for purchase, starting at \$16. Larger sizes (2X and 3X) are \$17 and \$18, respectively. Any student needing a shirt, please see Mr. Byrd. Make your check payable to "Crayton Band Booster".

*Submitted by Deborah Parks, Secretary*

## "DUE" IT

Please help support the band by joining the Band Booster! A membership form is below for your convenience. You may bring the completed form to our next meeting (October 13) or send it along with your child to give to Mr. Byrd.

We thank you for your support!

Next Booster meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 @ 6 p.m.



### Snacks Needed for After-School Rehearsals



After-school rehearsals will begin on Nov. 3, and we want to have our snack closet ready for our future Mozarts! You may begin sending in non-perishable items like drinks (water, sports drinks, CapriSuns, etc.) and chips, crackers, granola bars, etc. Be sure to check the expiration dates on your snacks!

### Smart Music for Smart Students

Come and see a live demonstration of the *Smart Music* software at the October 13 meeting, as Mr. Byrd will demonstrate the benefits of having *Smart Music* for your child. You can get a head start by going to the website, [www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com). The cost of the software is \$30 per year.



Join now!

# Crayton Band Boosters

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your student's name \_\_\_\_\_ gr \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to join! (choose one)

\$10

\$25

\$50

Joining as a business partner at \$50 level? How should your business/company be listed?

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PAID:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

make checks payable to Crayton Middle Band Boosters

giving a hand to the band



The names of those joining will be listed in future issues of the Cavalier downBEAT newsletter. All \$50 Band Booster members will be listed on signage at Band special events as well as in the newsletter. Booster proceeds support the purchase of music and equipment, instrument repairs, expenses for competition and event participation, awards and software purchases - all to benefit our students.