

# Sound Machine Notes

May 2010

Congratulations to all of our musicians for the awards and accolades earned during competition season:

Beginning Band – “Superior” rating at Sandy Lake Fun-Fest

Advanced Band Gold – “Superior” rating on stage at UIL and “Superior” rating at Peak Festival

Advanced Band Maroon – “Superior” rating on stage and sight-reading at UIL and “Superior” rating at Peak Festival including “Best in Class” award

*Without a doubt, this year was an award-winning year for the Sound Machine!! Thank you parents for your support.*

The Six Flags trip was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and the lines were not too long. Thanks to everyone involved for making it such a huge success, especially our amazing chaperones.

**Beginner Jazz Band will meet Friday, May 7th 7:30-8:30 am. This will be our last rehearsal.**

**A Night of Jazz at Wakeland H.S., May 6<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm warm-up, 7:00pm performance)** – All are invited to come hear the swinging-est band around, the Spartans of Swing (SOS). Mr. Kelly will provide additional info during jazz band rehearsal.

**Beginner Band Rehearsal, May 11<sup>th</sup> (4:15-5:30pm)** – All Beginners @ STMS. This rehearsal will prepare students for the Spring Concert. This is the fourth of four required rehearsals for the year.

**Spring Concert at Lone Star H.S., May 13<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm warm-up, 7:00pm performance)** – All Sound Machine Members will perform for our final required concert of the year. All groups are playing in the Lone Star H.S. Auditorium. Beginner Band reports to the stage. Advanced Band Gold reports to the choir room. Advanced Band Maroon reports to the band hall. Dress for Advanced Band is their “all black” uniform. Beginners are expected to dress nicely: no tennis shoes, jeans, or t-shirts. Beginner and Advanced Jazz Bands will be performing as well. There will be a reception afterwards. Invite everyone you know. Let’s fill the auditorium!

**Ice Cream Club, May 26<sup>th</sup> (4:15-5:15pm)** – For all students (6-8) who have passed off all of their required scales. The last day to pass off scales will be May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Luau, May 28th (6<sup>th</sup> graders 4:30-6:30pm) (7<sup>th</sup>+8<sup>th</sup> graders 6:30-8:30pm)** - Party time at Stafford! There will be food and games including water balloon volleyball, and a video game tournament. The theme is Hawaiian luau and costumes are highly encouraged. Costumes must be school appropriate (leave the coconut bras at home!). An RSVP page will be sent out in the near future with all the important details.

**Final Exam, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> during class** – Students will have an opportunity to “show off” all that they have learned this school year. Specific playing criteria and information for next year’s new band – Honors Advanced Band - is on the Final Exam Handout.

**Summer Band Camp Opportunities** – Music goes all year round. Texas has numerous opportunities to visit music camps over the summer. Summer music camps are awesome! Many students find themselves with down time over the summer and this is a great opportunity to get out and have some fun in the sun, make friends, and become a better musician. Please see back of page for more information.

*Encourage your child to play over the summer. Personal Training and Summer Camps are the best way!*