



KHS Marching Knights Marching forward with pride!

COMPETITION SEASON IS HERE!

That's right! Competitions are starting and our Knights are ready to show the other schools how we set the standards in band performance! Our students have been working like crazy and even before competitions start they've shown us all what winners they are! Some of our students have managed to juggle band practice, academics, jobs, and volunteering in the community as well as preparing for the ACT & SAT and that is proof of what amazing young men and women are in the Marching Knights. These students are the embodiment of a bright future for all of us so it's time for families and friends to help them march forward this season. **We need parents, friends, teachers, and fellow students to come out to competitions and parades and cheer our students on to victory.**

Competitions mean a lot of work and if you have a couple of hours on Saturdays YOU can be part of the Marching Knights Brigade! We need help preparing sandwiches for the kids and loading equipment on the truck and off/on the truck at competition sites. We always ALWAYS need water and snacks, so for those of you who work on Saturdays, by donating a case of water you help your students by showing him/her that you support everything that is being done during marching practice. You can even send in gift cards. Sometimes Target gives \$5 gift cards for stocking up on certain supplies like toothpaste and detergent. Why not stock up and then donate the \$5 card? The card could then be used towards luncheon meat, snacks, and waters. The smallest donation

helps, so please show your support by giving time, snacks, and coming to a competition (or four)!

Why are competitions so important? Our kids, like most kids in America, are addicted to cell phones, video games, and whatever the latest media trend says that they should be into. Competitions bring our kids out of the digitally-devised worlds and into the land of the living, breathing world where men and women interact with one another through respectful conversation. Competitions get our kids focused and motivate them to be aware of the world around them as they check out the competition. It provides an opportunity to learn self-awareness and promotes self-improvement in an effort to reach a common community goal. There is NOTHING more amazing than the pride in the eyes of our young people when they know that they have done well. The exhilaration that they feel comes not from a trophy but from the feeling of accomplishment that they have when they realize that they have done well. **THAT IS WORTH EVERYTHING—A LIFETIME OF PRIDE AND SELF-ESTEEM LESSONS FROM A SINGLE MOMENT.**



BAND WISH LIST

See those kids in the field? They're hungry!

If you haven't come out yet to help make sandwiches or provide snacks for the Marching Knights NOW is the time to step up! Our students work hard all day balancing between school, band, jobs, and chores. They rely on the adults to provide them with water and food, especially at lunch time! This has a secondary advantage for the parents—by feeding the kids at school during practice and/or before competitions we can make sure that they are safe. I'm not sure about you, but the thought of our kids driving quickly up the street to grab fast food and then racing back to the school to make sure that they hit the field on time scares me. We all know the risks of kids driving quickly or worse, driving distracted, so by providing lunch and snacks for the kids we are really providing a little peace of mind for ourselves. In order to feed these kids the band needs donations! Water, luncheon meat, snacks, and chips are always a need. Help preparing the meals on Saturdays is also needed. It's really easy, just show up on 11a.m. on Saturday and our hospitality coordinator Edie Overton will gladly give you something to do. Moms, dads, siblings, and grandmas can all help! No cooking required—just bring a smile and watch the students smile as you make sure that they eat well before hitting the field yet again!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following are some of the upcoming events for the next few months. Make sure to watch your email for more details. Unless your student is told otherwise rehearsal is Tuesday through Thursday until 5p.m. Band members are expected to attend and play at all home football games unless they hear otherwise from Mr. Bell. Upcoming events are listed below. Support your student and Knightdale High School by being a part of the Marching Knights boosters!

- Sep. 26—Play at KHS home game 5:30p.m.
- Oct. 27—Full band practice 9:00a.m.
- Oct. 3—Full band practice 5:00p.m.
- Oct. 4—Competition/Clinton
- Oct. 10-- Play at KHS home game 5:30p.m.
- Oct. 11-- Competition/Triton
- Oct. 17—Full band practice 5:00p.m.
- Oct, 18-- Competition/Overhills
- Oct. 24-- Full band practice 5:00p.m.
- Oct. 25-- Competition/Union Pines
- Oct. 31—Play at KHS home game 5:30p.m.
- Nov. 1-- Competition/Lee County
- Nov. 7-- Play at KHS home game 5:30p.m.
- Nov. 8-- Competition/Atlantic Indoor Assoc.
- Nov. 15—KHS Holiday Bazaar
- Nov. 22—Raleigh Christmas Parade

Competition details & permission slip forms will be sent home with students prior to competitions. Please make sure to double check with your students regarding these forms. Teens have (on rare occasions) a bit of amnesia when it comes to dealing with paperwork but students cannot participate in the competitions without these forms on file! Come out and cheer on your student! If you can volunteer to help load/unload equipment on Saturdays email your Band Association President Alicia Stokes at: Astokes64@bellsouth.net



We're cheering for a Crime Wave!

Who would ever think that we'd have kids and parents cheering for a crime wave, yet it's about to happen! This year's band extravaganza is called **Crime Wave** and for the first time ever everyone will want to be a part of the criminal act! The students have been putting in a lot of hard work in promoting crime—well, Crime Wave. The entire show is by Frank Sullivan and it involves a mix of fast-paced and sultry tunes to reel in the audience. The first song is "The Crime" and it sets the scene for a jewel heist. Other songs include "The Chase", "The Hideout", and (spoiler alert!) "The Capture". **Crime Wave is so good it should be illegal!**

We've got six competitions this year. The first competition is October 4th in Clayton, just a 12 mile drive from KHS, so no excuses for not coming out and cheering on our KHS Marching Knights! The next four competitions are all held in the Sandhills region; Overhills High School is the farthest away. The last competition is in Durham at Durham County Stadium and is the North Carolina Cup. This is the Atlantic Indoor Association's first statewide band competition! We'll be marching for a state championship and we need you there to support our students!

Great marching bands aren't made up of individual students or individual directors and teachers; great marching bands are a family joined together by talent, pride, and determination. They are made into a family and are supported by the families behind them. Our children are our most important achievement in this world and by showing up and cheering them on we can show them that we believe in who they are and in who they have yet to become. So embrace some Crime for the 2014 Marching Knights competition season!

PAY YOUR BAND FEE BY OCTOBER 6th & SAVE \$100!!!



KNIGHTDALE HOLIDAY SHOWCASE BAZAAR

KHS Band Boosters will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 15th**. Vendors will pay for a space to sell their wares to holiday shoppers. Prices range from \$65 to \$110 and the Band Boosters will use the funds raised to help defray some of the band expenses. This type of fundraising is part of what helps the KHS Marching Knights keep their costs down. If you don't already know our school has one of the lowest band fees in the area and this type of fundraising helps us to march forward. We need your help! We will need volunteers at the school EARLY—vendors will be able to start setting up at 6a.m. and we MUST have students & parents on hand all day. Volunteer for a few hours and then get your holiday shopping done! You can also help by spreading the word. Know anyone who sells Mary Kay or Avon? Maybe you make some amazing crafts but don't want the hassle of selling on Etsy and then having to ship the items. Done! Sell gifts for the holidays and then give out cards so that buyers will know where to find you for future sales. Renting a table is a small investment in your business with a huge potential payoff. Go to: <http://www.knightdalehsband.com/khs-bazaar.html> for the application form & more details.

