



Grace Through Sacramento

Newsletter #11

April 1, 2011

Welcome Fourth Grade Band

Welcome to our new Fourth grade band families! Fourth graders have spent the last two weeks trying out instruments and deciding which instrument fits them best. We are going to have a fantastic Fifth Grade Band next year!

Fourth Grade Band Families will receive the band newsletters for the remainder of the year so you can get information about our upcoming parades. For more information about SKDS Bands, and to learn more about music and your instrument, check out

the SKDS Band Website.

How to get there:

Skds.org> for parents> click on band website link (on left menu)

All Fourth Grade band families are invited to the our informational new band parent meeting:

**NEW BAND PARENT MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 7
6:30PM IN THE CAFETERIA**

Photos of the Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction are on the Band Website! Click on "Photo Gallery".

Summer Band Camp Scholarships are due April 15. Get these from Mrs. Battenberg or off the band website.

Upcoming: SKDS Jazz Fest

ALL Band families are invited to attend our very own SKDS Jazz Fest. This casual concert follows 4:00PM Mass on Saturday, April 16. We will all gather in the to eat some treats and hear what our Jazz Band has been working on all year. This is a great opportunity for Fourth graders to hear a group that they may want to join in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.



**SATURDAY APRIL 16
AFTER 4:00PM MASS
SKDS GYM
TREATS WILL BE SERVED!**

Thanks for playing at Mass!

Thursday, March 31: AJ, Aaron, Arturo, Taylor, Jessie, Lorelei, Livi, Tessa



Flag Corp Captain

Tryouts

Help session (required):

Monday, April 4 2:30 (study hall)

Tryouts:

Wednesday, April 13 (after school)

Drum Major Tryouts

Help Session (required):

Tuesday, April 12 2:30 (study hall)

Tryouts:

Wednesday, April 20 (after school)



MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK!

Jazz Band

Practices: April 12, 19, 26

Party on May 3, 3:20-4:15

Upcoming Performances

KWANIS DINNER

April 5 (Tuesday)

Arrive at the Old Hickory Golf Club at 6:00. We will play at 6:30. Dress Code is required!

There will be no practice on April 5 because of this concert.

SKDS JAZZ FEST

April 16 (Saturday)

After 4:00 Mass

BEAVER DAM JAZZ FEST

April 29 (Friday)



SKDS Band Leadership Positions

When you are a member of the SKDS bands, you have numerous opportunities to show off your leadership skills. You might not be thinking about it yet, but as you get older, teachers, employers, and colleges care about what sets you apart from other students. Showing that you are well-rounded really helps. Keep track of all the "extras" you do- playing in church, at Recheck's, etc- all these things show you are an active and involved student. Being in a leadership role will make you stand out even more.

We are now looking for students to fill the following positions. You should consider these positions if

- You like to teach
- You enjoy being in charge & organizing
- You would like something impressive to put on your resume
- You enjoy a challenge

**If you are trying out for a leadership position,
you MUST be available these dates:**

- Sunday, May 29 marching performance at Mass
- Monday, May 30 Memorial Day Parade
- Wednesday, June 22 AND on the rain date, June 23 Summer Practice
- Monday, July 4th Independence Day Parade
- Flag Corps Captains: You must be also able to attend practices from 3:20- 4:15PM. Practices will be scheduled primarily on Tuesdays- Fridays and will start the last week of **April.** ? Plan on 10 total practices to teach the routine.

1. Flag Corps Captains (1-4 senior band students)

You will completely organize the Fourth grade Flag Corps: come up with a flag routine, schedule and lead practices, send notes home to keep families notified, and lead the flag corps in the parades. You will be a role model for the younger students; you will need to demonstrate good attitude, participation, and excellent attendance.

2. Drum Major and Assistant Drum Major

Drum Major is in charge of the band in the parade; Assistant Drum Major will march in front of the banner unit and the flags. Both Drum Majors will make decisions about when the band must halt and when to start again. You must have a commanding and loud voice and know the whistle commands. You will be a role model for the younger students; you will need to demonstrate good attitude, participation, and excellent attendance.

