



Sun Prairie Band News

Bernie Powers Band Foundation

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Spring 2009

See You At Flags!

Mark your calendar now: the 2009 Flags of Freedom parade and field show will be Saturday, July 4th. This year the parade route will go down Columbus Street from PMMS to Main Street.

Jazz Alumni:

All Jazz alumni are invited to join the Alumni Jazz Band at the 2009 Big Band Dance at Angel Park Pavilion on Saturday, December 5. Call the SPHS Band office at 608-834-6801 for details.

Future Happenings!

The new SPHS Performing Arts Center opens in August 2010 with some great celebrations ...

Can you Help?

If you support the BPBF in continuing the proud tradition of excellence in Sun Prairie band education, please consider making a tax-deductible donation using the form on the back of this sheet.

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Bernie Powers Band Foundation Provides New Laptop Computer to SP Band Program

THANK YOU to all who have made contributions to the Bernie Powers Band Foundation (BPBF) over the years. Thanks to you, this year the Foundation is providing a new laptop computer plus blank CD/DVD stock and ink supplies for the duplicator. The previously donated duplicator is used to make CDs/DVDs for all students and recruitment DVDs for the fifth grade students. The laptop will run software for the duplicator, act as a traveling computer for presentations/clinics & provide a tool for SOSP summer tour drill writing. Since 2005, the BPBF has provided 7 clarinets, 1 flute and 3 trumpets. These instruments stay with the school they're placed in, and will provide years of music instruction for many different students. With 10 concert bands, 7 jazz ensembles, 2 jazz combos, Sound of Sun Prairie, and 2 Sound Project groups, Sun Prairie's district-wide band program touches the lives of nearly 600 students.



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Pictured above (L-R): BPBF Board members Cheryl Namyst, Kathy Thorstad, Chris Stiefel, John Censky, Ken Paris, Dave Plank, Louie Loeffler.

Sun Prairie Bands on Tour

Students have traveled to UW-Eau Claire and UW-LaCrosse to work with professors at those schools. Wind Ensemble will do an exchange concert with Watertown HS in April in Sun Prairie.

SPHS Composers In Residence

This spring, SPHS provided band students an exciting educational experience by bringing David Maslanka in as Composer in Residence. Dr. Maslanka worked with all concert bands and spoke on the creation of music. His music is heavily inspired by the chorales of J.S. Bach.

Dr Kimberley Archer will travel to Sun Prairie in May to assist with her premier performance of a newly commissioned piece of music for concert band.

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