

# **Jefferson Forest High School Bands**

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Dear JF & FMS Band Parents,

This letter is of extreme importance. I ask that you please read and consider it carefully. I hope you will agree with my opinion that the band programs of Jefferson Forest High School and Forest Middle School are of higher quality than most school band programs, and that we offer our students multiple opportunities to excel through performance that enhance each students educational experience in an invaluable way. Our middle school bands recently won high honors and awards at the Kings Dominion Band Festival, and the high school bands have enjoyed a year of unprecedented success in concert and marching events throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Four concert ensembles from FMS & JF participated in the VA Band & Orchestra Directors Association District Concert Festival Performance Assessments in March at Radford University—all 4 bands received “Superior” ratings—that’s a noteworthy achievement in itself—and both schools have been honored with VAS Music Educators Association “Blue Ribbon School” status for 2010-11. I hope you will consider offering a few hours of your time spread throughout the year to help ensure that our programs continue to flourish.

We are at a critical point in regards to volunteers for the JF Band Boosters Bingo operation. Budget cuts and transportation charges from the school system have made the funds we raise through Bingo more vital than ever. The band program—concert bands, marching band, winter activities, jazz band, and middle school bands—cannot continue at the current level (and will, in fact, be drastically compromised) without Bingo funding. In a couple of weeks, we will “graduate” a large number of Bingo volunteers and we desperately need as many people as we can get to step up and help us continue this remarkable fundraiser. Believe me—we’ve explored every fundraising activity we can find, and can state unequivocally that there is no fundraiser or even a combination of multiple fundraisers capable of generating the kind of income Bingo brings us.

In the past year, the JF Band Boosters, INC., have spent nearly \$30,000 on instruments & equipment purchases, travel, and facilities upgrades for Forest Middle School, nearly \$40,000 on instruments & equipment, travel, and facilities upgrades for the JFHS concert bands, and nearly \$135,000 on uniforms, instruments & equipment, and travel for the JFHS Marching Band. The entire program would be in a dire situation without Bingo. The beauty of Bingo is that you can work as often as you want, or you can volunteer for a team that works only once every 7 weeks—that’s just 7 times a year. Please consider volunteering for Bingo—it is helping to ensure that the JF & FMS Bands remain at the top!

If you can help by volunteering for a Bingo team, please fill out the bottom of this letter and return in to school as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes! I would like to volunteer for a Bingo team.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Way to Contact You: \_\_\_\_\_

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