



RHS Band Newsletter

May 2020



celebrating our

SENIORS

Class of 2020



Hello Band Families,

I would like to send out a huge thank you to the senior parents who have helped make the Roosevelt Band program a success. The dedication and volunteer time that you've committed has helped make this program one of the top band programs in the region. A special thank you to those senior parents who have served on the Roosevelt Band Executive

Committee: Julie Dowling, Aimee Fisher, Crystal Ercink, Alicia Warrington and Student Funds Manager Steve Fisher. Your leadership has helped keep the Roosevelt Band program going strong.

To the senior band students, CONGRATULATIONS!!! You have all worked very hard to become successful young adults and had many incredible performances, whether marching shows or concerts. I wish you all the best of luck in the future with whatever path you choose. I'm sure you will all do well.

Congratulations and thank you, once again, to all of the senior parents and senior students.

Doug Wagner
Roosevelt Band Parent Association, President
605-838-5031

Congrats to the 2019-20 Band Award Recipients!

John Philip Sousa Award

The Sousa Award is the pinnacle of achievement in a high school band. Introduced in 1955 to honor the top student in the high school band, the John Philip Sousa Band Award® recognizes superior musicianship and outstanding dedication. It was created with the approval of Helen Sousa Albert and Priscilla Sousa, daughters of the famous composer and bandmaster. This student exemplifies what it means to be outstanding in the Roosevelt High School Band. The student must be a senior, be of high character, and be able to perform as a soloist with the band. WINNER is Ally Ercink



The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award®

The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award® was inaugurated in 1974 with the consent of his widow shortly after this great jazz artist died in 1971. It honors the outstanding jazz musician at each high school. This student exemplifies the character of the Roosevelt High School Jazz Bands. The student must be of high character and capable of performing as a soloist with the Jazz Band. WINNER is Jason Fisher



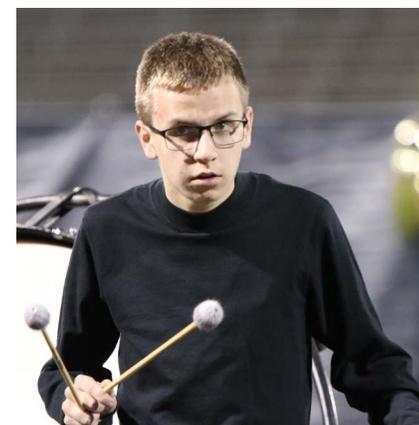
Semper Fidelis Award

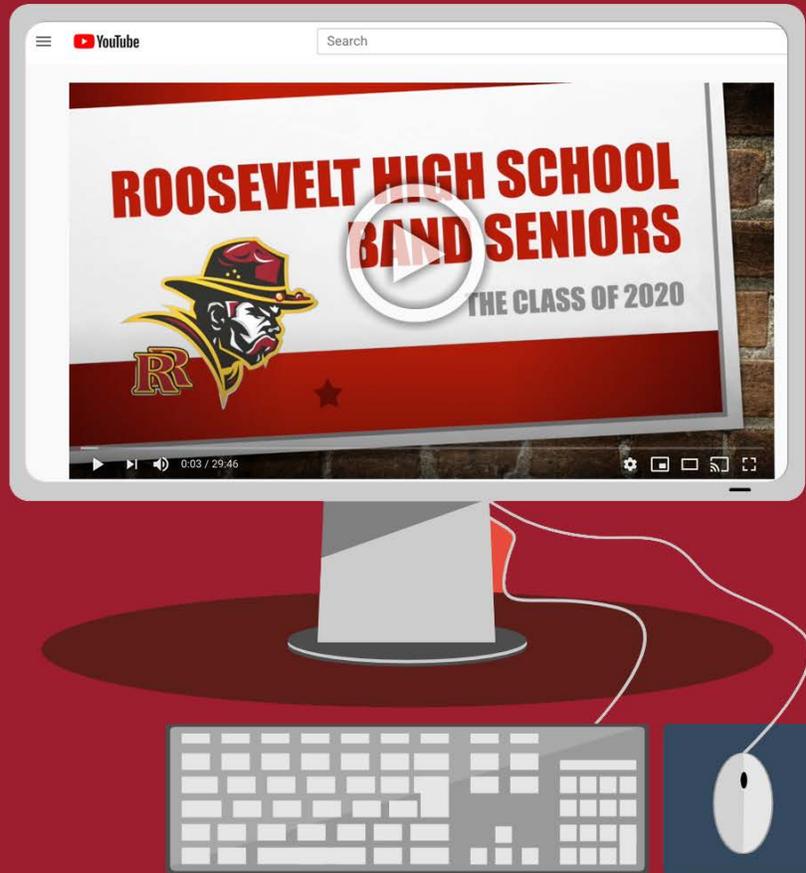
Each year, the Semper Fidelis award is presented to a student who displays traits that the Marine Corps considers essential to being a good leader: endurance, knowledge, unselfishness, dependability, enthusiasm and loyalty. Award recipients are a student whose leadership qualities have contributed to the success of the band program. The “Semper Fidelis” award for Musical Excellence is presented by the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc. and the Marine Corps League in recognition of diligence, dedication and musical excellence as a performing high school bandsman and soloist. WINNER is Grace Schofield



The Director's Award

The Director's Award for Band goes to an outstanding student or students that have displayed a high level of commitment to the Roosevelt Band Program that is above and beyond their peers. The recipients must be of high character and display musical excellence. These students often donate their time and skills to projects that benefit all of their peers in the program. WINNER is Aidan Christensen





2020 RHS BAND SENIOR SLIDESHOW

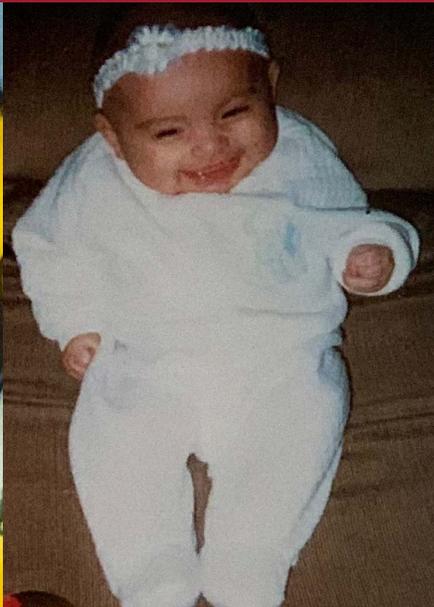
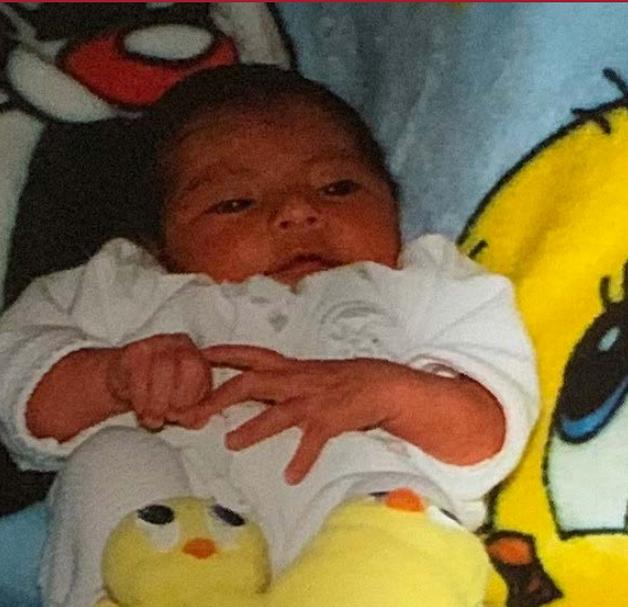
Access the 2020 band senior slideshow by searching “Roosevelt Band Seniors 2020” on YouTube or visit <https://youtu.be/Qa1CiIafeAI>

We apologize to the five students who were inadvertently left out of the slideshow. Their information appears on the following pages of this newsletter.



ANASTASIA CLANCY

class of 2020



FAVORITE BAND MEMORY

My favorite band memory would be eating at IHOP during our “break” on Festival of Bands day with some of my close friends. The hot chocolate was ten times better then because I was always so cold after marching the parade.

MEMBER OF

Concert Band
Marching Band
Winter Guard
Solos/Ensembles

FUTURE PLANS

I will be attending UNL in the fall majoring in Biochemistry and a double minor in Spanish and Humanities in Medicine on the pre-med track. I will also, hopefully, be in UNL’s color guard.



EMILY KILSTROM

class of 2020



FAVORITE BAND MEMORY

My junior year at Star Fest it was so cold and rainy. The color guard members were all freezing in our garbage bags so we hid in the bathroom singing songs and playing games trying to stay warm and pump ourselves up for our performance.

MEMBER OF

Freshman band, marching band, pep band, jazz band, color guard, concert band

FUTURE PLANS

I will be attending USD and majoring in Sustainability



ISAAC KNOCK

class of 2020



FAVORITE BAND MEMORY

My favorite memory was marching onto the field in Indianapolis my junior year with my best friends.

FUTURE PLANS

I will be attending South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for mechanical and aerospace engineering.



DEACON STOEL

class of 2020



ALYSSA WELDING

class of 2020



Just a from BPA Past President, Julie Dowling

I want to take this opportunity to send my thoughts for health and happiness during this pandemic. I hope all our band families are doing well.

The band year has ended, which makes me tear up for all the students and not just the seniors. The end of the year was always fun for me as a parent with the Kaleidoscope concert and the spring concert. I loved hearing how the students improved throughout the year.



I want to encourage parents to get involved in the band program. My personal experience was amazing and something I can never forget. The friends I have made will be lifelong. I was involved in the board for 3 years. All of this time I had some personal struggles in my career, especially during my time as President. I can't stress enough how my band family and my commitment to band was a certain relief for me. I would love to have people join the board or be involved in other aspects of volunteering. Personally, the roadies will hold a special place in my heart, these people are CRAZY! We spent a lot of time together and there was ALWAYS laughter and jokes.

Don't wait to be invited. If you feel you would like to help SHOW UP and ASK QUESTIONS! When people say "I just don't have time" I won't lie, it is a commitment, but it's one you make for your child and for the band students. One of the best decisions I have EVER made in my life.

Please step up and help. You will be rewarded tenfold! My husband and I will be alumni, but you can call on us to help. If you have questions, email me! I have been Vice President, President, and Past President along with a roadie, uniform coordinator, volunteer, and helped with fundraisers.

Thank you, RHS BPA, for an amazing and life-changing opportunity. I will continue to follow RHS band and can't wait to see next year's show from the stands!

Julie Dowling
2019-2020 BPA Past President
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Parents, we need YOU...



to volunteer next school year! Check out available openings on page 15.

Many positions need to be filled including BPA Executive Board Members: Vice President, Secretary, Member-At-Large.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: 2020 OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE CANCELLED



DEPARTMENT

COLLABORATION

The Outdoor Performance Ensemble was the proposed fall collaboration project between Marching Band, Show Choirs and Orchestra.



CoVid19

Due to all of the unknowns created by the pandemic, the Sioux Falls School District does not have answers at this time regarding summer/fall activities resuming.



SCHEDULING

In order for any season to be successful, let alone a first time collaboration project, planning needs to be able to take place well in advance. Due to all of the uncertainties at this time, we are unable to plan with any confidence.



WE ARE ROOSEVELT

WE ARE ONE

The good news is we will remain a department and community that supports one another! If there is anyone who remains interested in participating in the fall marching season, we will find a way to make it work!

MIKE HENCH, ROBYN STARKS HOLCOMB, JOHN PAREZO, RANDI VAN DER SLOOT, KRIS OHRLUND, VICTOR YIP

Marching Band Students: Stay tuned for information coming soon about our new 2020 fall show concept!

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JOIN the 2020 RHS MARCHING BAND!

To register for the 2020 season, students need to join the Marching Band Google Classroom. The class code is wfxlids. The site contains registration info, calendar, and summer sectional information. Students who are not currently enrolled in the Sioux Falls School District but plan to be in the fall should email Mr. Hench (mike.hench@k12.sd.us) for help registering.

ATTENTION



SENIORS

Per RHS policy, DIPLOMAS WILL NOT BE GRANTED TO SENIOR STUDENTS WITH UNPAID BALANCES AT RHS, including unpaid band balances.

For those still owing a band balance, the amount owed MUST be paid on or before TUESDAY, MAY 19, to ensure your student receives his or her diploma.

Fees may be paid by credit card through CHARMS or deposited in the HyVee box located at the Wagner home (1262 Stoney Pointe Ct).

Opportunities to Support Our Band Program



**THRIVENT
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Thrivent Choice

Thrivent Financial's member-advised charitable outreach program

Thrivent Choice lets eligible Thrivent members recommend where they feel Thrivent should distribute some of its annual outreach funding by choosing from thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations nationwide, including the Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School Band Parent Association.

If you haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to learn more about participating, visit www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/, or contact your Thrivent Financial representative.



Don't miss this EXCELLENT, EASY, and FREE way to help support the RHS Band Program while shopping on Amazon! Simply go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School Band Parent Association Inc. or go directly to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0439284>. After selecting our organization, all eligible purchases will send a 0.5% donation back to our Band Parent Association!



Purchase e-cards in everyday categories including groceries, gas, restaurants, and more, and earn a percentage back for your student's individual account! For more info contact Sarah Wagenaar (email: sarahwagenaar@gmail.com; text: 605.359.7507).

Don't forget--the Roosevelt Band Parent Association is a 501(C)3 organization, and financial gifts are tax deductible!

Upcoming Band Events

May 15	Hy-Vee Drop Off	by noon	1262 Stoney Pointe Ct
May 18	Hy-Vee Pick Up	5 - 8 PM	1262 Stoney Pointe Ct
All other	events & fundraisers have been canceled	for the remainder	of the school year. :(



Hy-Vee Gift Card Fundraiser

For every \$100 in Hy-Vee Gift Cards purchased, \$4.75 will be deposited into your band student's account!

Hy-Vee cards will be ordered once in May.

Drop off on Friday, May 15 @ the Wagner residence
1262 Stoney Pointe Ct--the box is secured to the front porch

Pick up at the Wagner's on Monday, May 18 from 5 - 8 PM

Missing Marching Uniforms

If you still have a marching uniform, please drop it off at R J Valet Cleaners at 26th & Marion. Cleaning fees are now the student's responsibility.

Marching Band Fees

Marching band fees are due THIS MONTH. Payments can be made through CHARMS or dropped off in the HyVee box located at the Wagner's house (1262 Stoney Pointe Ct).