

**HSE Royal Guardians
Parent Meeting
September 24, 2020
7:30pm in the Band Room**

Meeting was called to order by Band Director, Audrey Torres at 7:30pm

1. Director Updates- Mrs. Torres

- **Football Games-** This Friday's game is not actually Homecoming as previously planned and there will not be any festivities during halftime. The RCG will perform during halftime following the same process as we have been doing. Students will arrive between 5:30 and 6pm to dress in uniform and then go out to the lot to rehearse. Parents can enter the stadium at halftime to view the show from the track (no ticket required). The athletic department has offered 2 tickets per RCG senior family to purchase. Joann Kolesar will be selling them after the meeting in the stadium.

- **Community Night-** "Friends and Family Night" is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th. The RCG will perform in uniform in the stadium. Tickets are free and required to enter the stadium in order to control the amount of people attending. We are expecting the capacity limit to be 1,000 people and will communicate if that changes. Melissa Ferise is working on the ticketing process and how many tickets will be allocated per RCG and junior high family. Once all the details are finalized, we will send out the information. A video from Athletic Director, Jim Self, will also be shared to communicate the socially distanced guidelines to follow in the stadium.
This will also be our Junior High recruiting event that we typically would have had during a football game but were unable to due to stadium capacity restrictions. The junior high students will watch the RCG rehearse and have a prepackaged meal outside together. Meal details are still being worked out. Sections will have time to "meet and greet" in large (socially distanced) circles. This time together has always been an important part of the recruiting process and we are happy to have this opportunity to do so.
Junior High ticket holders will park in the north lot and enter the stadium on the north side. RCG ticket holders will park in the south lot and enter the stadium through the north gate. We will need volunteers at the gates to check tickets before entry.

- **Winter Seasons-** The details regarding winter guard and winter percussion have yet to be determined however, it has been communicated that there will be "something". The directors of both organizations are meeting frequently to discuss many scenarios and possibilities.

2. Board Report

- **Fundraising Updates-** Jenny Banks is working on a mask fundraiser for HSE Bands. The mask will have the Performing Arts Lion on one side and HSE on the other side. Once details are finalized, they will be shared.
SnapRaise has been approved and we are looking to start it in October.
We have not received the results of our Ale Emporium Dine to Donate fundraiser yet. The next one will be at City Barbeque on October 13th.

- **Financial Update-** All fees are due now. Marching band shoes have been recently posted to student accounts. If you are not receiving statements from MMO (My Music Office), please contact Joann Kolesar at studentaccounts@hsehsbands.com. If you need to make special payment arrangements, that can be arranged.

Jim Pearce stated that we are in good financial shape. The directors did a great job of setting the fees to cover the cost of marching band. We currently have the same surplus we began the season with largely due to receiving money back from winter season vendors that were cancelled (due to COVID-19). Jim also explained we need to make the annual payment to match the district's contribution towards the new uniform fund.

3. Misc. Items

- **RCG Patches-** They are in the design process and will look like the show shirts (Words: "It's a Beautiful Day" and the trolley).
- **Varsity Letters and Bars-** They are always awarded at the end of the year, so we are looking at distributing the letters and bars that would have been given in the spring to juniors and seniors. Students filled out a survey in band class to determine their eligibility. If your student needs to complete the survey, it can be found on Canvas under "Announcements". Right now, the surveys are still being reviewed.
- **Students Well-Being-** Mrs. Torres expressed her appreciation for working with students who are pushing through this difficult time and commended them for their positivity and effort. Things are so different this year and it can take a toll on our emotions. She wanted to let parents know that she understands that this is an overwhelming time for the students and that she is always there for any student that needs to talk.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting TBA