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# Sahuaro Marching Band

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## Band Shirts for Sale

Let's all celebrate our Superior band!!!

We have show shirts left in red and blue and band camp shirts.

Sizes are limited, so hurry before they run out.

Show shirts are \$15.00 and band camp shirts are \$10.00.

call Karen 603-7338

## Sahuaro Ends the Season with a Bang

### For the first time in 8 years the band scores a superior at U of A Band Day

I am sure by now you have heard that the band received a rating of Superior at U of A Band Day. The kids were excited, the parents were excited and .Mr. Kinneman hasn't stopped saying the word "superior" since. Here are some facts about the competition you may not have known:

- Sahuaro was one of only two bands from Tucson to receive recognition for their

Superior performance. The other band was Rincon.

- Only nine bands out of thirty eight received the coveted rating.
- The last time that Sahuaro received a Superior rating the Freshman were just starting first grade, Bill Clinton was in the White House, and Prince was still partying like it was 1999!

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See and hear the band on our web site, <http://www.sahuaroband.com>

## Booster President's Corner

**“It's like a big family and when we succeed, it makes everyone feel good about the hard work it took to get here.**



*Jean Marching in a parade in High School*

**Ryan Sunderman**

*Quoted in the Tucson Citizen after U of A Band Day*

I am so proud of our band program at Sahuaro High School. As you know, in addition to a great band director, it takes an incredible amount of effort and financial support to run a quality band program. We need your time and effort in so many ways. Perhaps the most important way to get involved is in our fund-raising programs. You may ask, "Why does the band need to raise so much money?". TUSD does have a band budget for Sahuaro but it doesn't come close to meeting the ideals and needs we see for our band.

Therefore, the Band Board, with input from Mr. Kinnaman and other band parents, have set goals for our fund-raising efforts. This is a list of band events and band equipment we'd like to assist with funding;

1. Band competitions out of state - these are excellent events that challenge our band students to raise their "performance bar".
2. Band Camp - the best location for this is out of town because the students will concentrate solely on the band program.
3. Drum major camp - this camp is critical in assisting our drum majors to become excellent leaders for our marching band.
4. Purchase a storage unit - why pay rent on a mini-mobile year after year? We need ongoing storage since the band room has limited space.
5. Drumline equipment carts - this item is already in the process of being met as Robert Ramirez is making some carts.
6. "Field frames" for marimbas - this frame will lengthen the life of the equipment.
7. Bleacher seat covers - protection for uniforms during football games.
8. Tubas and supplies - tuba cases, tubas 'pads', tuba mouth pieces.

The grand total for all of the above items could be well over **\$100,000.00**. WE HAVE RAISED THAT AND MORE IN THE PAST. You'd be amazed how tax credit money, U of A concessions, corporate donations, and our other fund-raising efforts add up. Set your sights high for what you'd like to see achieved by the band program. And see yourself as an active part of it. We have Band Parent meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the band room. Please join us and give your input. Check our web site often for band news. [www.sahuaroband.com](http://www.sahuaroband.com)

## Drumline & Color Guard



### U of A Concessions News

I want to thank everyone who participated in football season this year. It was very successful, and was entirely due to the dedication of Sahuaro Band students, families and friends.

We have received \$12,500 so far from this program, and there is much more money to come. Basketball season is in full swing, and the participation has been great so far!

If you haven't had the opportunity to work a game with our band kids there is still time to sign up for games. E-mail me with dates you can work or any questions you might have.

Way to go Cougar Band!

Kerry Cowen  
U of A Concessions

### New committee forming to support upcoming Drumline and Color Guard activities

Attention Drumline and Color Guard Parents:

Beginning in January, I'd like to have a "Drumline and Color Guard Committee" that meets the first Monday of each month, after the Band Parent Meeting. This committee would discuss calendar events and activities that deal with these sections. This committee would communicate with the Drumline and Color Guard families. Are you interested in being on this committee? Please let Kyle Kinnaman, or myself, know if you'd like to be active in this way. Remember, the Drumline and Color Guard have a trip to Colorado on the band calendar as well as other competitions.

I'd love to see your involvement!  
Jean Rhoades

## Silent Auction

The annual Silent Auction is coming up in February. Please ask friends if their businesses would like to contribute a gift card or certificate to Sahuaro Band as a donation. All the money goes right back to the students! Please remind the businesses that their names will be advertised on our website and that we appreciate their support! You can pick up an official Silent Auction letter with my name and phone number at the next Band Parent meeting.  
Thank you,

Sheree Garcia, Secretary and Silent Auction Chair

Eight New Tubas .....	\$24,000
Band Camp .....	\$20,000
Snacks for a starving band .....	\$1000
Superior at U of A Band Day .....	Priceless

For everything else there's AZ Tax Credits

## AZ Tax Credit Competition

Mr. Kinnaman kicked off the AZ Tax Credit competition this Monday challenging the students to raise money to help the band with it's many financial needs. The competition includes a number of prizes including a Nintendo Wii for the student who raises the most. AZ tax credits are a great way to help the band while effectively spending no money. A married couple who resides in AZ and pays AZ taxes can donate up to \$400 and receive all of their money back as a **credit** (not a write off) when submitting their AZ tax return. A single person can donate a maximum of \$200.

Ask your child for forms for the AZ tax credit competition and let's help meet the band's goals.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## December 2007

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 9:00 PM Gaslight Theater	8 All-State Jazz Auditions
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:30 AM U of A Concessions	17 7:00 PM Winter Concert	18 6:00 PM Band Board Meeting	19	20	21 Grading Day No School	22 10:30 AM U of A Concessions
23	24 Winter Vacation	25 Winter Vacation	26 Winter Vacation	27 Winter Vacation	28 Winter Vacation	29
30	31 Winter Vacation					

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