

J.J. Pearce Area Bands

News you can use!

Richardson, Texas
Winter, 1999-2000

Get Ready for the Best Concert Season Ever!

News from the J.J. Pearce Band directors

Eleven students from the J. J. Pearce High School Band were selected to membership in one of the All -Region Bands in auditions held at Berkner during the week of November 29th. The auditions take place on two different days in a two phase format, and preparation of the audition material begins in August.

These students are: Emily Bruce and Karen Dickson, flute; Jared Vela and Phillippa Castiaux, clarinet; Leslie McIlroy and Daniel Ting, bassoon; Kendall Milton, baritone sax; Jamie Wright, Kristen Johnson, and Megan Novick, horn; and Beth Andresen, tenor trombone. Suzie Jenks, Megan Morrissey, and John Thomas were selected as alternates.

In addition, three students advanced to the area level of the competition, which will be held on January 8th at RHS. This is the final competitive phase to determine membership in one



PABC President's Message

As we all look forward to the coming year, it's a good time to remember all the great things that participating in the band programs at J.J. Pearce, Parkhill Junior High, North Junior High and Westwood Junior High bring to each student.

Band's Positive Impact

High School Band is (or will be) a positive influence on your adolescent's growth and maturity. Band attracts kids from all backgrounds, yet they share a common focus; they are positive and community oriented. They invest hundreds of hours, learn the rewards for dedicated effort, and compete as a team. They come to rely on each other and share high expectations for academics and service.

Band is the best High School experience your child can have, and it takes involvement of every parent to make the Band program work.

Thank You to the Volunteers

Mary Lu and I want to thank the dozens of parents who have

World Class Band Celebration Update

The Mighty Mustang Band 1999 World Class Band celebration, *Next Stop...Broadway*, was held Saturday, November 13th in the J.J. Pearce Corral. Without the endless talents and countless hours that the Auction Committee put into this event, it would not have been the huge success that it was. It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to work with this group of dedicated parents.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Mary Lu Booker, Lynda Calderwood, Janeen Chattaway, Paul Higgins, Joy Jackson, Deanna Milton, Kathy Morrissey, Vicki and Gary Plinario, Kim Robins, Geri Sudar, Faye Wratlaw, and Julie Wright.

I would also like to thank our band directors Peter Warshaw, Lynne Jackson, and Jeff Bridges for all their help in collecting auction items, raffle money and the endless announcements they made to our students encouraging them to help make this event successful.

Thank you to all the students and parents that solicited auction items, volunteered countless hours working, and to the companies which donated items for this worthwhile cause. Each and everyone of you made my job so much easier.

Debi Molina
Auction Chairman

Uniforms....Tuxes....Dresses....Uniforms....Tuxes....Dresses..
.....Uniforms....Tuxes....Dresses....Uniforms....Tuxes.....

It's been a great year to be on the uniform committee! We owe a big "thank you" to the many parents who have helped with ironing, hanging, sorting, shelving, labeling, fitting, boxing, bagging and tagging. Also, thank you for your cooperation in allowing your kids to come for fittings and more fittings. Despite all the hours, it is the most rewarding job as we now know how GREAT your kids are.

At the end of concert season, you should have the tux or dress your child was issued dry cleaned. Please leave the receipt attached to the cleaner's bag as verification of the cleaning. Centre Cleaners (Campbell & Coit by Tom Thumb), our uniform cleaner, has quoted a price of \$5.25 to clean the tux with white shirt and \$4.50 to clean the black dress if you would like to use them. You must tell the check-in clerk that you are getting the J.J. Pearce discount.

We will need some helpers to move the uniforms and tuxes to the new storage room. We plan to do this on a Saturday in January. Please call Mike & Gail Gable at 972-231-3832 if you would be willing to help.

Jackie Pick
Carole Ritchey
Mike & Gail Gable



**Check out the PABC Web site:
www.geocities.com/Vienna/Studio/3808**

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of the All State ensembles. These students are: Jared Vela, clarinet; Kendall Milton, baritone sax; and Beth Andresen, tenor trombone. Let's hear a hearty congratulations for these successful students!!

Congratulations to our first All State musician of 1999-2000!!! Ryan Murphy placed first in the audition on piano in the All-Region Jazz Band. This qualified him to audition by tape for the piano chair in the All State Jazz Band. Of the 23 entries (one from each region), Ryan placed first in the state!! He will perform with the All-Region Jazz Band on January 29th, and with the ALL State Jazz Band in San Antonio on February 11th. Congratulations Ryan!!!

Band members are making preparations for the RISD Chamber Music Festival, which will be held at Pearce on February 19th. In addition to their solo and ensemble performances, band members will be counted on to serve as monitors, runners, and helpers during the festival, which will draw band students from every school in the Richardson ISD.

FUTURE PERFORMANCES OF THE PEARCE BANDS

- Tuesday, February 8th: Pearce Bands Mid-Winter Concert
Saturday, February 19th: RISD Chamber Music Festival at Pearce HS
Saturday, April 1st: Symphonic I performs at BOA Regional Contest in Denton
April 12th or 13th: Concert Band at UIL for Concert/Sightreading Contest (site TBA)
April 13th or 14 th: Symphonic II at UIL Concert/Sightreading Contest (site TBA)
April 18th or 19th: Symphonic I at UIL Concert/Sightreading Contest at RHS
April 20th – 23rd: All Bands travel to New York
Friday, April 21st: All Bands perform in Carnegie Hall
Wednesday, May 10th: J. J. Pearce In Concert, Meyerson Symphony Center

PLUS, an additional concert in May for Symphonic I in Caruth Auditorium (date is TBA).

Please mark your calendars and attend all of your student's performances! We love BIG audiences.

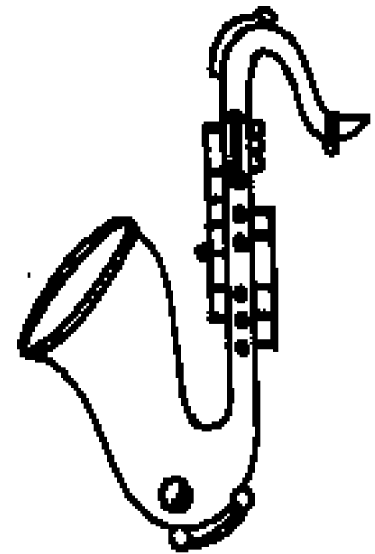
*Peter Warshaw
Lynn Jackson
Jeff Bridges*

The Nominating Committee Needs YOU!

Do you want to get involved with the PABC?

Do you want to support your child's band?

If so, this is the perfect opportunity. The PABC nominating committee will be meeting starting in February. We are looking for people to fill a variety of interesting and important positions. Let us know what you would like to do and I'm sure we could find the perfect PABC spot for you. Call Sharon Williams at 972-480-8118 to let her know that you are interested in helping the PABC be all that it can be!!



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given so much of their time making our Marching season successful

* The Chaperones provided supervision and parenting everywhere our Band went;

* The Uniform Committee was indispensable. Each time your child put on a uniform these wonderful parents were there to sort, fit, clean, sew, and put away 125 uniforms;

* The Social Committee provided refreshments, the family barbecue, tailgate party, freshman dinner and band formal dance;

* The Auction Committee put on a wonderful raffle and auction;

* Other members of the board created band signs, organized fund raisers, deposited and disbursed checks, planned the New York trip, kept meeting minutes, and dealt with the IRS to maintain our non-profit status. As the first semester comes to a close, all of us need to say "Thank You" to these hard working parents.

The New York Challenge

The next challenge for the Band is the New York trip.

Three years ago, the Band made its first trip to New York's Carnegie Hall. It was a marvelous and educational experience. We expect this year's trip to be even better. BUT, costs have gone up considerably. It will take the combined efforts of students, parents, and the Band Board to make sure as many students as possible have an opportunity to go. While our funds available for scholarships are limited, we will continue to have fund-raisers so your child will have opportunities to earn the trip fees.

Good Things Ahead

The Band programs at both Parkhill and North Junior High are experiencing a remarkable growth - a compliment to both the RISD fine arts staff and the parents at these Junior Highs. If you have a child in these schools, we hope your child looks forward to becoming part of the Mighty Mustang Band as much as we look forward to having them. Neither you nor your child will regret it!

**Dave and Mary Lu Booker
Presidents - PABC, Inc**

Preliminary Details about the Pearce Band Trip to New York

All three J.J. Pearce High School bands will be New York bound on Thursday, April 20, 2000 with a return date to Dallas of Sunday, April 23rd. The New York bound flights will depart beginning at 6:30 am and ending at 9:10 am. Once everyone has arrived, we will travel by bus to the Marriott Inn, World Trade Center. We will rehearse following hotel check-in.

Friday is performance day for all three bands with afternoon and evening concerts. The Concert Band will perform at 4 pm, Symphonic II at 6 or 7 pm and Symphonic I at 9 or 9:30 pm.

Saturday will be a day of sightseeing with a tentatively-scheduled New York Harbor cruise in the evening.

On Sunday morning there will be a church service for those students who would like to attend followed by one more activity. Then...off to the airport for return flights to Dallas. The departure times for

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1999 Mighty Mustang Band Sweetheart



Band Chaplain Robert Sudar presents Emily Bruce, the newly named 1999-2000 Band Sweetheart with a bouquet of roses.

Spring Trip Scholarships Are Available

There is a fund available to pay a limited number of partial scholarships toward the Carnegie Hall trip. Award of these scholarships will be based on both need and on how helpful and active the student was with PABC fundraising activities.

If you would like to apply for one of these scholarships, please pick up an application form from the PABC file in the band hall or from any band director, fill it out, and send it in to the address on the form. The final deadline for trip scholarship applications is February 1, 2000.

Meet the 1999-2000 Band Officers

John Thomas, President of the 1999 - 2000 Mighty Mustang Band is excited about the outcome of the year's events as well as the prospect of upcoming activities within the band. He is having a blast as an officer and helping lead the band as it enters the next millennium.

John is a fun-loving, well-rounded individual with a wide range of skills that enable him to perform efficiently in his official capacity. John is an enthusiastic, tireless worker. His intelligence and keen sense of humor serve him well as he faces the challenges of a fast paced, activity filled senior

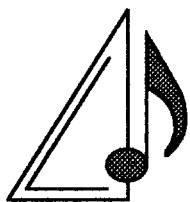
year. His "roll with the punches" attitude allows him to face difficulties with calm and reasoning. John, along with the other officers, enjoys his job and looks forward to any new challenges in the future.

Jared Vela, vice president for 1999-2000, is ecstatic about working with the officers for the remainder of the year. In addition to vice president, Jared is also the Head Drum Major of the Mighty Mustang Band. Along with the band program Jared is involved in a variety of activities including SADD, indoor soccer, Interact Club, French Club, National

Honor Society, Teen Advisory Council, and G.L.O.W. Youth Volunteers. He is first chair clarinet in the Symphonic 1 Band and plays the alto sax in the jazz band. Jared has placed in the All-Region band since his freshmen year and has placed in the All-Area Band since his sophomore year.

Jared enjoys hanging out with his friends, doing volunteer work and community service. Jared's goal for the band is to draw the students closer together. Jared plans on majoring in electrical engineering at either the New York University or the University of Texas at Austin.

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North Winds & Percussion NEWS

GOOD NEWS! We finally have our Viking Band Handbooks back from the printers. We handed them out the first week in November. Please check with your child if you have not yet had a chance to peruse your copy. There are several forms in the appendix of the handbook which need to be turned in as soon as possible.

MORE GOOD NEWS! Our web pages have been moved. Please feel free to check out the new site. We plan on using this site as our most up to date source of information. To be sure that all of our students have access to this information we will have the computers in the band hall available for student use. If you do not have internet access, please feel free to come to the band hall so that your child can show you around our web pages. Our new location is at...

<http://www.richardson.k12.tx.us/schools/njh/band/band.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS! Here is what we have scheduled. We have included the schedule through May so that you will be aware of any dates that have changed. This information will be constantly updated at...

<http://www.richardson.k12.tx.us/schools/njh/band/events/events.htm>

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time/Location</u>	<u>Who is Involved?</u>
All-District Sectionals	Jan. 13th @ TBA	RNJH All-District Students
All-District C & C	Jan. 14th & 15th @ TBA	LHHS All-District Students
All-Region C & C	Jan. 21st & 22nd @ TBA	All-Region Students
S & E Practice Marathon	Feb. 4th @ 7 - 11 PM	RNJH All Ensembles
Solo & Ensemble	Feb. 19th @ TBA	PHS All Involved
Pre-UIL	Mar. 20th @ TBA PHS	Sym. & Con. Bands
UIL	Mar. 30th @ TBA PHS	Sym. & Con. Bands
ETC Meyerson	Apr. 14th @ TBA Meyerson	Symphonic Band
Winspear Hall	Apr. 29th @ TBA UNT	Sym. & Con. Bands
Spring Concert	May 9th @ 7:30 PM PHS	All Bands
Pearce/Meyerson	May 10th @ 8 PM Meyerson	FYI
ETC Bass	May 13th @ 9:40 AM Bass Hall	Symphonic Band
Possible Caruth Concert	May 15th @ TBA SMU	Symphonic Band
Auditions	Week of May 15th RNJH	North & PHS Students

THANKS! Thanks to John Lowe for helping us transport instruments during football season. Thanks to Donna McIlroy & John Lowe for the photos for our web pages. Thanks to all of the chaperones for the Costume Party and Practice Marathon. Thanks to the Joy Jackson, Lisa Hildenbrand, and Wendy Bucher for helping with our fund raising. And thanks to all of the private teachers who helped with our All-District practice marathon.

We would also like to thank TERAbriage for their generous support of our program.

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This year, **Vicki Yuan is serving as Secretary of the Mighty Mustang Band.** Vicki is also the Senior Lieutenant of the Drum line, and outside of band, she serves as the President of the Art Club. As if these responsibilities are not enough, Vicki is in the Top Ten of her class, and she participates in many organizations such as National Honor Society, SADD, Mu Alpha Theta, Peer Helpers, and GLOW. Outside of school, she plays the piano and enjoys spending her free time with friends. Next year, Vicki plans to major in architecture at the University of Texas at Austin.

Philippa Castiaux is a senior and the band treasurer for the 1999-2000 school year. She is second chair clarinet in the Symphonic I Band, and has been a clarinet section leader for two years. Philippa is also involved in G.L.O.W. Youth Volunteers, National Honors Society, PACE, and Model United Nations. In her spare time she likes to go to the movies and play tennis. She plans to major in French or International Business in college.

Robert Sudar is a senior and is the Drum line Captain and Soccer Band Captain. **He is the Band Chaplain** and has been in band since sixth grade. He enjoys all sports, but mostly soccer, golf and hockey. He enjoys watching movies and spending time with

family and friends. Robert is a Boy Scout and just a few steps away from the rank of Eagle. He is very fun loving and comical, sometimes too comical for his own good. After he graduates he expects to attend Colorado State University where he will major in math or engineering.

After college he plans to join the work force and hopefully stay and reside in Colorado.

Maggie Pactor is the Senior Representative for the Mighty Mustang Band. She plays the flute and is in the concert band. She is busy with the other officers making sure that this year is the greatest for the band.

She enjoys playing soccer on Sunday with her friends when she gets a chance. She likes to see movies and just hang out with her friends whenever she gets a chance.

She would like to go to A&M @ Galveston to major in Marine Biology.

Leslie McIlroy is the Junior Class Representative for the band this year. She plays bassoon in Symphonic 1 and was the Junior Drum Major during marching season. She has been playing piano for 12 years and does a whole lot of stuff with her church. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her friends and take advantage of her "newly found driving privileges". She is involved in school activities such as student council, is interested in architecture, and supports band soccer. Leslie is looking forward to going to New York in the

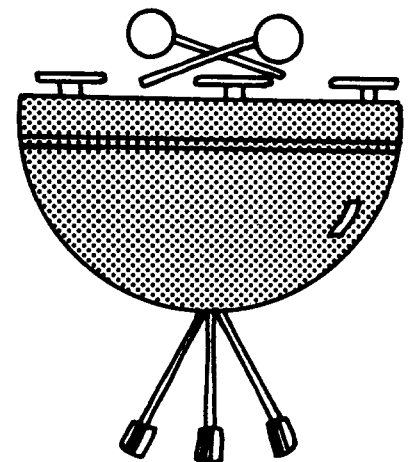
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the return flights will begin at 5 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: All trip fees must be paid in full **NO LATER THAN** March 1, 2000.

There will be a parents meeting in early February to cover all aspects of the trip in detail. At that time, each student's parents must supply completed special emergency forms, etc. so please listen for your **PHONE TREE MESSAGE** announcing this meeting.

If you have any questions about this trip or require any information prior to the February parent's meeting, please contact Kim Robins at 972-231-7367.



Raider Band Notes

Parents and Students,

Please update your home calendars with any changed dates. There are a few!!! Remember that there are a few contest dates that are not firmed up for the spring. We will try to inform you of these as soon as we can.

2000 Spring Semester Raider Band Calendar

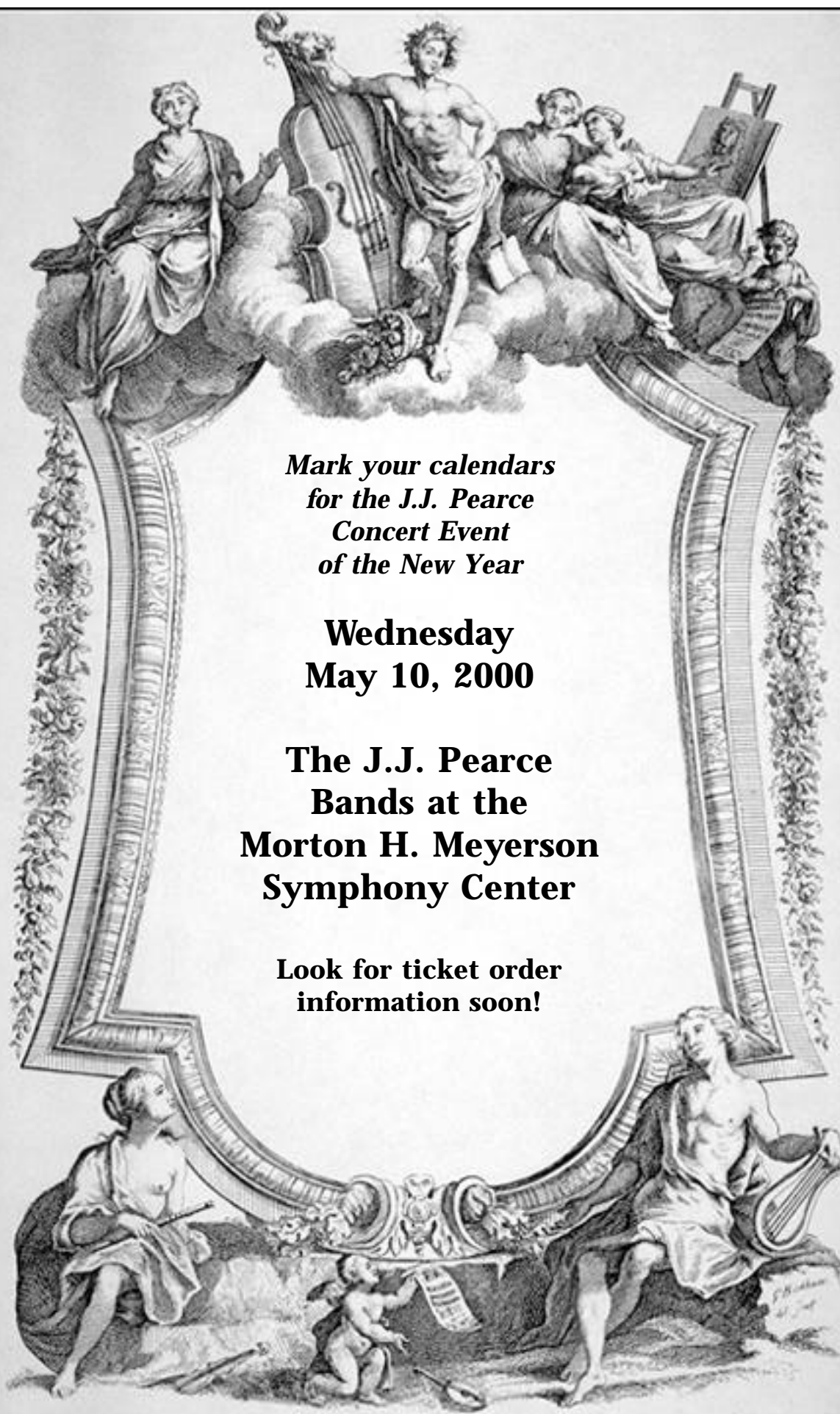
Please clear these dates on your calendar now! All performances/rehearsals are required!

January	13	All-District Sectionals (Sym I)	6-9pm	RNJH
	14-15	All-District Clinic/Concert (Sym I)	TBA	TBA
February	7	Anne McGinty Concert (Int)	7pm	PJH
	19	Chamber Music Festival (All Bands)	All Day	BHS
March	18	Paint Ball Trip (All Bands)	All Day	PBODallas
	21	Pre-UIL Concert (Sym I/II)	7pm	PHS
	30	UIL C&SR Contest (Sym I/II)	All Day	PHS
April	7	Sandy Lake Festival (Int)	All Day	SLP
	8	TCU Jazz Festival (Jazz Ens)	All Day	Ft. Worth
	15	Meyerson Festival (Sym I)	All Day	MSC
	TBA	Lakeview Contest (Sym I/II)	All Day	LCHS
	26	UT Austin Concert (Sym I)	All Day	Austin
May	1	Spring Concert (Sym I/II)	7pm	PHS
	8	Spring Concert (Int)	7pm	PJH
	20	Six Flags Spring Trip (All Bands)	All Day	SFTexas

July 31–August 11 will be the 2000 Raider Band Summer Camp dates.

We will be sending home a chaperone letter for our UT Austin Trip, so if you are interested in being a chaperone for that event you may sign up!!! Space will be limited, so the sooner the better. If you need to speak to us, give us a call at 974.407.5706.

Mike Davis
Sara Mammaing



*Mark your calendars
for the J.J. Pearce
Concert Event
of the New Year*

**Wednesday
May 10, 2000**

**The J.J. Pearce
Bands at the
Morton H. Meyerson
Symphony Center**

**Look for ticket order
information soon!**

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LOOK!



This newsletter contains important information about the concerts and band trips for the spring semester.

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