# Atomic Bulldog News

Lutcher High School Band | Spring 2014

## Band wins at Mardi Gras

**Lutcher High School (LHS) Atomic Bulldog Marching Band earned second and third place for their performances at two Mardi Gras parades last weekend said Derrick Walker, Lutcher High School Band Director. LHS Band placed second at Corps de Napoleon Parade in Metairie and third at the Krewe of Centurions Parade in Metairie. LHS competed among thirteen to twenty or so marching bands that were judged throughout the parade routes and at reviewing stands on criteria such as uniformity, musicality, and crowd appeal. The band memorized musical selections from film scores, pop music, and rhythm and blues music. LHS Band was awarded trophies and cash prizes for their wins.**

## THANKS

A HUGE Thank You goes out to all the parents and volunteers who helped manage the crowd throughout the parade routes, prepared food for us, drove the buses, and pulled the band trailer. We could not have done it without you.

# Kettle Corn Fundraiser

Once again we will be selling delicious Kettle Corn popcorn for $7 a bag. The sell will run from March 10th to March 31st. If you haven't done so by now, please pick up your fundraiser form in the band room. All proceeds will go towards our band booster account. Lets get to "popping"

## Southern University Director of Bands comes to Lutcher High

On March 11, 2014 Lawrence Jackson the director of bands at Southern University came to Lutcher High School and gave the concert band a FREE 2 ½ hour clinic. While rehearsing the group he gave them tips for better tuning, articulation, proper breathing and instrumental techniques. Mr. Jackson was pleasantly shocked with the band literature that the group is playing this year especially with 70% of the band students not in a band class this semester. He promises to help fight the battle to get ALL students in a year long band class. We thank him for his time and effort.

## Welcome Baby JACK!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pardue on the birth of their first child a healthy 7lb baby boy named Jack. Welcome to our Bulldog family little fellow.

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## Charity Fundraiser

Our charity fundraiser for this semester will be selling $1.00 "Free Dress" coupons to Lutcher High School students. Students will be able to purchase coupons starting April 11th – April 16th in the school cafeteria at the concessions both. ALL proceeds raised will benefit the St. James Arc located in Vacherie, LA

The St. James ARC Center provides vocational and day rehabilitative services to persons with developmental disabilities ages 18 years and older. The program is operated by the St. James ARC. Individuals throughout St. James Parish attend classes at the Center. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Free transportation is provided by the St. James Parish Department of Human Resources.

# Disney Trip Meeting

On April 10th there will be a **MANDATORY** meeting for all parents and students going on the Disney trip. The meeting will take place in the band room at 6:30 p. m. You will be given all information regarding the trip at that time. A notary will be on hand to notarize a couple of important documents.

# Mark your Band Calender

District IV LMEA Concert Band Festival – Friday March 28th – Zachary High School (8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

**Band Booster Meeting – April 1st @ 6:30 p.m. (2014-2015 Board Nominations will take place)**

St. James Parish Honor Band Day – Friday April 4th – St. James High School

Honor Band Concert – Saturday April 5th @ 12pm – St. James High School

Disney Trip Meeting – April 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Disney Trip – April 23rd – April 27th – Orlando, FL

Spring Concert – May 6th at 6:30 p.m. – Lutcher High School Auditorium

**Band Booster Meeting – May 13th @ 6:30 p.m. (2014-2015 Board Elections will take place)**

Band Banquet – May 15th at 6:30 p. m. – Lutcher High School Cafeteria