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Falcon Sound Alliance Newsletter

Charles W. Flanagan High School Band and Color Guard

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## WORLD GUARD WINS 6th CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday March 31st the Flanagan World Guard won its **6th consecutive State Championship** with a record high score of 92.5. In addition, the World Guard received the **Ralph Varey Memorial Traveling Trophy** which is awarded each year to the highest scoring Scholastic Unit. Flanagan has received this award for the last five years. This week the guard is preparing for the World Championships in Dayton, OH. They are currently ranked 4th and hoping to move to third for the bronze medal!

For more information, schedules, photos, videos and more, go to: [www.flanaganhighschool.com/users/cguard](http://www.flanaganhighschool.com/users/cguard)

Dean Broadbent  
Director of Color Guards

## From the Director's Desk

The year is truly flying by! Here we are in April- the World Guard is about to depart for Ohio with an incredible season so far. The Concert Jazz Band just earned Straight Superiors at State Jazz MPA (Only the 2nd time in the history of FHS). The Wind Orchestra gave an amazing performance at the District Concert MPA earning Straight Superiors and are now preparing for the State Concert MPA. And next year's Marching Band had their 1st

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For quick, up-to-date information visit the Falcon Sound website at: [www.flanaganhighschool.com/users/band/index2.htm](http://www.flanaganhighschool.com/users/band/index2.htm)



Send your Newsletter ideas and inquires to Scott Allbee: [dallbee@bellsouth.net](mailto:dallbee@bellsouth.net)

Spring Training Rehearsal (Tuesday, 4/10). We sight read next year's Intro and Opener!!!

As I look back at all that has happened, I can't believe we've only been together less than a year. Everyone has made me feel as if I have been here several years! Thanks again to all those involved in the continued success of the Bands and Color Guards at FHS!!!

Musically,

Stephen K. Rivero  
Director of Bands

## Attention all Seniors and Senior Parents!

Please send in a Senior picture for the Senior Biographies and a favorite baby picture for the end of the year video. Kristie Schmidt and Sam DeGennaro are collecting the pictures. You may also email pictures to [pfalls@earthlink.net](mailto:pfalls@earthlink.net).



## From The Presidents

Parents, students, family and friends - as we begin to approach the end of the year, we would like to thank each of you for supporting our Falcon Sound students. Your contributions made this year a success.

## Volunteer Hours

Amazing News!! The Falcon Sound Alliance volunteer hours for 2006/2007 totaled 7,989 hours. Thank you for completing your volunteer logs

timely and allowing our school to receive the appropriate recognition.

## Upcoming Calendar Events

Here are a few upcoming events. Be sure to check the calendar on the website for a complete listing.

April 14th - World Guard Performs at WGI in Dayton  
April 17th - Board Meeting at 6:30 PM

April 24th - General Meeting at 7:30 PM (Board Elections)

April 30th - State Concert Festival  
May 18th - Band Banquet

May 21st - Spring Concert

May 24th - Guard Recital

May 30th - Graduation

August 13th - First Day of Mandatory Band Camp

August 17th - Band Camp Picnic

## By Laws

A very big thank you goes to Ginny Penovi and the By Laws Committee! Three months ago Ginny took on the task of collecting all prior By Law documentation and recommended changes. The committee met this month and assembled updated By Laws for the Falcon Sound Alliance Inc. The proposal will be presented at the April Board meeting and then again at the General Meeting for acceptance. If you would like to review the By Laws in advance, please contact us and we will forward you an advanced copy by email. ([pfalls@earthlink.net](mailto:pfalls@earthlink.net))

## Board Elections

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following nominations for the Falcon Sound Alliance 2007/2008 Board. All nominees have accepted the nomination.

President:  
Buddy and Debbie Schmidt  
Treasurer:

Terri Oien

Recording Secretary:  
Holly Morales

Vice President, Operations:  
Cindy and Dan DeGennaro

Vice President, Ways & Means:  
Beth Prada

Special Event Coordinators:  
Sue and Ed Jones

Travel Coordinator:  
Keith and Lori Lyon

Guard Coordinator:  
Grace Bouza

Member at Large:  
Lisa Engel

Board Elections will be held at the next General Meeting on April 24th at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in running for a Board position, nominations will be accepted at the meeting prior to the elections.

We would like to recognize the Board members that will not be returning next year and extend our thank you for their year round hard work and dedication to our music program: Pam Harry, Ginny Penovi, Terri Allbee, and Scott Allbee.

## Jazz Band

Congratulations to our Jazz Band on their Superior rating at State Festival!!

## 2007/2008 Committees

Are you ready to volunteer or chair a committee next year? Sign up sheets will be available at the General Meeting. Start thinking now where you would like to help out next year.

## Band Room Blinds

The Falcon Sound Alliance purchased blinds for the Band Room, to eliminate the need for student squinting. Rumor has it, some students were wearing sunglasses to class so they could read the

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music. Our very own Ed Jones, Kenny Fried, Buddy Schmidt, and Ryan Rodriguez installed the blinds - thank you guys!!!

A New (Previously Owned) Trailer is on the Way!!

Yes that's correct. The Falcon Sound Alliance Board approved the purchase of a new semi-trailer. Ed Jones and Buddy Schmidt selected the new trailer while in Nashville for a Winter Guard competition. Pictures and specs will be unveiled at the next General Meeting. As soon as the trailer arrives, the truck dads plan to schedule a few work days to customize the inside. If you are interested in helping, please contact Buddy Schmidt at 954.410.4138.

Please continue to support our students and the Falcon Sound Alliance by volunteering at the events listed above. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can get involved, please call us at 954.444.2337 or send an email to [pfalls@earthlink.net](mailto:pfalls@earthlink.net).

Debbie and Buddy Schmidt

### **Fundraising Front**

The Band is participating in the World's Finest Chocolate bar sale starting April 10th. This is a great opportunity to pay off band fees for this school year or start on next years fees. Let's all support the band ~ buy your chocolate bars today!

Pam Harry  
VP Ways & Means

### **Captain's Log**

Hey Band,

Congratulations to Wind Orchestra and Jazz Band for their Superior performances!

As the school year comes to a close,

remember, it's time to get ready for marching season.

The Band and Guard calendars on the website are available through August, including end of year activities, mini-camps, and band camp.

Band Camp is August 13 - 17, 2007 !

It's time to start working on our new marching show music and encourage the incoming new freshmen class. Remember, it wasn't that long ago

we were freshmen and we appreciated the friendly help.

Seniors - start working on your Last Will and Testaments. Please submit them in a Microsoft Word file and don't add any special formatting. Thanks in advance and email them to [pfalls@earthlink.net](mailto:pfalls@earthlink.net).

Kristie Schmidt  
Band Captain

