



Defending TOB Chapter VIII Group IV Champions!

# Tiger Tag 2009

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## 2009 MARCHING SHOW

This year, the band will go to into the future with their show "*Electronica: Music of the Future*".

The show explores the "connection" that electronic music has in our lives of today and the distant future. It is a modernistic essay ripe with spectacular visual and musical adventures that will take you to a new place. A place where music and technology are intertwined leading to a new generation of intelligent machines capable of taking on multiple tasks and moving out of the factory into the home and general workplace. The boundaries between man and machine have disappeared. The human experience is marked by a refusal to obey our limitations. This brave new world is explored in a journey through music, technology and groove!



## ATTITUDE

Attitude is one of the most important things in the band! The EHS Band has had a reputation for being an outstanding band. In past years, many students from other bands have said that they wish they could transfer to EHS just to be in our band. All of this was due in large part to the attitudes about what was happening in the band. The parents and students were all on the same page and everyone was pumped for excellence! A positive attitude is a MUST! Nobody wants someone who "cries the blues" all of the time. A complainer, a slacker, a class clown, an attention getter or just a plain JERK! We need people with a good work ethic that also want to have fun, but not at the band's expense. If you want to goof off, don't even bother to come the first day. Goof-offs are easy to find! Attitude will be the thing that makes this a great year!

## DRUM MAJOR SELECTED

Senior Keegan Campbell has been selected to serve as Drum Major for the EHS Band for 2009-2010. Keegan is a past alto sax section leader and a member of the EHS Jazz Ensemble, "Los Tigres" Salsa Band and "Elkins and Vicinity" Jazz Combo. Following high school, Keegan plans on joining the United States Navy as a musician and also continuing his education with hopes of getting a degree in Music Education.



## 2010 TRIP ANNOUNCED

The EHS Band will be travelling out of the United States for the first time when the group travels to Montreal, Quebec, Canada next April. This trip will be more affordable than our previously planned activities and will give everyone the opportunity to visit another country and experience French culture in Canada. Quebec has been described as "Little France", but don't worry, they speak English as well!

There will be a "EHS Band French Canadian Tour" meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the EHS Theater. More details for the trip will be presented at the meeting. The July meeting of the Elkins Area Bands Auxiliary will follow. All parents and students are encouraged to attend both meetings. Out of town? No problem, just get a trip packet when you return.

**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> – TRIP MEETING  
(6PM – THEATER)**

**Oui!**

# ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

As you probably have guessed, the 2009-10 year will be filled with fun, excitement and hard work. This year, as in the past, will be what you make it. You as an EHS band member are vitally important to our success. We are all uncertain of this coming year with the EHS/EMS combo school. But, being in the band will help! Being part of a great organization takes hard work and dedication, but the rewards are even greater. It's also a great way to start high school for incoming Freshmen. The friendships and experiences that you gain while in the EHS Band will be part of your life forever. Everyone these days is looking for things to be competitive. Just wait until you see this year's competitive marching band and out TOB (Tournament of Bands) marching circuit. It's downright INTENSE! In closing, welcome to the traditions of the EHS Band. Be proud to wear the orange and black!!

**FUNDRAISING!!**



OK, everyone is fundraising, but WE are in need! No one in the area raises money like the EHS-EMS Bands and the EABA! This year we will need to raise money for many things that help keep our bands going. Transportation is a big fundraising item. Our yearly transportation bill will be around \$5000. School instrument purchases and repairs are also big money items. Our EABA budget for the combined bands will be a large sum, so everyone must do their part. We need to raise at \$6000 with the March-a-thon during Band Camp. We will again be selling Krispy Kreme donut periodically throughout the year. We all need to sell fruit like we grew it ourselves! Don't forget the Corn Roast, Chix BBQs etc. If everyone sells at least "5" items on every fundraiser, we will have enough money to run both bands this year. Everyone needs to do their part. 1<sup>st</sup> – have your parents get involved in the EABA, 2<sup>nd</sup> sell your "5", 3<sup>rd</sup> – challenge yourself, your section and the band... shoot for the stars!! All monies raised go to help you!



The following are some corrections to previously distributed info.

- ✓ Summer Band in August has confusing dates. See the schedule below for corrections!
- ✓ Fall Schedule has been changed in regards to Tygarts Valley's contest during our Homecoming weekend.
- ✓ Many of the forms that should be turned in are on the not easily removable from the handbook. Please copy the form, download a new one (under forms) from the website or get a new form from Mr. C. All forms and payments are due by Band Camp!

**\*\* = Bring a lunch to these rehearsals!**



**SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE**

The split block for class means that summer band is more important than ever!

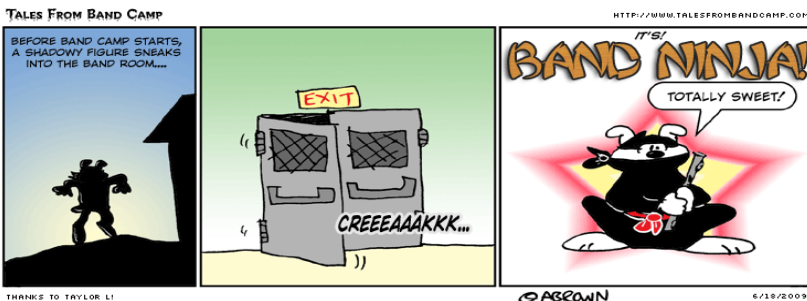
<b>July 13-16</b>	SUMMER BAND	9am-12pm
<b>** July 20-24</b>	PRE-CAMP (Monday thru Friday)	8am-5pm
<b>** July 27-31</b>	BAND CAMP! (Monday thru Friday)	8am-5pm
<b>Aug 3-7</b>	NO BAND!	
<b>Aug 10-13 (M,T,W,Th)</b>	SUMMER BAND	6-9pm
<b>Aug 18-21 (T,Th, F)</b>	SUMMER BAND	6-9pm

***Corn Roast Sales Night – Wednesday, August 19th***

**FLIP FOLDERS**



You'll need a marching flip folder for summer band and the marching season. These are used for rehearsals and stand tunes only!! Flip folders are available at B&J Music for \$6.00. Flute players will need to buy a special folder called a "Flutist Friend". These can be purchased at B&J Music for \$14.00. Flip folders are required at all rehearsals even if you have already memorized the marching music!! Students who do not have a flip folder will be given a flip folder by Mr. Caplinger at the cost of **\$10.00**. This includes percussion!!



## BAND CAMP/BAND FEE INFO.

This year, the band will be staying home for Band Camp (Camp EHS). We can save the usual camp money and apply it to the spring trip. Band Camp will be much like Pre-Camp. Camp will run from July 27<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 8am-5pm through July 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday) afternoon. There is no cost for camp, but all band members will be required to pay the \$75 band fee. Since the Randolph County BOE does not provide financial support for the band, this fee is necessary to cover the cost of extra summer staff, band shirts, music and camp incidentals. See Mr. C if you have financial concerns! More info. is provided in the EHS Band Handbook. The handbook is our "Band Bible" so to speak. If it's not in the handbook, it doesn't happen. In addition, all required forms are in the handbook. More to come...

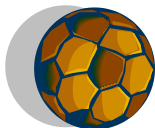
**Remember:**

**MARCH-A-THON FUNDRAISER =**



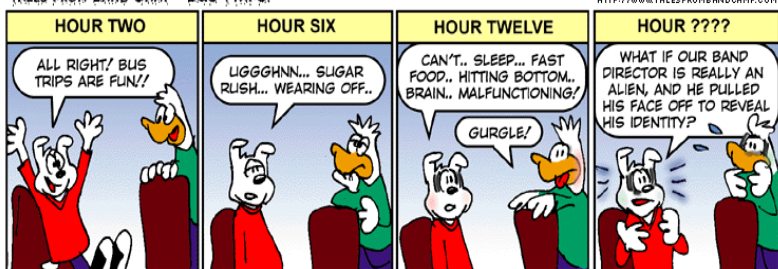
**Our Band goal is \$6000**

## ATHLETICS AND BAND



Much has been mentioned about sports and band. The **MYTH** that you can't do both is just that: **FICTION!** Our school policy remains that you may participate in both activities. Anyone who says otherwise is **MISINFORMED** or living in the past!! This applies to all freshmen, JV and Varsity squads and especially cheerleading and soccer! In addition, at no time will you be punished (grade, demerits, benched etc.) for dual participation. Any conflicts will be worked with all involved parties ahead of time. Band is curricular and extra-curricular. No one can tell you to choose between a class and another extra-curricular activity. Mr. C has designed the schedule of rehearsals and performances to have minimal conflict with athletics. Any problems in this area should be addressed to Mr. C immediately.

TALES FROM BAND CAMP - BUS TRIPS!



TALES FROM BAND CAMP HTTP:



## BAND SHOES

The EHS Band wears the black Dinkle band shoe. This is the same shoe worn by the EMS Band. Shoes may be purchased at B&J Music for around \$28 a pair. Buy early!! Everyone needs clean and correct fitting "Dinkles" by the first football game on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait until the week before as B&J Music may have to order your shoes!!



## UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

This will occur later this summer. Our band uniforms are just 5 years old, but still look great! When you are assigned your uniform, you can guarantee that you will have a uniform that you can wear with PRIDE! Uniforms will be sized by class, with seniors having first fitting options. More info. on this later.

*"The Spirit of the Mountains"*

## YOU KNOW YOU ARE FIRED UP WHEN...



### BAND AND SECTION SHIRTS



Each member of the band will need 2 band shirts. The white band shirt will be worn under the band uniform at all times. The "Medusa" theme shirt can be worn at other times. Both shirts are covered with each student's \$75 band fee. Extra shirts will be available at \$10 per shirt and will be part of the Band Gear catalog. In addition, sections might want to get a 2009-10 section shirt. These shirts are usually for a particular section(s) and are organized by section leaders or other designated people. All sections shirt ideas and logos MUST be approved by Mr. Caplinger. LET'S GET CREATIVE EVERYONE!! Some of the past sections shirts that I have seen include: Indiana Bones and the Trombones of Doom, Cappy's Angels, Trumpet Muffins, Teenage Mutant Ninja Tenors, Cappy Bingo, Sax Whales, etc.

[Register Online](#)

### BAND REGISTRATION!

All students planning on performing with the EHS Band for the upcoming school year, must register for band online. Go to the band website (<http://spiritofthemountains.org>). Click on the "member area". In the prompt, type whatever name you would like. Then click on "2009 Registration" and complete the form. You can also download other important info. in the "member area" and also under the "forms" link.

**REGISTER FOR BAND ASAP!**

***"Commitment To Excellence"***

### BAND GEAR CATALOG!



This year, you will have more opportunities to buy band spirit items throughout the year. Band Gear is spirit wear designed specifically for band students and parents. During summer band, a Band Gear catalog will be available for those interested in showing your band pride. Orders will be taken periodically through the year (especially before marching season and Christmas). All items listed in the Band Gear catalog are made by local merchants who support the EHS Band program. By showing your pride, you are also helping the local economy. Items vary from bumper stickers to letterman's jackets. Band Gear will also be available online for review on EHS Band website. Don't forget to get your EHS Band Hoodie!



## EABA

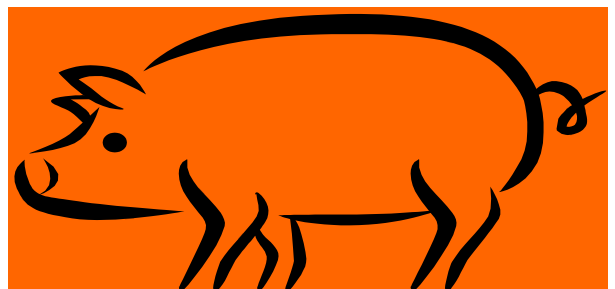
# Corn Roast

## August 22<sup>th</sup>

EMS Bands play at 1pm  
EHS Band plays at 2pm

**Parent volunteers needed!**

NEVER TEACH A PIG TO MARCH...



IT WASTES YOUR TIME AND ANNOYS  
THE PIG!

Remember Mr. C's Golden Rule!  
(in handbook)



# Elkins High School Band



## 2009 Fall Schedule

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The following is a tentative schedule for August-December  
Additions and changes may occur at any time!  
Pep Bands to other away games are also possible!

<b>August 22</b>	EABA Corn Roast (Elkins City Park)
<b>September 4</b>	Football Game (home) vs. Morgantown
<b>September 12</b>	Western TOB Evaluation Contest (Elkins) <b>TOB</b>
<b>September 18</b>	Football Game (home) vs. University
<b>September 19</b>	Preston HS Band Contest (Kingwood) <b>TOB</b>
<b>September 25</b>	Football Game (home) vs. Robert C. Byrd
<b>September 29</b>	Maid Sylvania arrives at EHS <b>pm</b>
<b>October 2</b>	Mt. St. Forest Festival Fireman's Parade (Elkins) <b>pm</b>
<b>October 3</b>	Mt. St. Forest Festival Feature Parade (Elkins) <b>am</b>
<b>October 3</b>	Mt. St. Forest Festival Band Contest (Elkins) <b>pm TOB</b>
<b>October 10</b>	Lewis County HS Band Contest (Weston) <b>TOB</b>
<b>October 16</b>	Football Game (home) vs. Fairmont Sr. <b>HC</b>
<b>October 24</b>	<b>TOB</b> Chapter VIII Championships (Connellsville, PA)
<b>October 30</b>	Football Game (home) vs. North Marion <b>SN</b>
<b>November 6</b>	Football Game (away) vs. Buckhannon-Upshur ( <b>PB</b> )
<b>November 8-9</b>	<b>TOB</b> Atlantic Coast Championships (Hershey, PA)
<b>December 4</b>	Elkins Christmas Parade
<b>December 17</b>	Concert Band/Jazz Ensemble Winter Concert ( <i>tentative</i> )

**TOB** – Tournament of Bands

**HC** – Homecoming

**SN** – Senior Night

**PB** – Pep Band

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*Tournament of Bands is a marching band circuit that encompasses over 300 bands in 10 states. The EHS Band is a member of TOB.*

See weekly "Tiger Tags" for times, locations, dress etc.!