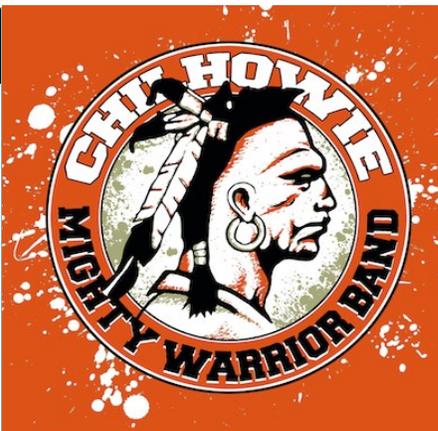


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## First Semester Band

### THE END OF ONE SEASON STARTS A NEW

In a reflection of the first semester in band classes at Chilhowie Middle and High School, band students will be ending the first semester on notes of success and high expectations for the second semester. Reflecting on the first semester of the 2014-2015 school year, students in band have been working hard to be better musicians, practicing for competitions with other high school bands in and around the region, fund raising, practicing self discipline with private lessons, promoting school spirit, and supporting both Chilhowie Middle and High School with energetic melodies and rhythmic tones that showcase the growth of each student as a musician and the development of skill with their instrument.

### IT ALL STARTS IN THE SUMMER

While many students are enjoying the end of their summers at pool side and sleeping in the last weeks of summer, high school band students and some middle school students afford a portion of their summer to practice and prepare for Marching season with a new field show each year. Students spend hours in the heat of summer setting and memorizing drill, fine tuning marching and maneuvering techniques, memorizing music, and working on field show effects that we all enjoy at half time at football games. Students also take their show on the road as they compete against many high school bands from around the region.

A lot of the work is accomplished during Band Camp. Band camp is a time where students have intensive sessions of music and drill, as well as have the opportunity to have instrument specific sectionals with instructors where they have the opportunity to enhance music and become a strong component of the marching band. Band camp was held at Chilhowie High School from July 21-25, 2014. Band camp staff included Jeff Kleiber, Cameron Blair, and Tyree Manns.

This years field show was called **DANCER IN THE DARK**. The show design was one by Scott Lambert, a respected retired music educator who is still very involved in the music community as both a musician and music facilitator in public schools around the region.



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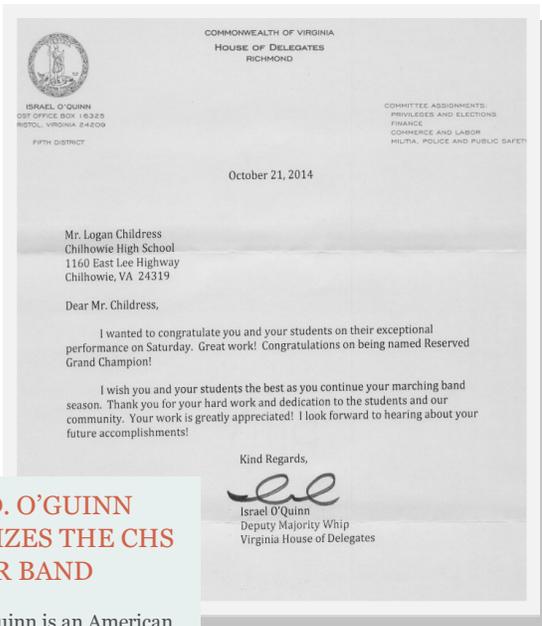
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**ISRAEL D. O'QUINN  
RECOGNIZES THE CHS  
WARRIOR BAND**

Israel D. O'Quinn is an American politician. A Republican elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2011. He currently represents the 5th district made up of the cities of Bristol and Galax, Grayson County, and parts of Smyth and Washington counties in the southwestern part of the state.

After their accomplishments at the Letcher County Marching Invitational, Israel D. O'Quinn sent a letter to Mr. Childress and the Mighty Warrior Marching Band to congratulate them in earning their title of Reserved Grand Champion, as well as a job well done!

**FUND RAISING TO GO TO  
FLORIDA**

Students have been fund raising to help pay their way to go to Disney. Still working on that possibility, students have been selling raffle tickets to family and community members for a chance to win one of two \$500.00 Bass Pro Shop Gift Cards, Selling Little Caesar Pizza kits, and contributing when they can to pay their way to Disney.

As they work to make gains in their student accounts, they still have to be cognizant of their needs as musicians by buying in-

strument maintenance and/or cover other fees that are understood as a growing musician and the enriching opportunities that arise throughout the year.

Band students experience opportunities in finance and personal budgeting as they work to earn the capital necessary to thrive and experience a once in a life time band trip.

Good Luck Band!



**AT HALFTIME FOOTBALL GAMES AND ON THE ROAD**

This year, in addition to providing half time entertainment for the Chilhowie Warrior football team, providing fans with stand music to fire energy in the stands on Friday nights, and supporting the team when they travel, the Mighty Warrior band takes their field show on the road to compete against bands from near and far.



The Mighty Warrior Marching Band had a successful year with their **DANCER IN THE DARK** field show, competing at the McChesny Band Competition, Letcher County Marching Invitational, and the Lonesome Pine Band Competition (Story Continues on page 3)



## MIGHTY WARRIOR SENIORS

Rachel B.

Molly D.

Jessica J.

Ashley P.

Brianna S.

Katie T.

Allyson W.

## AT HALFTIME FOOTBALL GAMES AND ON THE ROAD; STORY CONTINUED

At the **McChesny Band Competition** in Big Stone Gap, the Mighty Warrior band placed 2nd in marching and color guard. They also took

2nd place in Class AAA and earned an overall superior rating for the day. Amber B. was recognized for being the soloist of the day. Pictured is Amber B. and Ron Flannary. This award is given to honor his father, a band director.



The Mighty Warriors traveled to the **Lonesome Pine Band Competition** where they cleaned house earning 1st place in Color Guard, Drum Major, Music, General Effects, and Marching. They also took 2nd place in Percussion and earned an overall Excellent rating. The Color Guard walked away holding the highest Color Guard score of the day.

At the **Letcher County Marching Invitations**, the Mighty Warriors took 1st place in Music, General Effects, Color Guard, and Drum Major. They also took 3rd Place in Percussion and earned an overall Superior Rating in Class AA. They walked away with heads high, earning the highest score in General Effect, Color Guard, and Drum Major. They were also awarded Reserved Grand Champions.



## BIGGEST APPLE FESTIVAL IN HISTORY

The 62nd Annual Apple Festival Band Competition held at Chilhowie High School has always been a success not only for the Mighty Warrior Band, but it has also generated funds that go back into the community. This year's Apple Festival was marked as holding the largest enrollment of bands to ever compete.

## APPRECIATION TO THE MIGHTY WARRIOR BAND BOOSTERS

There's a lot of support parents and other stakeholders that make up the Mighty Warrior Band Boosters.

Parents volunteer their time to work concessions, help with uniform fittings, fund raising, chaperoning, and help in raising money for the program.

Funds raised by the band boosters goes towards the maintenance of the equipment and items needed for the band program.

School instruments need repairs, services, and sometimes replaced, on a regular bases. The cost to take care of the miscellaneous needs that arise throughout the school year is paid with funds generated by the boosters.

The band boosters are greatly appreciated!

## CHILHOWIE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BANDS SHARE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

On December 7, 2014 the Chilhowie Middle School and High School Bands performed for the community in their 2014 Christmas Concert.

Under the direction of Mr. Logan Childress, student musicians from sixth through twelfth grades spread the holiday cheer and showcased their outstanding musical talents at each level. Family, friends, and neighbors were entertained with Christmas music from each level of the band

program. This year's concert also included a vocal accompaniment with Cindy Freeman, the choir director of both schools.

The combination of hard work and dedication practice by these young musicians, as well as the support and encouragement from their band director left the audience of approximately 350 with brighter holiday spirits.



**Chilhowie Middle and High School Christmas Concert December 7, 2014**

**Merry Christmas from the Chilhowie Warrior Bands**

## CHILHOWIE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN A POSITION IN THE ALL-DISTRICT BANDS

On December 12, 2014, twenty-two students from both Chilhowie High School and Chilhowie Middle School auditioned for Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association District 7 All-District Band at John S. Battle High School in Bristol, Va. Over 800 students from the district auditioned and nine Chilhowie students earned a spot in the honor bands. They will have the opportunity to spend two days in February playing with other students who also earned seats in the bands at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bristol, Va. Congratulations students!

Making Senior District Band: Molly D., Whitney B., Avery S., Kelly H., Amber B.

Making Junior District Band: Michael R. Emily B., Rainni C. Emily F.

## FIND THE MIGHTY WARRIOR BAND IN SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chilhowie Mighty Warrior band can be found on both Twitter and Facebook.

## PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

Once the 2014-2015 school year started, many students in the Middle and High School bands were given the opportunity to take private lessons after school.

Mr. Childress arranged to provide an instructor for the respective instruments where students had interest. As challenging as it is to accommodate all students with an instructor that will satisfy both student and instructor schedules, it has paid off to see the progress made with each student.

On any given afternoon, there's a number of middle and high school students who take time to enrich their talents with their instrument. Private lessons take a lot of responsibility on the part of the student as they are still held responsible for homework. They also develop a sense of time management in order to be able to afford time for both private lessons and school work.

Private lessons are also an appreciated contribution from the parents as they bring students to lessons! The efforts and communication from school to home, from instructors to parents have helped enrich students and supported there to growth as musicians.

Students who have interest in private lessons can speak with Mr. Childress at any time.

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## THE DIRECTOR MR. LOGAN CHILDRESS

When asked what he attributes his success as a musician and music educator, Mr. Logan Childress affords credit to Tom Cawford, his private saxophone instructor/teacher during his time attending East Tennessee State University. Also influencing Mr. Childress in band education in public schools, are Perry Elliot and Chris Lockhart from Elizabethton, TN.

Mr. Childress wants students to walk away from his program with a deeper understanding and appreciation of team work and the value of self-discipline. His goals for all students is to keep growing and become even better musicians than what they already are. As for the program, he wants future bands to flourish and learn from current participating members and be motivated to set higher standards that are both challenging and rewarding.

The students of both the middle and high school bands work very hard, every day, and even during the summer. Mr. Childress would like the community to know that the support and contributions from the parents, community members, and other stakeholders are extremely important and greatly appreciated! He and students invite your support for not only the band program, but other programs in the arts.

Programs in the arts, not just music, but visual and performing arts are crucial for children. Plato said, "I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning." Studies have been conducted that conclude, students participating in music average approximately 63 points higher on verbal tests and approximately 44 points higher on Math tests than students who did not take music classes. Dr. Kevin Strother says that, "music develops analytical thinking because it requires students to be creative. They don't just regurgitate memorized facts. They have to apply those facts." These programs offer students the opportunity to explore and become creative. Visual and performing Arts education is important and your support is appreciated!

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