

PANTHER BAND NEWS

DECEMBER 2007

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday Dec. 6th
6:30pm
in the Band Room



Time for Top-Flight Musicianship

Dear Murphy Band Parents and Members:

This is a fun time of the year. It is really nice to watch the student's progress as we go through the tryouts. We are about halfway through the entire cycle for the symphonic band members and the students are showing some real improvement.

Everyone in the Symphonic Band goes through three rounds of tryouts that will eventually prepare them for the All-State (and

Australia) auditions in January. I have always felt that it is the preparation for these auditions through the symphonic tryouts that is the most important thing that we do here throughout the entire year to help the student's turn into musicians. I have always felt that every student who prepares this music benefits from the process, whether they make the cuts for the All-State of All-County Honor Band programs or not. As parents, I really need to you

encourage the students as we prepare this music. Make sure that they are practicing and ask them to play the exercises for you. I guarantee that you will enjoy it.

I'll be placing the roster of students that make All-County on the band website as soon as the names are released.

See you at the next meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band

Important Dates and Times

2007-2008 Murphy Band Performance Schedule



Dec. 15 (Sat.) Mobile Christmas/Holiday Parade (TBA)

Jan. 7-8 (Mon-Tues) Mobile County Honor Band Festival (Murphy HS)

Jan. 19 (Sat) All State Tryouts (at Davidson HS)

Feb. 18-19 District Contests (at Baker HS)

Mar 13-14 State Contests

Mar 15-22 Hawaii Performance

Mar 24-25 Mobile All-County Jazz Band Festival

April 15 All State Solo Festival (Auburn, Al.)

April 16-18 All State Festival (Auburn)

April 26 solo & Ensemble (Baker HS)

*Marching withdrawal?
Now that the season's
over, do you find
yourself marching to
class...or maybe to
breakfast each
morning?
Perhaps we should get
together some
afternoon after school
just to march around for
a few hours.*



Big night at Bryant...Murphy wins! Band sounds great!

Your Pictures Are Welcomed

Email articles or
pictures for the
Panther Band News
to Janet Nodar at
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Thanks to Keith
Collard and Tabitha
Harwood for the
photographs in this
edition.

The Prez Sez:

Hello Band Parents,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving this year. Now that marching season has come to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making this an enjoyable season.

As you know, we have gift wrap booth set up for Christmas, so please sign up and support gift wrap this year. Also, please don't forget about Hawaii payments this month.

Remember the Band Booster meeting Thursday, December 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Everyone have a happy and safe holiday.

See Ya'll,
Jim Bray
Panther Band Booster President

Announcements!

BAND BOOSTER MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
6:30 PM
BAND ROOM

December Fundraising News:

Gift Wrap Booth:

The Gift Wrap Booth is up and running smoothly. There have been quite a few changes with management at Bel Air Mall so the way the Booth is running is a little different. We have to keep our Booth neat and clean at all times. If you work the Booth you will notice that there have been some upgrades inside the Booth. New shelving and gift paper racks and work stations have been installed.

We also have to keep ourselves neat in our appearance. No holey or torn jeans, saggy pants or offensive t-shirts can be worn. These are rules that are set by the Mall and we have to abide by them or we lose our contract. Please help us to do a good job and impress the Mall so we will be asked back next year. Thank you to all that have signed up to work the Gift Wrap Booth! Merry Christmas!

Chick-Fil-A Calendars & Cheese Cakes:

On Friday, November 30 we will kickoff the Chick-Fil-A Cheese Cake sale. The Cheese Cakes sell for \$20.00 each with the students receiving \$5.00 for each sale. This sale ends on Monday, December 10th. Turn in orders on this date to Booster office. **No late orders accepted.**

Cheesecakes will be delivered to the school Tuesday, December 18th. All orders will have to be picked up during 4th block as we have no way to keep them refrigerated. Please make arrangements for this date if you take orders. All checks should be made payable to Panther Band Boosters.

Tabitha Harwood

Color Guard News

The Winter Guard had their first official practice on Nov. 10th. They pulled an all-nighter, spending the night at the Fuqua house and then had a 12-hour practice the next day. Needless to say, everyone was very sleepy and sore on Sunday. Secret sister names were also drawn that weekend.

This year the group will be performing to the music, "Lebera Me," which is Latin for Liberate Me.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Marsha Anderson



Leeanne Bass, Rachel Hall and Cathryn Harwood. as Charlies Angels!

**Remember to
practice for All-State
tryouts!**

Hospitality Committee

Dennis and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to everyone for all their help this year.

We are looking forward to turning over the reins to a new couple for next year. Let us know if you are interested. We'll be glad to co-chair with another couple. Thanks again!

Dennis & Jeanne Schemensky



Dem 'Bones!

Important Hawaii Trip Info

Remember, your trip MUST be paid in full by January 16th, 2008. Payments on hotel costs, meals, and sightseeing fees are being made each month on your behalf. Your payments must be up to date for these payments to be made.

Late notices will be sent home on Dec. 3rd to anyone who is behind on payments. The December monthly payment is due on Dec. 16th.

And About Those Band Fees:

All Band Fees should be paid in full at this time. Monthly statements are being sent home by the students on Monday, Dec 3rd to anyone who has not fulfilled their obligation.

If you have any questions, please call.
Thank You,
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