

PANTHER BAND NEWS

OCTOBER 2007

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday Oct. 4th
6:30pm
in the Band Room



Marching Seasons Greetings

Dear Band Members and Parents,

We have had quite a weekend. The band really had a good run at the Azalea City Marching Festival Saturday, earning straight superior ratings plus they had a fine show Friday night at the game. Our last marching contest comes up this weekend at Troy University. A complete schedule of that will be posted on the band web site. This marching season has been a real joy. The kids have worked hard and

the parents have really made the entire season a great experience. Thanks.

On to other things. We will start finalizing the details for Hawaii soon. We'll keep you posted for that via this newsletter and the web site. Dr. Dodge approved the Australian performance for October of 2008 last week, so we can release the publicity on that soon. I have started looking for additional money to try to bring the size of the group up to about thirty students, so we will see how that goes. The most important thing to remember is that we

will choose the travel band from the All-State tryout music, so now is the time to really start practicing. The auditions will be in January.

This is the last week of marching band after-school rehearsals. We will take a little time to get ready, then we will start the symphonic band auditions. I'll post the audition schedule on the web site.

See you at the next meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band



The Australia trip is based on All-State tryouts...I'd practice more, but the dingo ate my sheet music!

Still Begging for Pictures

Email articles or pictures for the Panther Band News to Janet Nodar at jinx5000@bellsouth.net. We'd really like some photos of parades, games, or behind-the-scenes



If you are taking orders for MHS blankets, please turn them in as soon as you get them...then get a new order form for additional orders.

Important Dates and Times

You have probably already heard that the Band will **not** be going to Opp on Oct. 20th for Contest, but will be going to Troy on Oct. 6th. The band will miss the Mary G. Montgomery game scheduled for Saturday, Oct 6th.

2007-2008 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

Oct. 6 (Sat.) Southeastern Marching Festival (Troy University) 1:00 PM Call
Oct. 12 (Fri.) Murphy vs Blount (Homecoming/Ladd) 7:00
Oct. 19 (Fri.) Murphy at Bryant (Bryant HS) 7:00 (Middle School Night)
Oct. 20 (Sat.) Marching Contests (TBA)
Oct. 25 (Thur.) Murphy at McGill (Ladd) 7:00

Nov. 2 (Fri.) Murphy at Daphne (Daphne) 7:00
Nov. 29 Mobile All County Honor Band Tryouts (Brass & Percussion)

Dec. 4 Mobile All County Honor Band Tryouts (Woodwinds)
Dec. 3 (Mon.) Winter Concert (Murphy HS Auditorium) 7:00 PM
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)

Murphy Jazz Band Performance Schedule

Fall Term Jazz Band
October 7 (Sunday) -- BayFest -- 2:30pm
October 20 (Sunday) -- Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party
December 3 (Monday) -- Winter Concert (Murphy HS Auditorium) -- 7:00pm

After School Rehearsals Final Week Oct. 1st through 5th!

Monday 2:45 PM -5:00 PM Full Band
Tuesday 2:45 PM- 5:00 PM Brass and Woodwinds
Tuesday 6:00PM -8:30 PM Guard
Wednesday 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM Drum Line and Pit

Announcements!

BAND BOOSTER MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4th
6:30 PM
BAND ROOM

BayFest and Marching Contest on Same Day

If you have signed up to work BayFest on Saturday, October 6, please let Team Windham know ASAP if this will be a conflict for you.

...and More Important Bayfest News

Parents who have signed up to work Bayfest must attend the Booster Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4th. We will give out the wrist bands for free entry, maps, and all other information. If you are unable to attend, please send someone in your place.

Fees, Please

All Band Fees should be paid in full at this time. Monthly statements will be sent home by the students on Monday, Oct. 1st to anyone who has not fulfilled their obligation.

Hawaii Trip:

Late notices will be sent home on October 1st via students to anyone who is behind on payments. The October monthly payment is due on October 16.

If you have any questions, please call 432-7828 (home) or 402-4702 (cell).

Thank You,
Team Windham

IN OTHER NEWS...

Middle School Night

Middle school night was rescheduled due to threatening weather. It will be held Friday night, October 12th..

Blanket Fundraiser Continues: Nobody Gets Fleeced!

Navy blue embroidered fleece stadium blankets in navy blue with the Murphy "M" and gold paw prints. These are very nice. The blankets will sell for \$20.00 each. The selling student receives \$3.25 in his or her student account for each blanket sale. Limited quantities! Turn in your orders to the band office or Tabitha Harwood as soon as possible!

The Prez Sez:

Dear Band Parents,

Aren't you proud of your band student? We are. The hard (hot) work is paying off, the Panther Band looks and sounds great ! (I've even heard the Murphy fans singing with you at halftime.) Keep up the good work!

One way to help show your pride is volunteering. We need help selling split-the-pot tickets and football programs at the games. Another fundraiser opportunity is Bayfest, October 5, 6 and 7. It's closer than you think. More events are being scheduled for additional FUNdraising.

If you are signed up for the Hawaii trip, please continue to make your payments on time – we will be making hotel reservations very soon.

Importantly – please plan on attending the next Band Booster meeting on October 4th at 6:30pm. We will be making some decisions on band instruments and on upcoming events. See you there.

Thanks, Jim



Don't forget we have Panther Paw earrings in blue and gold, only \$5.00 per pair.

Hospitality Committee Alert

Many thanks to everyone who has been helping with third quarter break; it makes it a lot easier.

We didn't do middle school night September 22. Instead, middle school night will be at Homecoming. Because of the extra students, we'll need lots of helpers.

We will need drinks before then so please keep sending them in. I'll let you know when there are specials.

Thanks, Dennis & Jeanne

It's Your Turn!

For every home game we need 6 new helpers to help sell programs, earrings, blankets, and Split-the-Pot.

YOU DO NOT NEED A YELLOW BAND SHIRT TO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE JOBS - YOU WILL BE PROVIDED AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE ON THE NIGHT YOU HELP.

All band students benefit from the money raised.

Is that you raising your hand?

Thank you! Contact Tabitha Harwood Cell 680-4095, email rtarwood@comcast.net or Laura Cleveland Cell 559-4218, email lkleveland@msn.com.

Fundraising For October:

We will be kicking off the month of October with the Limited Edition Thomas Kinkade 2007 Catalog. It is a great catalog filled with a variety of items from gift wrap and candy to vases and umbrellas. We hope you enjoy the variety that this catalog has to offer. The students will receive 20% of the sales from the catalog in their student account.

Mrs. Tibbetts with Thomas Kinkade will be at the General Meeting on Thursday, October 4 to show some of the products offered in the catalog. She will also bring items to be offered as door prizes.

The sale will kick off on October 9th and end on October 29. Orders are due in on October 30th. All orders are pre-paid and checks are to be made out to the Panther Band Boosters.

Everybody work hard and make this our best fundraiser yet!!!

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