

PANTHER BAND NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2007

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Sept. 6, 2007 6:30pm
in the Band Room



The Heat Is On!

Dear Band
Members and
Parents;

I can't remember more disagreeable weather but more agreeable kids for band camp. When it hasn't been blistering hot it's been raining, but the kids kept up a good attitude and we have gotten a lot of work done. The show is coming along nicely and I'm real proud of everyone. The leadership and organization of the band council has been phenomenal. Many thanks also go to all of the Boosters who spent

all of the camp helping out in the band room and to those who helped throw a great end-of-camp party on picture night. I hope you are looking forward to watching the show develop as much as I am.

The performance schedule, listed elsewhere in this letter, keeps getting longer and longer. We try to keep the one on the website as up-to-date as possible, so check it often. We're doing one marching contest performance here in Mobile at Mary G. Montgomery High School in Semmes

on September 29th. Watching these field shows at a marching contest is a very different experience than seeing them at a half-time show. I highly encourage you to attend. I have booked an extra bus for the out-of-town contest on October 20. If we have enough parents that would like to use it, I'll keep it. We can discuss it at the Booster Meeting.

See you at the next meeting.
Stan Chapman
Murphy Band



*Surf's up!
We're going to Hawaii
this spring...don't forget
to sign up for Mr.
Chapman's new
Marching Ukulele
section!*

WE NEED PIX

Email articles or pictures for the Panther Band News to Janet Nodar at jjnx5000@bellsouth.net. We'd really like some photos of parades, games, or behind-the-scenes antics!

Band hoodies are still available. Don't miss out! They're \$20.00 each. The order deadline is **Friday, September 28.**

Important Dates and Times

2007-2008 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

Sept. 7 (Fri.) Murphy at Davidson (Ladd) 7:00 PM
Sept. 15 (Sat.) Murphy vs Baker (Ladd) 7:00 PM
Sept 22 (Sat.) Murphy vs Theodore (Ladd) 7:00 PM
Sept. 28 (Fri.) Murphy at Vigor (Prichard) 7:00 PM
Sept 29 (Sat.) Azalea City Marching Festival (Semmes) TBA

Oct. 6 (Sat.) Murphy vs MGM (Ladd) 7:00
Oct. 12 (Fri.) Murphy vs Blount (Homecoming/Ladd) 7:00
Oct. 19 (Fri.) Murphy at Bryant (Bryant HS) 7:00
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

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, SEPT 6
6:30 PM
BAND ROOM

Be informed - get first hand information when you attend the booster meetings.

Tabitha Harwood has good news to share about the Cookie Dough Profits for all who participated. She will also be announcing the new fundraiser for September.

Announcement

Middle school night is Saturday, September 22.

September Fundraiser:

Navy blue embroidered fleece stadium blankets in navy blue with the Murphy "M" and gold paw prints. The blankets will sell for \$20.00 each. The selling student receives \$3.25 in his or her student account for each blanket sale. Sale starts on Tuesday, September 4th. Limited quantities! Turn in your orders to the band office or Tabitha Harwood as soon as possible!

Band Boosters

Bayfest:

The Band Boosters have agreed to handle the T-Shirt Concession Booths at Bayfest once again. We will receive 10% commission on gross sales. 100% of this will go into the Student Accounts. Any parents who are interested in signing up to work at Bayfest (Oct. 5, 6, or 7) should come to the next Booster Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6th @ 6:30. This Fundraiser is for parents only.

Band Fees:

All band fees should be paid in full at this time. Monthly statements will be sent out on September 4th to anyone who has not fulfilled their obligation.

Hawaii Trip:

The September monthly payment is due on September 16. Late notices will be given to students on September 4th to anyone who is behind on payments.

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

Thank You,
Team Windham

Volunteers Needed

"Ask not what your band can do for you, but what can you do for your band."
(Well, something like that!)

We need your help during the game this Friday night, September 7 for the following positions:

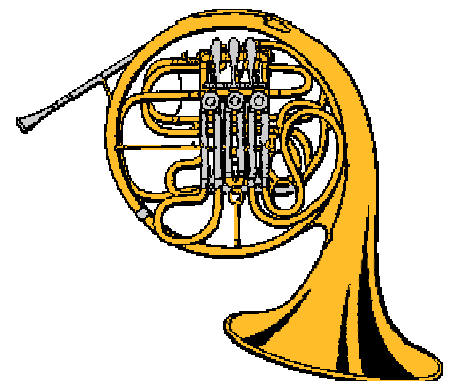
- 3 people to help with Split the Pot, and
- 2 people to sell paw print earrings
- ~ Piece of cake! ~

You will only have to work until halfway through 2nd quarter. (The winner is announced at half-time)

We would like different people to help each week - If enough parents volunteer, you will only have to work one time.

Call Tabitha Harwood now and get your turn out of the way!

Tabitha Harwood
Cell Number 680-4095



Hospitality Committee Alert

The hospitality committee is issuing an immediate call for drinks for the half-time break(s).

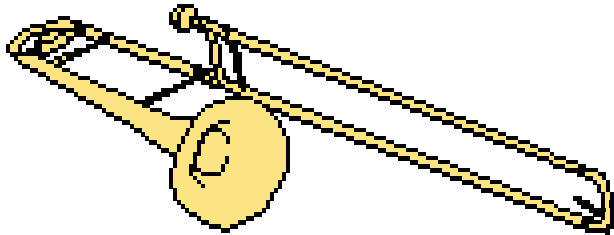
You can find Mountain Dew and Sunkist Orange on sale at Walgreens 5/\$11.00;

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Barqs Root Beer are on sale at Brunos for 4/\$11.00.

We are out of Coke and Diet Coke.

We are in need of all these drinks. They can be delivered to the band room or if you prefer you can make a cash donation and we will purchase them for you.

Thanks from Jeanne and Tabitha



Somebody Get Me a Doctor!

Medical Alert:

There are still some students who have not turned in their medical forms. Each student must have:

1. Health form (to be filled in by parent);
2. [Participation Physical Evaluation for Marching Band](#) form (to be filled in by doctor). This form can be downloaded off of the band website: www.MurphyBand.com;
3. Copy of their insurance card (both sides).

Panther Band Boosters

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