

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

JULY 2008

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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**New Band Booster  
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**Band Parent Meeting:**

Thursday, July 10th

7:00 p.m.  
in the Band Room



## So Far, So Good! Cool DCI Trip on the Cheap!

Dear Band Members  
and Parents:

This has been a productive summer. Rookie Camp went well. The kids had a great attitude and are eager to learn. I really enjoyed meeting many of the new parents and am looking forward to meeting the rest of you. Mr. Frazier told me that the drum line had a good week while I was gone, and I've heard the pit and watched the guard. Both of those groups are doing really well.

A number of our members were able to attend a leadership camp recently. I was able to be with them for the last part of it and I was very impressed with the maturity of their observations. It's going to be a good year.

I am planning a

little pre-band camp trip. Drum Corps International is hosting a drum and bugle corps show at Roberts Stadium on Tuesday, July 22. I have reserved a 56-passenger charter bus and contacted DCI about the tickets. The price for admission and for the bus will be \$35 per person (can't beat that.) Some great corps will be marching (Phantom Regiment, Blue Devils, Spirit, Carolina Crown, Teal, plus some others). We will leave in the afternoon of the 22nd, grab a bite to eat in Hattiesburg, watch the show, and be back that night. I'll publish the exact schedule on the web site as soon as it's available. For those who are drum corps fans, and for those of you who have never seen one of these

shows, I cannot recommend this trip enough. As we are a corps-style marching band, I think it would be very good if all of the incoming marchers were able to see this show. Parents are also invited to hop on the bus. If there is enough interest in this trip, I can reserve a second bus. The order form for tickets is included in this newsletter and can also be found on the website. Call me at the band room if you have any questions. You can turn in your forms and money at the booster meeting on July 10 or bring it by during the day (the band room is open daily Monday through Thursday. See you at the Booster meeting.

Stan Chapman  
Murphy Band

# Important Dates and Times



## 2008-2009 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

8/28 MHS at Foley 7:00 PM (Foley)

9/4 MHS vs Baker 7:00 PM (Ladd)

9/12 MHS vs Williamson 7:00 PM (Ladd)

9/19 MHS at Bryant 7:00 PM 9at Bryant)

9/27 MHS vs Daphne 7:00 PM (at Ladd)

10/3 MHS vs Blount (Ladd) HC

10/10 MHS at Theodore 7:00 PM (Theodore Stadium)

10/11 **Contests** (Azalea City Classic)

10/17 MHS at Mary G. Montgomery (at MGM)

10/18 Australia

10/25 MHS vs Davidson 7:00 PM (Ladd)

10/31 MHS at McGill 7:00 PM (Lipsconmb Stadium)

11/7 Playoff game

11/11 Veteran's Day

1/12-1/13 All County Honor Band Festival (at MHS)

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*Avoid Band Camp  
Cramp...drink plenty of  
water when marching  
on hot summer days.*

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## Deadline for Football Program Ads is July 31st

Ads can be business, personal, good luck, embarrassing baby pictures, etc.

Must be pre-paid.

1/8 Page **\$40**

1/2 Page **\$90**

1/4 Page **\$65**

Full Page **\$125**

Full Premium (inside cover full color) **\$250**

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**BAND BOOSTER MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 10th**  
**6:30 PM**  
**BAND ROOM**

## Announcements

### From the No Pass(port), No Play Dept.:

Remember, students who are going on the Australia trip must have current passports!

### From the Treasurer:

2008-2009 Band Fees are \$255.00 for all band students (including Color Guard). Band Fees are due by the end of Band Camp (August 7, 2008).

Payments may be made over the summer months: \$85.00 in June, \$85.00 in July and \$85.00 in August. At least 2/3 (\$170.00) must be paid in order for the student to receive his/her band T-Shirt.

Make checks payable to :  
**Panther Band Boosters**

Payments can be placed in the drop box slot on the door of the booster office or mailed to:

Panther Band Boosters  
P.O. Box 6745  
Mobile, AL 36606

Thank You,  
Janie Windham 251-432-7828

## July 22<sup>nd</sup> DCI Ticket Order Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets needed \_\_\_\_\_

— Amount enclosed (\$35. per person for bus and show ticket)

## Congrats, Matt!



**He's an Eagle Scout.**

Matthew Hussong received his Eagle Scout rank on May 31. His project was building picnic tables, benches and a storage shed for the Special Needs Kindergarten class at Gilliard Elementary.

State Senator Ben Brooks marked Matthew's achievement with a special senate resolution. Matthew also received letters of recognition from Pope Benedict, President Bush, Senator Jeff Sessions and Governor Bob Riley.

Only 1 in 100 young men who are involved in scouting make the rank of an Eagle Scout.

## Now For Some Notes:

### From Panther Band Booster President:

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful 4th of July. The break will soon be over and we will be gearing up for band camp. Check the schedule included in this newsletter and remember to dress in cool clothes and a hat and to use sunscreen. Do not eat or drink milk products in the morning before you come to band camp.

Don't forget -- to receive your band t-shirt you must pay two-thirds of your band fees (\$170.00). This t-shirt is part of the hot weather uniform and is worn for the first several football games and for some band activities. If you do not have your band t-shirt you must wear a solid white t-shirt. Band t-shirts will be given out August 7, after the band pictures are taken and after the cookout.

We will need parents to help at the cookout with the grilling, preparing and setting up, if you can help out please contact Stacey Baylor at 433-548 5 or 656-3499. We will also have a sign up sheet at the meeting. The next band booster meeting is Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 in the band room. Thank you for your continued support.

Tabitha Harwood, President

# **HOT SUMMER FUN!**

## **Murphy Band 2008 Summer Rehearsal Schedule:**

**BAND CAMP BEGINS JULY 28<sup>th</sup>!**

Parents, please make sure your student wears cool clothing and brings sunscreen and lots of water. Camel backs, sunglasses, and hats have proven to be good investments. Also, make sure your student eats breakfast (NO MILK) and has a lunch or money to purchase lunch. Remember it is HOT!

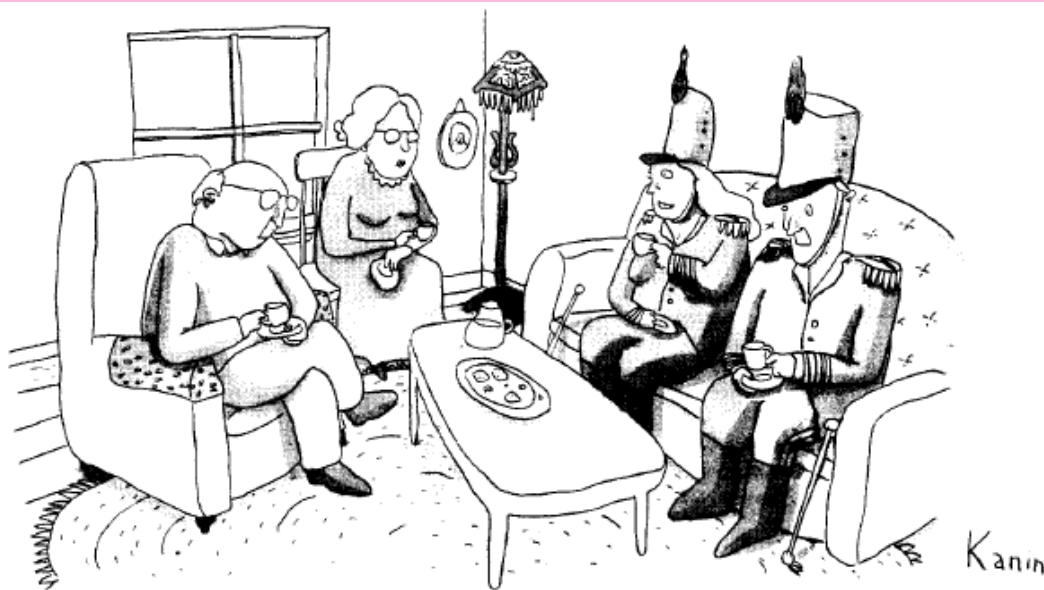
**Workouts.** Workouts are rehearsals that are held in order that the students can keep their playing and marching skills up. We will review all of the marching and playing fundamentals covered in Rookie Camp plus work on the field show music for the coming marching season. If you are in town, not scheduled to work, etc., we want you to come to the workouts. If you are on vacation, etc., that is fine. There is no penalty for missing one or more workouts.

### **Workout Schedule**

Monday, July 21

10:00 AM - 12:00 Woodwinds

1:00 PM- 3:00 PM Brass



*"We may have to leave you if there's a parade."*

# ***BAND CAMP APPROACHES!***

Band camp is a series of required rehearsals. If you are going to march in the show this fall, you must attend all band camp rehearsals. If you miss a rehearsal, you lose your place in the show.

## **Band Camp Schedule**

### ***Monday July 14- Thursday July 17***

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Color guard

### ***Thursday, July 17***

8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon Leadership Camp (Appointed Band Council)

### ***Monday July 21-Thursday July 24***

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Color Guard and Pit

### ***Friday July 27***

8:00 AM-4:00 PM Drum Line

### ***Monday July 28***

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Trumpets and Flutes

5:00 PM- 9:00 PM Full Band

### ***Tuesday July 29***

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM French Horns and Alto Saxes

5:00 PM- 9:00 PM Full Band

### ***Wednesday July 30***

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Clarinets

### ***Thursday July 31***

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Trombones, Baritones, Tenor Saxophones

5:00 PM- 9:00 Full Band

### ***Friday August 1***

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Tubas, Drum Line, Pit (mallets)

### ***Tuesday August 5***

5:00 PM- 9:00 PM Full Band

### ***Thursday August 7***

5:00 PM-9:00 PM Full Band (Football program pictures will be made tonight).

## **After School Rehearsals.**

Band meets as a regular scheduled class during fourth block. The marching band will rehearse after school according to the following schedule until the last marching contest is finished, which is usually around the middle of October.

**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.