

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

APRIL 2008

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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[murphyband.com](http://murphyband.com)

## *New Band Booster email address*

[pantherbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:pantherbandboosters@gmail.com)

## *Band Parent Meeting:*

Thursday April 3rd  
6:30pm



## Hawaii Was a Blast! Now, All-State, Australia, and More!

That was a great band trip!! Many thanks to all of the chaperones who made the trip go so well, and particularly to the booster officers who worked so hard for so long to handle all of the details leading up to the trip itself. I just can't recall a trip that lasted as long as the Hawaiian performance did that had so few glitches. The performance was great. The students were relaxed and professional. Everyone did a great job the entire time that we were gone.

Now, on to new things:

I will be handing out information at the Booster meeting concerning the status of the Australian performance in October. Everyone who auditioned and won a spot in the depth roster plus a parent or two should plan on being there. We'll do that part of the meeting after the general meeting has finished. I'll send a note home with all of the students before the meeting to remind everyone. This is going to be a great performing

opportunity for the students and I want everyone to know the status of the travel roster, the finances, the arrangements, etc. We are still looking for sponsors, if anyone has any more leads.

The Symphonic Band will be performing for the Arts Alive Celebration in Cathedral Square on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 PM. This is billed as a family-oriented venue and everyone is invited. There is no admission charge and everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs, picnics, etc. We will be finished by 4:00 PM.

I am out gathering the names of the incoming freshmen as we prepare for Rookie Camp May 27-30. (See the Summer Schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.) I can only get to the three magnet middle schools plus Burns and Smith. If you are aware of anyone coming in from other schools, please download the prospective student form from the website, have them fill it out and then pass it on to me. Families

inquiring about transfers should contact me, also.

We have a very busy performance schedule for April, as you can see by the calendars in the newsletter. One interesting thing will be the Percussion Concert/Solo Festival on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Larkin Center on Dauphin Street (the offices of the Mobile Symphony and Opera). The students in the International Baccalaureate program that chose the solo recital option for their diplomas will be performing, the composition students will be having some of their works performed, and the percussion ensemble will do a concert. We haven't done this for a couple of years, and the last one was a lot of fun. The jazz band will be performing next door at the Saenger at the Burns Spring Concert, so the drummers in it will be running from one place to the other, but it should be a great night.

See you at the meeting.

Stan Chapman  
Murphy Band

# Important Dates and Times



## **Murphy Band Spring Performances**

**April 13 Arts Alive 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (Symphonic Band)**

**April 16-18 All State Festival (Auburn)**

**April 26 Solo & Ensemble (Baker HS)**

**April 28 Percussion Recital (7:00 PM at Laidlaw Center)**

**May 5 Spring Concert (7:00 PM at MHS)**

## **Jazz Band Spring Performances**

**April 1 All - County Jazz Band Performance 7:00 PM Davidson Auditorium (All-Black Attire)**

**April 26 Edith Murphy Foundation 3:00-5:00 PM**

**April 28 Burns Middle School Spring Concert (Special guests)**

**May 5 Spring Concert**

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*Feeling nostalgic about  
the fabulous band trip?*

*Check out Hawaiian  
satellite radio:*

*"All ukuleles...All the  
time!"*

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## ***Murphy High Panther Band in Hawaii***



# Announcements!

**BAND BOOSTER MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd**  
**6:30 PM**  
**BAND ROOM**

## Keep in Touch

Good news: the Murphy Band Boosters have a new e-mail address: [pantherbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:pantherbandboosters@gmail.com)

## Fundraising News

The next fundraiser will begin at the end of May at orientation for new parents. We do have a few Chick-Fil-A Calendars for \$5.00 each, earrings for \$5.00 per pair and two "Enjoy the City" coupon books that we will sell for \$15.00 each. See Tabitha at the general meeting if you are interested in any of these items.

Thanks for all of your support throughout this year. You have made fund-raising such a huge success.

Tabitha Harwood, Vice-President Fundraising

## Winter Guard News

There will be a Murphy Winter Guard, Friends and Family Show, Friday, April 4th, 7:00 PM at Dunbar Magnet School.

We would like everyone to come out and see the show. Most of our shows are out-of-town and this is a rare occasion for friends and family to see the performance here in Mobile. The show is fun, daring and different. There is no charge to attend.

Marsha Anderson



## Treasurer's Report:

Students must pay any outstanding obligations before they can attend the 2008 Band Banquet. This includes any debts due, including Band Fees, Uniform IOU's and any debts charged back against your band account.

Thank You,  
Team Windham



## Sure You Can Play...But Can You Draw?

Design the 2008-2009 Band T-shirt and win a pizza party for 10 friends!!!

The design must reflect next year's show, which will be named "For once in my life" and will feature Stevie Wonder's music, including the songs "You are the sunshine of my life" and "Superstition."

The main design will go on the back of the shirt, with a small front pocket design. Designs are due April 25<sup>th</sup>. Turn them in to the Band Booster office slot or to Sandra Fuqua.

Call 402-5951 if you have any questions.

# **Yikes! Stan's Already Thinking About Summer!** **...and You Should, Too!**

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

**Rookie camp.** This is a series of rehearsals for the new members of the Murphy Band. It will cover playing fundamentals required to be successful in the band program as well as other important aspects. There will be a one-hour lunch break daily at 12:00 noon. The band room will be open during the lunch break. Students may either bring their lunches (there are soft drink machines on campus) or, if they prefer, walk to several fast food outlets near the school. The students will be exposed to all of the playing skills necessary to perform with the Murphy Band during this **Rookie Camp**. Also there will be an audition time for students who have not been part of the Mobile County All-County Honor Band (students who have been members of the Honor Band are automatically part of the Murphy Band.)

The entire returning drum line and pit will need to report to Rookie camp, as that is when we will do the placement auditions.

**The schedule for Rookie Camp will be as follows:**

**Tuesday, May 27-Friday, May 30 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM)**

**There will be an orientation meeting for all incoming parents on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00PM.**

**Students selected for the Drum Line will have an additional week of camp June 2 thru June 6 (8:00 AM-4:00 PM)**

**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, June 16**

**5:00 -9:00 PM Pit**

**Tuesday, June 20**

**6:00-7:00 PM Weapons**

**7:00-9:00 PM New Guard**

**Tuesday, June 24**

**6:00-7:00 PM Weapons**

**7:00-9:00 PM Guard**

**Tuesday, July 8**

**6:00-7:00 PM Weapons**

**7:00-9:00 PM Guard**

**Monday, July 14**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Woodwinds**

**1:00 PM- 3:00 PM Brass**

**Monday, July 21**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 Woodwinds**

**1:00 PM- 3:00 PM Brass**

# And Who Could Possibly Forget ***BAND CAMP!***

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 Hhorns 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.