

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday Jan. 10th
6:30pm
in the Band Room



Happy New Year!

As you can see by the performance schedule, this will be a very busy semester.

The final trip payment for the Honolulu parade is upon us. We will be able to start releasing information about that performance soon.

The initial audition for the Cockburn, Australia performance in October will be Saturday, January 12. I will factor in the score from the All-State auditions on January 19 to the scores from the

judges on the 12th and the roster for that band will be set. Both auditions use the same music (this year's All-State audition music, which we have also used for symphonic auditions.)

The fundraising for that performance is actually going quite well. If you work for a corporation that might be interested in sponsoring a student, let me know and I will contact them. We will be in Australia from October 20-27 for the Sister City Celebration.

The Mobile County Honor Band

performance will be Tuesday, January 8th in the Murphy Auditorium. A roster of the Murphy Band members selected for it is included in this newsletter.

I would like to give one last word of thanks to all of the parents who helped with the Christmas/Holiday Parade last month. That parade is always a nice experience and you all made it go so much easier.

See you at the meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band

Important Dates and Times

2007-2008 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

Spring Semester

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

Jan 18 (Fri) Mardi Gras Parade

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

Jan. 25 (Fri) Mardi Gras Parade

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

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)

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



Jab overheard at a recent presidential debate:

"He flip-flops more than the chair assignments in the Murphy Band trombone section!"

Mobile Country Honor Band Performance:

The Mobile County Honor Band performance is Tuesday, January 8th in the Murphy Auditorium. **Forty-eight** members of the Murphy High School band, listed below, were selected for this honor.

Baritone: Chris Sullivan

Bass Clarinet: Veronica Carstarphen, Kaitlyn Miller, April Prather

Bassoon: Tiffany Echevarria

Clarinet: Aislinn Colbert, Rachel Griffin, Ebony Hooten, Ava Hutcherson, Adrian Jones, Kierra Pettway, Genisis Terrell, Brittany Williams, Hilary Young

Flutes: Kristan Donnelly, Arienne Jones, Eden Mims, Laura Nolen-Schmidt, Emily Rose

Horns: Trilby Cleveland, Michael Hollins, Lauren Morrison, Daniel Rose, Knowles Suffich

Oboe: Alex Camardelle

Percussion: Jenna Boddley, Jason Cole, Steven Davidson, Robert Gard, James Murray

Alto saxophones: Rafael Gonzalez, John Plamore, Trevor Quiovors

Tenor sax: Eric Clark, Jeffrey Windham

Trombones: Jonathan Atkins, Manny Nodar, Henry Perkins, Blaine Rowell

Trumpet: Reginald Chambliss, Timmethy James, Nathan Warner, Tyler Williams

Tuba: Malcolm Banks, Bradley Hankins, Darius Lott, Darnecia Singleton, Breanna Sullivan

Congratulations to our Honor Band members!

Announcements!

**BAND BOOSTER MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH
6:30 PM
BAND ROOM**

Fundraising News for January

Happy New Year!!!

Come to the General Meeting on January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Room and get all the information about working at the Senior Bowl on Saturday, January 26th.

Also, anyone with suggestions for an easy fundraiser for January and February please contact Tabitha Harwood at rtharwood@comcast.net.

Laura Cleveland still has several original baby pictures from the football program that need to be returned. She can bring them to the band booster meeting on January 10 to return them. She will also release them to a student after receiving written or phone permission from a parent. Email her at lkcleveland@msn.com or call her cell at 768-3892.

These precious pictures will surely be missed if parents don't remember to get them back!



Color Guard News

We are all very excited about this season and extremely proud of our girls.

The 2008 show, "*Libera Me*," is fast-paced and daring. Our coaches, Bill and Jenny, are still amazed at the caliber of these young performers. Their dedication and discipline, and their love for the sport and this unit, are obvious.

Keith Collard continues to update the guard website, www.murphywinterguard.org, posting current action photos of our work in progress. The girls are diligently practicing long hours to become more confident and proficient in the new and complicated equipment work of a technically difficult show.

Our first competition will be in Panama City, FL on January 26th. A preview show for family and friends will be performed on January 21. Everyone is invited; please bring your friends. There is no cover charge. Doors will open at 6:00 and the show will start at 7:00. The location is still to be determined.

Marsha Anderson and Keith Collard

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

*2008 Murphy Winter Guard
"Friends and Family Premier Show"
Everyone is invited, bring your friends!
January 21 2008
No cover charge
Doors open 6:00pm, show starts 7:00pm
Location TBA*



Important Hawaii Trip Info

ALL Hawaii trips **MUST** be paid for in full by January 16th, 2008.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Hotel, meals, and sightseeing fees have already been paid on your behalf. There will be lots of exciting news and information about our trip available at upcoming Hawaii Meetings.

Band Fees:

All Band Fees should be paid in full at this time. Monthly statements will be sent home by the students on Monday, Jan. 7th to anyone who has not fulfilled their obligation.

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