

PANTHER BAND NEWS

MAY 2008

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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**New Band Booster
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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday, May 1st
6:30pm



Spring Concert Soon! Guard Tryouts Already?

Dear Murphy Band Members and Parents:

The Symphonic Band concert for the Arts Alive program on April 13 in Cathedral Square was a lot of fun. I was very proud of the band. We are all aware that finishing District Contests, working up the parade in Honolulu, and preparing a totally different concert for the Arts Alive celebration was a lot of work for the kids, but they did a fine job, in spite of all of the wind. Outdoor concerts in the park are part of our band heritage, and I'm always glad for a chance to put one together. I was particularly proud of the performances of

the student compositions that premiered that day. Having students write for a full wind band is a new experience for us here and I thought the student's compositions were very good. The Percussion Ensemble under Ms. Frazier also did a great job.

The Symphonic Band will prepare a different concert for the final performance of May 5th, so invite everyone to it. The Concert and Spring Jazz bands as well as the string ensemble will also be performing.

It's time to make sure everyone returning next year is aware of the summer schedule. Guard tryouts will be

May 13, 15, 20, and 22. Rookie Camp runs May 27-29 and Drum Line Camp runs June 2-6. The entire summer schedule is in this newsletter. The new parent orientation will be the night of May 29 at 6:00 PM.

I hope you plan on joining us for the band banquet on the 9th. It's always a great time and we will be saying goodbye to the Seniors then. They have been a really strong class and we are all going to miss them.

See you at the next meeting,

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band



Important Dates and Times

Murphy Band Spring Performances

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

Jazz Band Spring Performances

May 5 Spring Concert

Color Guard Tryouts

May 13, 15, 20, and 22 (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at MHS Band Room)

*Apocalypse of the
Pretty Woman Singing
in the Rain...Now.*
Two thumbs up!

From the Student President:

Hello Everyone!

This has been a great year! The Elected Band Council has worked very hard to prepare for the Hawaiian-themed banquet on May 9th. This year there will be several exciting additions to the program. The seniors will be honored with a slideshow played during the presentation of senior awards. There will also be a continuous slideshow of pictures and videos from Hawaii. Even if you weren't able to make the trip, you can still enjoy the sights and hear some interesting stories to go along with those pictures.

I want to hand out my thanks to some special people. Thank you to everyone in the band council that helped to make this year a success. We couldn't have done it without the teamwork that everyone showed. Thank you to Mrs. Windham, Mrs. Harwood, and Mrs. Fuqua for all of the support and guidance you have shown throughout the years.

My last thank you is the largest. Mr. Stan Chapman: thank you for being a continuous influence and teacher for me throughout these four years. You have been one of my greatest teachers ever.

I am honored to have served as the 2007-2008 Elected Band Council President! I will carry these past four years in my heart always.

Thank You,
Rachel Griffin

Announcements!

BAND BOOSTER MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 1ST
6:30 PM
BAND ROOM

Don't Forget

The Murphy Band Boosters have a new e-mail address: pantherbandboosters@gmail.com

Fundraising News

What a year!!! This has been a wonderful year and it would not have happened without such a great group of students and parents!!!

Thank all of you for your help and support. I am looking forward to all the great things we have planned for next year.

Board Meeting Reminder

There is a board meeting on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:00 in the band room and a general meeting on Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 in the band room.

The Tuesday board meeting will feature a special treat: samples of our new dipping sauces and salsa fundraiser.

Also, mark your calendar for these events: Monday, May 5 is the Spring Concert in the Murphy Auditorium at 7:00 and Friday, May 9 is the Band Banquet at the Brookley Complex at 6:00. Thanks for all your help and support this year.

Thanks again,
Incoming president
Tabitha Harwood

Winter Guard News

The Murphy Winter Guard placed third in their final performance at the 2008 Circuit Championships at Tate High School. It was a genuine thrill to know that our show was the house favorite as evidenced by the thunderous applause when the girls entered the floor to perform and again during the awards presentation.

Bill Blocker, Jenny Jones, Jonathan Davis and Keith Collard took us on a wild ride this year - what a blast! We hope the upcoming color guard/winter guard teams will catch the vision and continue to grow and excel.

Field season tryouts will be on May 13, 15, 20 and 22 in the boy's gym at Murphy from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The judges will make their final selections on May 22nd.

NOTE: Field season is a requirement for Winter Guard.



Here's the Skinny on Summer

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 the Magical Moments We Call ***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.