

PANTHER BAND NEWS

AUGUST 2007

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meetings:

August 2, 2007 6:30pm
in the Band Room

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



Band Camp Begins!

It's Band Camp time. School is starting and we have a whole new year to use. We have had a really productive summer and great things are ahead.

The arrangements for the field show of the Temptations music are really fine. Most of the kids are just discovering who the Temptations were, which is also OK. I am glad that they are going to experience this wonderful music. This is going to be an extraordinary show.

Use the web site to keep track of the performances and rehearsals, as they can change dramatically, sometimes day to day. It goes without saying that the performance list will get longer as the school year goes on.

Remember, the band pictures will be taken on the last night of Band Camp, Thursday, August 9. I will give the students forms that they can use to order their copies of the pictures during camp, and will also have copies available at the Booster Meeting.

When the meeting is over, come out and enjoy the rehearsal.

As you are aware, Band Camp is during registration this year. We will dismiss the Seniors at 10:45 AM on Thursday, August 2 to register. The rest of the band will prepare the pep rally for the freshman orientation at that time. Junior will register that afternoon, so there will be no conflicts. Band camp

that night will run as regularly scheduled. I am going to cancel the rehearsal for Friday morning. The Freshmen will register Friday morning and the rest of the band will play three pep rallies for the Freshmen orientation. Sophomores will register that afternoon and we never rehearse on Friday nights. Camp will resume as scheduled on the following Tuesday, August 7, with Thursday, August 9 being the picture night and end-of-camp party.

We have some interesting things to discuss at the Booster meeting. See you then.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band

Important Dates and Times

Band Camp



*We're heading for
Hawaii in the spring!
The Drum Line will look
great in their new grass
skirts!*

Email articles or pictures for the Panther Band News to Janet Nodar at jjnx5000@bellsouth.net. We'd really like some pics of Band Camp!

Monday July 30

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 31

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM French Horns and AltoSaxes
5:00 PM- 9:00 PM Full Band

Wednesday August 1

8:00 AM - 12:00 Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, guard, drum line, and pit.)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Clarinets

Thursday August 2

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 3

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 7

5:00 PM- 9:00 PM Full Band

Thursday August 9

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

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.

President's News

Hey Everybody:

First, we need volunteers to help with Band Camp Cookout on Thursday evening, August 9th. We need Dads who will help on the grill. We need Moms who will help set the tables and get the serving line organized. This is a great time to be with the kids to kick off the marching season. Also coming up is truck loading practice for all the Dads who are helping on the Safety Committee. Mr. Pate will be contacting you soon.....

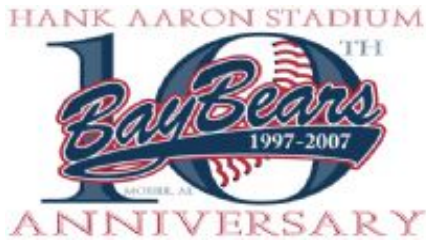
Now...something special is coming this month -- one of our FUNdraiser events. For the first time, we are going to be hosting a Nite at the HANK by selling tickets to the game on August 24th. It's another great way to help fund your trip to Hawaii. I would like to give special thanks to Greg Essary; with his help this became possible.

Finally, support the Band Boosters. Attend the meetings. Help when needed. Join a Committee. And don't forget to bring your drinks for marching season.

Our next meeting is August, 2 at 6:30pm. And thanks for all the work you do to support our band.

Jim Bray
Band Booster President

The PTSA Open House and BBQ dinner is on September 4 and the Murphy Band has been asked to supply desserts. Parents, please donate homemade desserts individually wrapped to be sold at the dinner. Last year brownies and chocolate chip cookies were a HUGE HIT with everyone. Please bring your dessert donations to the Band Booster office during the day September 4th -- and anyone who can help with the sale in the cafeteria that night please let us know. The dinner starts at 5:30 in the school cafeteria. Thanks for all your support!



The Panther Band Boosters have two great August fundraisers:

The first is with The Mobile Bay Bears. The Murphy Band has been given a wonderful opportunity to play at Hank Aaron Stadium during **Murphy Night at the Hank** and as a fundraiser we are going to sell tickets to the game. The game is Friday, August 24th. The tickets we will be selling are to the Super box seats and they are \$8.00 each. Students will receive \$3.50 from each ticket they sell in their student account. We will kick off this fundraiser with the parents on August 2nd at the General Meeting and with the students during Band Camp.

Our second fundraiser was a huge success last year: "Enjoy the City Coupon Books." This year the book is bigger and better than last year with lots more choices. The books will sell for \$20.00 each. Five dollars from each book sold will go into the student's account. For every 5 books sold, you will receive a free book, and when you sell 15 books you will receive a free \$25.00 gift card. This fundraiser will kick off on Monday, August 13th.

Tabitha Harwood

Band Fees:

The '07-'08 Band Fees are \$240.00 and due by the end of Band Camp, Thursday, August 9, 2007. At least 2/3 (\$160.00) must be paid to receive the Band T-Shirt.

Hawaii Trip:

The August monthly payment is due on August 16. Everyone should be caught up on their payments. All new passengers should catch up on the old payment schedule OR start the new payment schedule that began in June.

If you have any questions, please call. Hm: 432-7828 cell: 402-4702
Thank You,
Team Windham

Uniform Fitting Schedule

Please find your fitting date below and mark your calendar. These dates are in conjunction with Band Camp. You **MUST** be fitted on your assigned day.

If there is a conflict, call me *before* your date (402-5951), so I can try to work out another time for you to fit.

🕒 Seniors

Monday, July 30, 12:00 noon

🕒 Juniors

Tuesday, July 31, 12:00 noon

🕒 Sophomores

Wednesday, August 1, 12:00 noon

🕒 Freshmen

Thursday, August 2, 12:00 noon

Students must pay for their band shoes when they are fitted for their uniforms. Shoes are \$25.00.

Chaperone Shirts

The deadline for ordering chaperone shirts is Friday, August 10. The cost is \$20, and these shirts are required to chaperone.

Sew-ers Needed

We need volunteers to help hem uniforms during Band Camp. It is simple hand hemming, and we typically send home 5-6 pieces. Please call **Sandra Fuqua** (402-5951) or **Cindy Donnelly** (661-0545 or 605-4990) if you can help with this very important, one-time-per-year task.

Band Hoodies

Band hoodies are now available. They're \$20.00 each. The order deadline is **Friday, September 28**.

The Student Prez Sez:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year. Band camp kicked off this week. We're going to have an extremely busy schedule to work around. We've got Registration, Senior Portraits, Freshmen Orientation, and the always busy band camp itinerary to deal with. I have no doubt our fearless leader, Mr. Stan Chapman, has a plan.

This year should be a very exciting year. As always, our great team of boosters has put together some great fundraisers to raise money for the ever-nearing Hawaii trip. Our field show this year is a selection of music from the Temptations. I've heard the tracks and I'm looking forward to seeing the finished product.

The appointed band council had our first ever workshop day. We've outlined our goals for the entire year, and we have high expectations for positive attitudes and performances. I want to thank everyone who has helped Ms. Fuqua and me with uniform fittings this week at band camp. The entire elected band council deserves a pat on the back for their hard work. I look forward to being the Band President for this coming year.

Rachel Griffin
Student Band President

Hospitality Committee Alert

The Hospitality Committee will need help on Thursday, August 9, the night of the cook-out. August 9 is also the last night of Band Camp. We'll have to set up, cook, serve and clean up.

Also, if you have bought your drinks or water please bring them in. We will be using these for the cook out as well. Thanks to everyone who has already bought them and turned them in. I know I gave you a list of the students' favorites, but we do need regular and diet cokes as well, just not as many as the others.

To the parents who signed up to help during third quarter break, we'll call or talk to you at the cook-out to let you know when and what you need to do.

Many thanks, Dennis and Jeanne Schemensky

Calling All Chaperones

Thanks to everyone who signed up to be chaperones during the recent new parent and Band Booster meetings.

We will have our chaperone meeting on Thursday, August 2nd immediately following the Band Booster meeting. Chaperones are an important part of the Murphy Band. We help the band directors keep our students safe at all Band Functions.

Thanks for your support. I look forward to working with you in making this a successful year for the Murphy Band. If you have any questions, call Consheda Wallace at 402-6805 or email cwallace@shc.edu.

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