

PANTHER BAND NEWS

DECEMBER 2009

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday

January 7th

7:00pm

Band Room



Stan's Festive Holiday Message: Practice for All-State!

Dear Murphy Band Members and Parents:

Once again, we all have a full calendar this month. The Winter Concert was Monday, December 7th and featured music by all of the instrumental ensembles at Murphy: symphonic and concert bands, the jazz band, the string ensemble, and the guitar ensemble. These young musicians all did a fantastic job.

Individual and composite picture-taking has been postponed. Please watch the band website for the new date. We will be using the full marching uniforms and all of the pictures will be done during the school day.

The Holiday (Christmas) parade is

Saturday December 19th. The uniform call is 11:00 AM and the parade steps off at 1:30 PM. We should be back at the band room by 2:30 PM.

I use this parade as the student's final exam grade. They will not be required to attend fourth block during the exam time (to pay them back for marching the following Saturday.)

This is a required performance. Horn and drum line members may substitute a red Santa hat for the regular uniform hat (shako). The color guard will come as reindeer.

We are right in the middle of our symphonic/All-State auditions. As a result of that, a good number of them made the All-

County Honor Band.

The All-State tryouts will be held January 16. I really feel that the preparation for these auditions is the most important thing that we do all year. I will admit that these exercises are very hard (particularly for many of the underclassmen) but learning this music and performing it in a rather stressful audition is the best experience that we can offer them here at Murphy. Down the road, they are all better players and students for the experience.

The audition fee per student this year is \$10.00 and it has to be paid by December 11th.

See you at the meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band



Important Dates and Times

2009-2010 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

- 12/19 Holiday Parade (Sat.) Uniform call 11:00am
- 1/11 All County Honor Band Rehearsal (Mon.)
- 1/12 All County Honor Band Concert (Tues.)
- 1/16 All State Auditions (Davidson) (Sat.)
- 1/29 Mardi Gras Parade (Conde Cavaliers) (Fri.)
- 2/5 Mardi Gras Parade (Inca) (Fri.)
- 2/10, 11 & 12 District Assessment (Baker)
- 3/10-14 Chicago Trip
- 4/24 Solo & Ensemble (Bryant)
- 5/3 Spring Concert (Mon.)

Mr. Chapman has clearly stated that he wants no birds or rings under the tree this year. He has expressed interest, however, in drummers drumming and pipers piping.

This Year's All-County Honor Band Roster:

GOLD BAND

Laura Nolen-Schmidt (Flute)	Draquandra Williams (Bass Clarinet)	Daniel Rose (Horn)
Lynsey Lauderdale (Flute)	Jeffrey Windham (Tenor Saxophone)	Alicia Lesure (Horn)
Sophia Houston (Flute)	Michael Hamel (Baritone Saxophone)	Manny Nodar (Trombone)
Genesis Taylor (Clarinet)	Timmethy James (Trumpet)	Carlos Turubiates (Trombone)
Ciara Kidd (Clarinet)	Tyler Williams (Trumpet)	Darius Lott (Tuba)
Hilary Young (Clarinet)	Dennis Parker (Trumpet)	Lucy Perkins (Percussion)
Sommerlyn Harrington (Clarinet)	Harold Griffin (Trumpet)	Kenny Trinh (Percussion)

SILVER BAND

Meagan Flair (Flute)	Meredith Brock (Clarinet)	Chris Holder (Trombone)
Sarah Willingham (Flute)	Mason Wiseman (Alto Saxophone)	Hunter Hutto (Trombone)
Steven McIntyre (Bassoon)	Angelica Sewer (Alto Saxophone)	Kenneth Coleman (Tuba)
Carrie Bray (Clarinet)	DeAngelo Nesby (Trumpet)	Logan Reid (Percussion)
Kimberly Taylor (Clarinet)	Jack Baylor (Trumpet)	Aidan Colbert (Percussion)
Courtney Barton (Clarinet)	Kyle Woodham (Horn)	

The BIG News

**BAND BOOSTER MEETING
BAND ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH
7:00PM
(Board meeting 5:30pm)**

From the President:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

From the Treasurer:

Band Fees are **PAST DUE** at this time. All Band Fees should be paid in full by December 31st. Any students who have not paid their Band Fees in full cannot attend the Band Banquet or participate in All State or the Chicago Trip.

Any student that did not sell \$75.00 in Ads for the Football Program also owes an Ad Fee of \$75.00. This Fee is also **PAST DUE** and should be paid in full by December 31.

Please contact me for a payment schedule.

Thank You,
Janie Windham, Treasurer

Better Late Than Never Dept:

This month's newsletter is late because an illness in the family required a long out-of-town stay. Sorry about that. The January edition should come out on time...a couple of days before the Band Booster meeting.

Thanks for your patience.

The Editors

The Title Is Longer Than the Information!

2009-2010 Murphy Band After-Performance Clean-up Schedule

1/29 Mardi Gras Parade (Conde Cavaliers)
Baritones

2/5 Mardi Gras Parade (Inca)
Guard (Sophomores and Seniors)



Chicago Trip Info

Your November payment was due by November 30th. Please be prompt with your payments. All trips must be paid in full by December 31st.

Thank You,
Team Windham

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