

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday

November 5th

7:00pm

Band Room



Almost Finished Marching; Symphonic Tryouts Ahead!

Dear Murphy Band
Members and
Parents:

October was a busy month. The band had a great run at our marching contests, we had a very successful Middle School Appreciation Night (at Homecoming) and the kids did a super job with the Halloween show at the Murphy/McGill game. It was a good way to wrap up marching season.

We have a playoff game on November 6, so marching season is

still going.

Once again, thanks to all of you parents who have done such a great job this marching season, from the dads on the equipment truck, to chaperones, to hospitality, to the uniform committee, to everybody that has been with us. I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I have.

Looking ahead, we have already started symphonic band tryouts. The students have the music and the

schedules for them. All-County Tryouts are November 17th (woodwinds) and November 19 (Brass and Percussion).

Our Winter Concert is December 7th, we are hosting Phillips Prep at Murphy for their Winter Concert on December 10th (try to attend both concerts if you can) and the Holiday Parade is December 19th.

See you at the next meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band

Important Dates and Times

2009-2010 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

- 11/6 MHS at Fairhope 7:00 PM (Away)
- 11/17 All-County Woodwind Tryouts (Baker HS)
- 11/19 All-County Brass and Percussion Tryouts (Baker HS)
- 12/7 Winter Concert (Mon.)
- 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.)



Our part of the Gulf Coast doesn't have spectacular fall foliage. We know that autumn is here by the cooler temperatures and fading band tans.

From the Murphy Band Booster President:

It has been a great year! The parents and students have been such an inspiration. I can't believe that this Friday might be our last football game to perform together as a Band. What fond memories we have of this year.

If you haven't realized by now, both of my children are seniors so this year is very emotional for me and I have treasured each game that I was able to attend and watch them perform. As with all children they grow up so fast and move on so quickly. We need to spend what time we can with them. Even if they say "No, don't come," they are proud you are in the audience to see them and it makes them want to do their very best.

Thanks to all that helped in the many different areas of the Band! I couldn't begin to recall all your names and the super jobs you did but without you we could not have made it through this season! Thank you again!!

The next meeting is this **Thursday, November 5 at 7:00 in the Bandroom**. We will be discussing the *Gift Wrap Booth* and the rules and talking up about signing up to work in the booth. Please try to attend; this is a very important Fundraising meeting.

Thanks, Tabitha Harwood, President

The BIG News

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

From the Treasurer:

Band Fees are **PAST DUE** at this time. All Band Fees should be paid in full by Nov. 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 Nov. 31.

Please contact me for a payment schedule.

Thank You,
Janie Windham, Treasurer

From the Fundraising Chair:

Special thanks to our wonderful parents who volunteered with split-the-pot, chaperone, third quarter break, safety, and uniform committee. Your help was highly appreciated.

Thanks to those students and parents who participated in the Avon Fundraiser. Total sales were \$2,592.53. Top seller Kimberly Taylor (\$616.35) won The Sharper Image Mini Portable Camcorder. Congratulations!!

Show your school spirit during the Play Offs with a "Murphy Panther" car flag. Flags are \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Thank you for your continued support.

Maggie Taylor
Vice President
251-454-8839

Football Program:

Our football season will be ending soon and I would like to thank everyone who helped out with football program sales. Depending on the outcome of the Fairhope game, I may be calling upon you once more.

Overall, the sales were OK; not the best, but by no means the worst. Now it is time to start getting things in line for next year. If anyone has suggestions for improving anything related to the football program, please let me know. Also, if anyone would be interested in being responsible for the football program next year, it's not too early -- or too late -- to get involved.

Again, thank you all very much.

Richard Harwood



Chicago Trip Info

Everyone going on the Chicago Trip received a payment schedule in October.

Please be prompt with your November payments and remember that all trips must be paid in full by December 31st.

Thank You,

Team Windham

So Clean, I Can See Myself!

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)**

Hospitality Committee News

Thanks to all the parents and band boosters who have volunteered their time, sweat and muscle helping with Third Quarter Break! Also, thanks to the numerous parents who donated money to help with our shortfall in the budget!

And a BIG thanks to all the students - for donating your cans and tab-tops and for participating in our recycling campaign. We cashed in all our cans for the season and received just under \$7.00. This doesn't sound like a lot, but it bought a case of Cokes! I am still counting tab-tops for the Ronald McDonald House so I will let everyone know what our final donation is in the next newsletter!



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