

PANTHER BAND NEWS

OCTOBER 2009

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday

October 1st

7:00pm

Band Room



Marvelous Muddy Marching! Middle School & Volunteer Appreciation

Dear Murphy Band Members and Parents:

It's hard to believe that marching season is half over already. In spite of the heat, the horrible weather, and the mud, the kids have really worked through it. I hope that you are as proud of them as I am. The level of commitment has been great and their attitude has been even better. It's going to be a great year.

The schedule for our performance at Troy University this Saturday, October 3 is listed elsewhere in this newsletter and on the

website. Due to scheduling conflicts (homecoming, etc.) it is the only marching festival we can do this year, which is a shame. That second contest performance is always fun, but maybe next year will work out better. If you can attend it with us, let me or Ms. Turnbow (chaperone committee) know about it.

Middle School Appreciation Night will be October 16. Information for that is listed on the web site. Encourage all of the middle school band members that you know to attend. It is

always a great time.

At the risk of repeating myself, I cannot thank all of you parent volunteers enough. You have no idea how much easier you make my life and how much more enjoyable the band experience is for the students (although it's rare that a teenager comes up and thanks you). I hope that you're having half as much fun as I am.

See you at the meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band

Important Dates and Times

2009-2010 Murphy Band Performance Schedule



Vintage trombones
were tuned to the key
of A, not B flat. I
didn't know this until I
overheard Stan
asking his pastor to
"Bless my old A-key
'bones!"

10/2 MHS at Blount 7:00 PM (Blount)
10/3 Marching Contests (Troy University) Troy, Alabama **SEE PAGE 4**
10/8 Theodore at MHS 7:00 PM (Ladd)
10/16 MGM at MHS 7:00 PM (Ladd)
10/22 MHS at Davidson 7:00 PM (Away)
10/30 McGill at MHS 7:00 PM (Ladd)
12/7 Winter Concert
1/11 All County Honor Band Rehearsal
1/12 All County Honor Band Concert
1/16 All State Auditions (Davidson)
1/29 Mardi Gras Parade (Conde Cavaliers)
2/5 Mardi Gras Parade (Inca)
2-10, 11 & 12 District Assessment (Baker)
3/10 - 14 Chicago Trip
4/24 Solo & Ensemble (Bryant)
5/3 Spring Concert



Thanks to "Old" Band Parent Sandra Fuqua for providing all the cups for the band.
Sandra, you're a peach!



Hospitality Committee News

For Hungry Band Students: We know you work up an "Appetite for Destruction" during the show, but please restrain yourselves at the third-quarter break. We are on a tight budget that only allows one snack and one drink per student!

For Generous Band Students: As many of you know, the Hospitality Committee collects tab tops after break to donate to the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of Murphy Band. To date we have collected over 200 - that translates to over \$20 for RMH. Thanks for your help!

For Green Band Students: As some of you may know, Mrs. Baylor is a dumpster diver who cannot stand for something recyclable to be thrown away (she has been known to pick aluminum cans out of the trash and then immediately sanitize herself after dropping them off at the Recycle Center). Please help her reform and put your cans in one trash can/bag. The Committee is working on getting her some collapsible bins for this (and so we can quit watching her sort out your water bottles from your cans!).

For Big-Hearted Band Parents/Band Boosters: Thanks to everyone that has generously helped during third quarter break. It means a great deal to us to be able to watch our children perform and it is not something we get to do every game because of our duties.

The BIG News

**BAND BOOSTER MEETING
BAND ROOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
7:00PM**

BayFest Bulletin:

There will be a short, mandatory BayFest meeting Thursday, Oct. 1st after 7:00 pm Booster Meeting. Participants will be given their arm bands and other info. Please make plans to attend this meeting. This will be the only time we will be available to give out arm bands and info because we will be downtown all weekend.

From the Treasurer:

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

Please contact me for a payment schedule.

Thank You,
Janie Windham, Treasurer
432-7828

From the Fundraising Chair:

The "Enjoy the City" Coupon Book fundraiser went well. Thanks to all who participated. We still have a few books for sell (\$20).

Our fundraiser for the month of October is Avon Products. The kickoff is Thursday, October 1, 2009. The top 2 sellers will receive \$100 worth of Avon Products. The deadline for all orders is Monday, October 19, 2009.

Homecoming is October 16th. Show your school spirit with a "Murphy Panther" car flag. Flags are \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Thanks for your continued support.

Maggie Taylor, Vice President
(251) 454-8839

From the President:

What a year we are having so far. The band sounds great and the color guard is beautiful!! The football team is outstanding!!!

We will be going to Troy for competition on Saturday, October 3; this will be a wonderful trip for our children. They will get to see other schools compete and learn from them as well.

And Bayfest is around the corner, starting October 2. If you have signed up to work you need to come to the Band Booster Meeting on October 1 to receive your armbands and instructions. This will be the only time you can receive this information.

Also, we will be working on getting things set up for the Christmas Gift Wrap Booth in the mall, so watch for news about signing up for the booth. It will open the morning after Thanksgiving and stay open until Christmas Eve. We will keep the same hours as the mall.

I want to thank all the parents that have been helping out as chaperones, with loading and unloading the truck, and with uniforms and third quarter break. Without your help we could not make it through a game. We really appreciate it! Thank you!!!!

Tabitha Harwood, President

Chicago Trip URGENT INFO

Everyone going on the Chicago Trip MUST have at least \$255.00 paid on the trip by Oct. 15, 2009. We need to know who is going on the trip. If you have been undecided, now is the time to make up your mind.

**OCTOBER 15th IS THE DROP DEAD DATE,
NO EXCEPTIONS!**

We will be giving the Travel Agent \$255.00 per passenger to pay for meals and activities, so this \$255.00 will be NONREFUNDABLE.

If you have any questions, please call.
Thank You,
Bob Windham, Trip Coordinator
432-7828

Lean, Mean Cleanin' Machine!

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

10/2 MHS at Blount: **Drum Line**

10/3 Marching Contests (Troy University) Troy, Alabama: **Trombones**

10/8 Theodore at MHS: **Tubas**

10/16 MGM at MHS: **Horns**

10/22 MHS at Davidson: **Trumpets (Sophomores and Seniors)**

10/30 McGill at MHS: **Guard (Freshmen and Juniors)**

1/29 Mardi Gras Parade (Conde Cavaliers) **Baritones**

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

Troy Marching Competition This Saturday!

**Schedule: Southeastern States Marching Band Festival
Troy University
Saturday, October 3**

9:45 AM: Call in Band Room. Wear rehearsal/travel clothes.

10:00 AM: Warm-up/Stretch

Show Run-thru. Pack equipment. Hang Uniforms in suit bags, shoes in shoe bags, etc.

11:30 AM: Load buses. The band parents will check your suit bag at the bus. They will need to see your shoes, socks, gloves, etc.

12:00 Noon: Depart

2:00 PM: Lunch in Greenville, Alabama (fast food).

3:00 PM: Depart Greenville

4:00 PM: Arrive at Troy. Change into uniforms (they have areas set up for the guard to change.)
Unload equipment. Get in arcs.

5:15 PM: Warm-up

6:30 PM: Show. Everything gets loaded back under the buses. Seniors and captains participating in retreat stay in uniform. Everyone else should change back into travel clothes.

9:00 PM: Awards (all seniors may participate in retreat. There will be a rehearsal Thursday after school for everyone wishing to do so.)

10:00 PM: (est.) Depart. Eat at the stadium. We are not stopping on the way home.

1:00 AM: (est.) Arrive at MHS. Unload the buses and put the gear/uniforms away.

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