

PANTHER BAND NEWS

JANUARY 2010

MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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Band Parent Meeting:

Thursday

January 14th

7:00pm

Band Room



A Happy and Musical New Year!

Dear Murphy Band Members and Parents:

We'll hit the ground running with the new term. The schedule for pass-offs, performances, sectionals and auditions is posted elsewhere in this letter and you can see that it is really full.

District Contest is early this year, with the sectionals and Mardi Gras parades scheduled right in the middle of it -- but what else is new?

I thought that the kids looked and

sounded great in the Holiday Parade right before the break. I'm looking forward to working on the St. Patrick's Day Parade after Contests and Mardi Gras are finished.

Looking ahead, don't forget that the deadline application for the E.B. Coleman Scholarship will be in March. You can download the forms from the band web site. There are several steps to completing the application, so don't delay in getting started.

Also, it's not

too early to be thinking about the 2010-2011 season. I'm open to show ideas, and information forms for prospective band members are also located on the web site.

Look for the summer schedule before the end of the month (I'll post it on the site) and I'll get out to the main middle schools after District Contests.

See you at the next meeting.

Stan Chapman
Murphy Band



Important Dates and Times

2009-2010 Murphy Band Performance Schedule

- 1/11 All-County Honor Band Rehearsal (Davidson) (Mon.)
- 1/12 All-County Honor Band Concert (Davidson) (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.)

Is our new year of 2010 called "twenty-ten" or "two-thousand and ten"? And what about the decade we left behind...is it the "O's", the "aughts", the "naughts" or maybe the "naughties"?

After-Performance Clean-up

- 1/29 Mardi Gras Parade (Conde Cavaliers) **Baritones**
- 2/5 Mardi Gras Parade (Inca) **Guard (Sophomores and Seniors)**

A Closer Look at a Busy January & February

Symphonic Auditions:

Tues. Jan. 5: Low Reeds/Double Reeds

Wed. Jan. 6: Horns

Thurs. Jan 7: Trombone

Fri. Jan 8: Baritone

Jan 11-12: All-County Festival (moved to Davidson)

Wed. Jan. 13: Tuba/Percussion

Thurs. Jan 14: Trumpets 1-6

Fri. Jan. 15: Trumpets 7-12

Jan. 16th: All-State Tryouts (at Davidson)

Contests Sectionals:

Tues. Jan 19: Flutes 1-6

Wed. Jan 20: Flutes 8-14

Thurs Jan. 21 Double Reeds

Fri. Jan 22 Clarinets 1-3

Mon. Jan 25: Clarinets 4-7

Tues. Jan. 26: Clarinets 8-11

Wed. Jan. 27: Alto Saxes

Thurs. Jan 28: Low Saxes/Low Reeds

Friday Jan. 29: Parade

Mon. Feb. 1: Trumpets 1-4

Tues. Feb 2: Trumpets 5-8

Weds. Feb 3: Trumpets 5-9

Thursday Feb. 4: Trombones

Friday Feb 5: Parade

Mon. Feb. 8: Trumpets 8-12

Tues Feb. 9: Horns

Weds. Feb. 10: Baritones/Tubas

Thurs or Friday, Feb 11 or 12: Contests

The BIG News

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

BAND ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

7:00PM

(Board meeting 5:30pm)

Due to circumstances beyond our control we postponed the Band Meeting. The new date is Thursday, January 14 7:00 p.m
Murphy Band Room
Please try to attend.

We will talk about the Chicago trip and the upcoming Senior Bowl Experience.

From the Treasurer:

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

Please contact me for a payment schedule.

Thank You,
Janie Windham, Treasurer

From the Band Booster President:

Happy New Year!

I am hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday and is ready to get back into band and get down to business. We are gearing up for the Chicago Trip. The recent cold snap is giving us a good forecast of what we have to look forward to during our trip -- lots of cold weather. All the predictions and almanacs say that it will be a cold March in Chicago with the possibility of snow. Our kids may get their wish. I am so excited about the trip! It will be our last trip with the Murphy Band and it is a whole family trip, so that makes it even so much more special.

We will be talking about the Chicago trip in the upcoming band meeting on Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 pm in the Band Room and we will also have special meetings during the next eight weeks leading up until we leave. You will have papers to sign and forms to fill out, especially if you are not going with your child, so try to attend all of the meetings. Yes, that's right -- we only have eight more weeks until Chicago. Here we come, ready or not!!!

We are also getting ready for the Senior Bowl Experience. We will be signing up parents and students at the next meeting, January 14, to sell programs at the game on January 30. Mr. Jim Bray will be there to tell you all about what to do and where to be at what time.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you in 2010. I wish you good fortune and prosperity in the New Year!!!

Tabitha Harwood, President

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