

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

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*By Stan Chapman,
Director*

Dear Band Members and
Parents:

There are a number of important events this month. First, the All-County Honor Band concert will be **Tuesday, January 10**, in the Murphy auditorium. The concert is at **7:00 pm** and is free and open to the public. The bands will rehearse at Murphy on Monday, January 9, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm (with a dinner break), and from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 10 (with a lunch break).

The All-State tryouts will be on **Saturday, January 28**, at Davidson High School. They will start at **8:00 am** and finish up around 1:00 pm. The results will not be posted at the audition site. You will be able to get them from our web site the next

day. We have seventy students auditioning. Make sure that they are practicing at home.

The Winter Percussion and Winter Guard units will be cranking up at the end of January. Their schedules can be found on the Band web site.

I am really proud of the Band's performances, both at the Winter Concert and at the Christmas parade. We shot a video of the

parade, and it looks great. I'll show it at the next Booster meeting.

The individual Band pictures came out great. Mr. Boyce will be available at the next Booster meeting to show you the proofs and let you see all of the neat stuff that you can have the pictures printed on besides photo paper.

See you at the next meeting on **Thursday, January 5**, at **7:00 pm**, in the Band Room.

Cherry Blossom Parade reminder

*By Janie Windham,
Treasurer*

The fourth trip payment of \$75 is due by **Tuesday, January 17**. The final payment is due by Wednesday, February 15.

Note: The above payment plan is based on 4 students

to a room for a total of \$350.00 per person.

Those staying 3 to a room owe \$397.00 per person, and those staying 2 to a room owe \$465.00 per person.

All trip money must be paid in full by **Wednesday, February 15**.

Senior Bowl program sales fundraising

By Mike Warner

The Murphy Band is being given the opportunity to sell programs again at the Senior Bowl. This year's game will be **Saturday, January 28** (unfortunately also the date of All-State tryouts).

This is a great fundraiser with nearly 100% of the profits going to each student. Previously, those who worked made between \$8 and \$9 per hour. While actual program sales will determine how much each will make, this is a great way to raise money for the upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival!

We will need a total of 27 individuals (10 adults and 17 students) on



Saturday. The hours will be **10:00 am-7:30 pm**. We also have need for two or so individuals on **Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27, 3:00-9:00 pm**, for program sales at the hotel.

If you'd like to participate in this fundraiser, please contact **Mike Warner** (634-4974 evenings).

Other fundraising news

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

The Gift Wrap Booth was a success! Special thanks to the dads who came to set up the booth and tear it down.

Many thanks go to the selfless moms who were there EVERY time I needed them! Thanks also go to the students who were willing, with good attitudes! Your wages will be in your student accounts soon.

Continue to sell McDonald's coupon books, Chick-fil-A calendars, and

Elite and Kiddee cards. They're selling well, and there's no deadline.

Put your orders and money in the drop box, and then look for me in the Band Room to get your orders. If you want to call to set a definite time to get them, I'll be happy to try.

Happy New Year, everyone!

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From the Band President

By Joy Easterling

It's hard to believe that half the school year is already gone! I hope everyone had great holidays, and I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas parade even though I know some of you detest marching in parades of any kind. Before the holidays, the Band recorded the field show music and some of the stand tunes for the Band CD we will make this year. I always love the Band CDs and encourage everyone to buy one when they come out.

January is a busy month for many of us Band students. First, we have the County Honor Band rehearsals and concert, and then come the dreaded All-State tryouts on January 28. The Elected Band Council will also begin early preparations in January for the Band Banquet.

Along with the beginning of symphonic season comes Winter Percussion and Winter Guard. These two groups have already begun working hard on their shows for this year. Please make an attempt to see one of their performances and show your support as you know these groups will do great.

In Band we have already signed the room lists for the Washington trip, and we are all getting very excited. Although we are excited, there is still much to do before then.

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

All-County Honor Band

The Mobile All-County Honor Band Concert will be **7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 10**, in the Murphy High School Auditorium. The conductors will be Dr. Joe Herbert from Loyola University and Dr. Gary Adams from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Forty-seven members of the Murphy High School Band earned spots in the All-County Honor Band.

Flute

Dana Hudson (first chair), Emily Rose, Arienne Jones, Dana Zhao, Stephanie Norwood, and Aaron McCants

Clarinet

Joy Easterling, Amanda Chunn, Rachel Griffin, Shanavia McCants, and Tiffany Echevarria

Bass Clarinet

April Prather and Christi Pullen

Alto Saxophone

Paul Williams, William Boddley, Alex Carmebelle, and Jonathan Andrews

Tenor Saxophone

Walter Nolen-Schmidt (first chair) and Joel Epler

Oboe

Julie Hudson

Bassoon

Latrese Hodges (first chair)

String Bass

Britney Kirksey

Trumpet

David Ivy-Taylor, James Fuqua, Brian Gadomski, L.T. Hughes, Jackie Grove, Jairus Turk, Nathan Warner, and Nick Wheeler

Horn

Jed Grady (first chair), Lauren Morrison, Trilby Cleveland, Kelly Hughes, and Knowles Suffich

Trombone

Nathan Farish, Robert Hammon, Ryan Sullivan, and Jonathan Atkins

Baritone

Brandon Sigler, Cornelius Ezell, and Phillip Howard

Tuba

Darnesha Singleton (first chair) and Bradley Hankins

Percussion

Ryan Stonecypher (first chair), Josh Richards, and James Donald



Symphonic Band Tryout Schedule

The first and second rounds of Symphonic Band tryouts have finished, and the third round begins this month. Remember, students must participate in all three rounds in order to stay in Symphonic Band.

Third Round

- **January 11 (Wednesday)**
Flutes
- **January 12 (Thursday)**
Clarinets
- **January 13 (Friday)**
Low Clarinets/Double Reeds
- **January 17 (Tuesday)**
Saxes
- **January 18 (Wednesday)**
Horns
- **January 19 (Thursday)**
Trumpets
- **January 20 (Friday)**
Baritones
- **January 23 (Monday)**
Trombones
- **January 24 (Tuesday)**
Tubas
- **January 25 (Wednesday)**
Percussion

Panther Band Boosters

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Next Band Booster meeting

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm,
in the Band Room

2006 Panther Band Schedule

- **January 9 (Monday)**
4:00–9:00 pm
All-County Honor Band practice, Murphy Auditorium
 - **January 10 (Tuesday)**
8:00 am–2:00 pm
All-County Honor Band practice, Murphy Auditorium
 - **January 10 (Tuesday)**
7:00 pm
All-County Honor Band concert, Murphy Auditorium
 - **January 26 (Thursday)**
January 27 (Friday)
3:00–9:00 pm
Senior Bowl program sales, hotel
 - **January 28 (Saturday)**
8:00 am–1:00 pm
All-State Honor Band tryouts, Davidson
 - **January 28 (Saturday)**
10:00 am–7:30 pm
Senior Bowl program sales, Ladd Stadium
 - **February 10 (Friday)**
6:30 pm
Mardi Gras parade, downtown
 - **February 14 (Tuesday)**
TBA
District contests, Murphy
 - **February 17 (Friday)**
6:30 pm
Mardi Gras parade, downtown
 - **April 5–10 (Wednesday–Monday)**
National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, Washington, DC
 - **April 19–22 (Wednesday–Saturday)**
All-State Honor Band, Auburn
 - **April 29 (Saturday)**
TBD
Solo and Ensemble Festival, TBA
 - **May 1 (Monday)**
7:00 pm
Spring Concert, Murphy Auditorium
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