

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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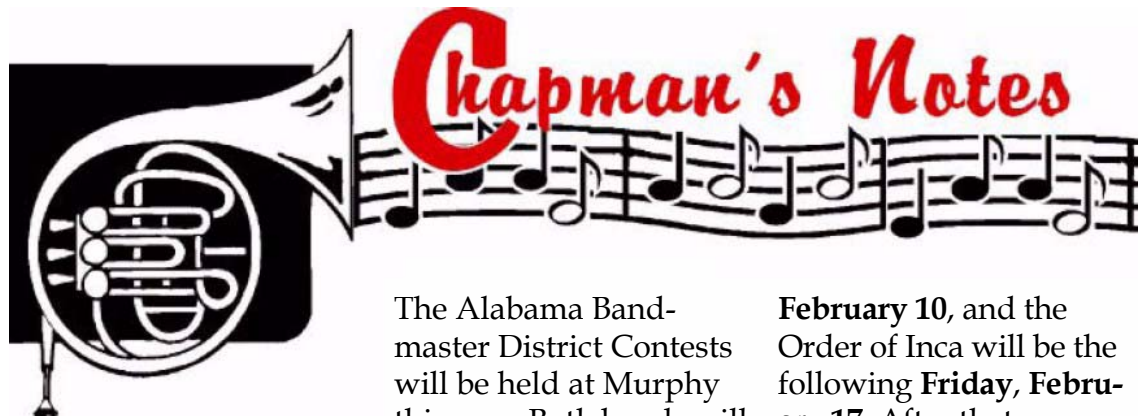
PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman,
Director*

This is a really busy time of the year. We had seventy students registered to try out for the Alabama All-State Band this year. I am really proud of all of the students who tried out. Preparing for that audition will teach students more about music than anything else that we have them do. The students who made the band are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

The Alabama Bandmaster District Contests will be held at Murphy this year. Both bands will play on **Tuesday, February 14**. The Concert Band will play early in the day (**8:00 am**), and the Symphonic Band will play last, which should be around **4:30 pm**. Try to come out and hear one or both concerts. We have been working very hard on the music, and it's much more fun to play for an audience.

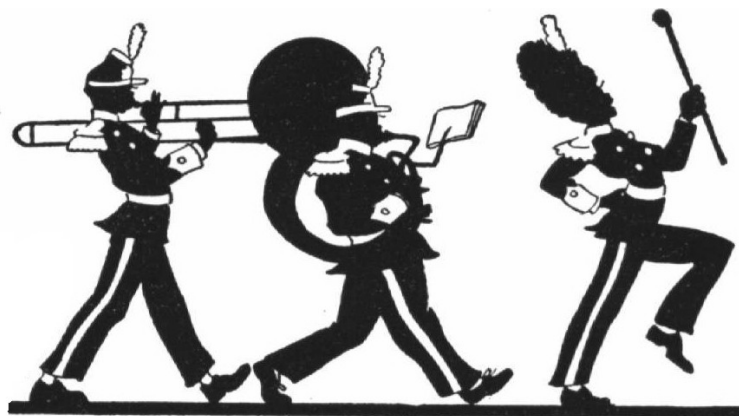
We will be marching in two Mardi Gras parades this year. The Conde Cavaliers parade is **Friday,**

February 10, and the Order of Inca will be the following **Friday, February 17**. After that we are finished with Mardi Gras.

The Winter Guard and Winter Percussion season started January 28. You can check the web site as the season progresses to follow them. Unfortunately, all of the shows for both groups are out of town. If that changes, I'll post it on the web site.

The Cherry Blossom Festival trip is really shaping up well. Janie Windham will be able to open her own travel agency when this is finished (grown-ups learn this in the Band, too.) She will have additional information in the newsletter concerning final payments, etc.

See you at the next Band Booster meeting on **Thursday, February 2**.



From the Band President

By Joy Easterling, Band President

The Symphonic and Concert Bands will be attending District Contest on February 14. I really like our music this year, especially "West Side Story." We have been working hard on all three pieces in Band, and the songs are starting to sound pretty good.

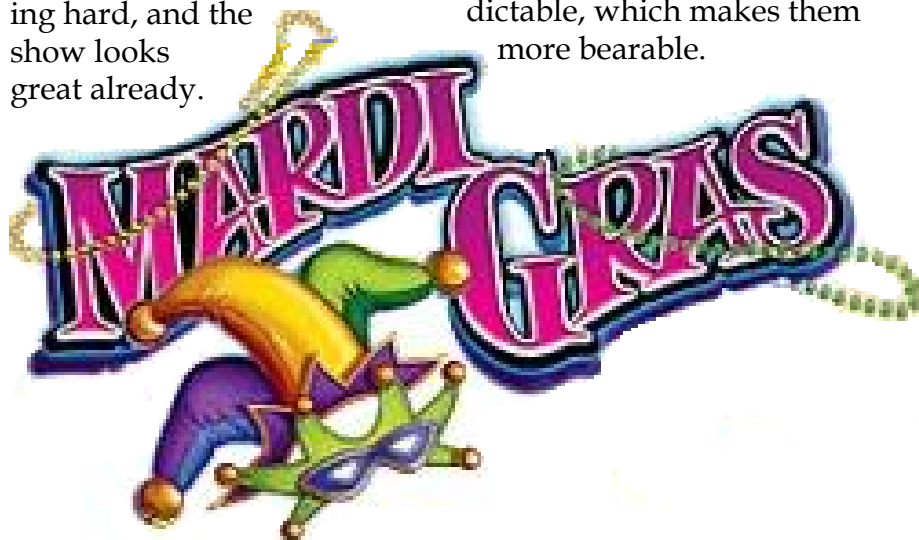
The Winter Guard and Winter Percussion seasons will begin in February as well.

The Winter Guard's first show was on January 28, and they have a show almost every Saturday after that until World Championships in Dayton, OH, in April. I recently saw a practice performance of the Guard's show, and I encourage everyone to see it. You can tell the Guard has been working hard, and the show looks great already.



The Winter Percussion has also been working hard with practices every Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Of course, with February comes Mardi Gras. We will be marching in two parades this year as usual, and we always appreciate the fact that Mr. Chapman does not ask us to do more or to march in parades on school nights. Both parades will be on Friday nights with the first on February 10 and the second on the following Friday night the 17. The Mardi Gras parades are always interesting and unpredictable, which makes them more bearable.



Treasurer's update

By Janie Windham, Treasurer

Letters were sent out in January to anyone who still owed Band fees. The remaining balance due on the Cherry Blossom trip was also listed along with the amount in the student's account.

All unpaid Band fees are now PAST DUE, and the Cherry Blossom trip should be paid in full by **February 15**. If you have money in your student's account and would like to apply this to your Band fees first, then your trip, please call me (432-7828).

Thank you.

Drivers needed

By Ben Akey, Band Booster President

There are three upcoming events for which we need someone to drive the truck. The first event is **Saturday, February 4**. The drumline will be at Harrison Central for a drumline competition. I need a dad to drive the truck over and back with all the equipment. Next, I need a dad to drive the truck for the Conde Cavaliers parade on **Friday, February 10**. Finally, I need a dad to drive the truck for the Inca parade on **Friday, February 17**.

If you can drive for any of these events please call (709-9002) or email (b.akey@netzero.net) me to let me know. Thanks everyone.

All-State Honor Band

Congratulations to the following members of the Murphy Band for being selected for the 2006 All-State Honor Band during the District VII (Mobile and Baldwin Counties) tryouts on Saturday, January 28.

The All-State Festival will be at Auburn University, April 19-22.

Alto Saxophone

- William Bodley – White Band

Bb Soprano Clarinet

- Joy Easterling – Red Band
- Amanda Chunn – White Band

Baritone

- Brandon Sigler – Red Band

Bass Clarinet

- Christi Pullen

Bassoon

- Latrese Hodges – Alternate

Flute

- Dana Hudson – Red Band

French Horn

- Jed Grady – Red Band

Oboe

- Julie Hudson

Percussion

- Ryan Stonecypher – Red Band



Trombone

- Nathan Farish – Red Band
- Ryan Sullivan – Alternate

Trumpet

- James Fuqua – Red Band
- Brian Gadomski – White Band

Tuba

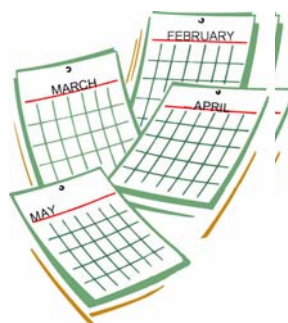
- Bradley Hankins – White Band
- Darneshia Singleton – Blue Band

2006 Panther Band Schedule

- **February 10 (Friday)**
6:30 pm
Mardi Gras parade, downtown

- **February 14 (Tuesday)**
8:00 am (Concert Band)
4:30 pm (Symphonic Band)
District contests, Murphy

- **February 17 (Friday)**
6:30 pm
Mardi Gras parade, downtown



- **April 5-10 (Wednesday-Monday)**
National Cherry Blossom Festival, Washington, DC

- **April 19-22 (Wednesday-Saturday)**
All-State Honor Band, Auburn University

- **April 29 (Saturday)**
TBA
Solo and Ensemble Festival, TBA

- **May 1 (Monday)**
7:00 pm
Spring Concert, Murphy

Panther Band Boosters

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Chaperone news

By Sandy Wheeler, Chaperone Chair

Just a reminder that the marching band has two upcoming Mardi Gras parades – the Conde Cavaliers on **Friday, February 10**, and the Incas on **Friday, February 17**. Call time for both parades is tentatively at 4:30 pm.

If you're interested in chaperoning and have not signed up already, please give me a call or send me an email:

479-9086 (Home)

604-0685 (Cell)

swheeler66@bellsouth.net

I want to thank everyone for their hard work and participation. It takes us all working together to make Mr. Chapman's job run smoothly.

Thanks.



Fundraising update

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

I don't really have any new news. We have another Jewelry Sale coming up. Come to the next Band Booster meeting to find out when and where and to hear how we did on the Senior Bowl program sale. We might try to have a fern sale as the weather warms and if the nursery has enough. I'm still willing to do another fundraiser before our trip if anyone wants to head that up.

Thanks. I'm getting excited about our trip!
