

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

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I am very proud of the really fine jobs that the Symphonic and Concert Bands did at District Contests last month.

The Symphonic Band was recommended to move on to the State level (straight superior ratings), and I have requested the Troy University site for March 15. A recording of the District concert is on the website, if you haven't heard it already.

We had a great group try out for All-State this year. All-State will be held at Auburn University, April 19-21, with the Solo Festival on April 18.

This is the time of year that the Jazz Band gets extremely busy. Try to catch one of their performances. Their schedule, which gets updated fairly regularly, is listed on the Band website.

No sooner does one project end than we start the next. The summer rehearsal schedule is listed on page 2 of this newsletter, and the most current version is always posted on the website. I will be taking this information out to the middle schools very soon, and all of the parents of the incoming students who are interested in making the Hawaii trip will be

invited to the Band Booster meetings.

Speaking of Hawaii, the first payment of \$200 per person is due by March 15. The Boosters are scheduling numerous fundraisers to help everyone along with that, so stay tuned.

See you at the next Band Booster meeting on March 1.

2007 All-State Roster

Alto Saxophone

- Paul Williams (White Band)
- Jonathan Andrews (Alternate)

Bass Clarinet

- April Prather (Alternate)

Clarinet

- Rachel Griffin (Red Band)
- Amanda Chunn (White Band)
- Ava Hutcherson (Alternate)
- Kierra Pettway (Alternate)

Flute

- Emily Rose (White Band)

Horn

- Lauren Morrison (Alternate)

Percussion

- Jason Cole (Blue Band)

Trumpet

- Brian Gadomski (White Band)
- Timmthy James (White Band)

Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Rookie Camp

Rookie Camp is a series of rehearsals for the new members of the Murphy Band. It covers the playing fundamentals required to be successful in the band program as well as other important aspects.

There will be a one-hour lunch break daily at noon. The Band Room will be open during the lunch break. Students may either bring their lunches (there are soft drink machines on campus) or, if they prefer, walk to one of several fast food outlets near the school.

The students will be exposed to all of the playing skills necessary to perform with the Murphy Band during this Rookie Camp. Also there will be an audition time for students who have not been part of the Mobile County All-County Honor Band. (Students who have been members of the Honor Band are automatically part of the Murphy Band.)

The entire returning drum line and pit needs to report to Rookie Camp, as that is when we do placement auditions.

- **Tuesday, May 29–Friday, June 1**
8:00 am–noon, 1:00–4:00 pm
All new Band members
- **Tuesday, May 30**
7:00 pm
Orientation: All incoming parents



Workouts

Workouts are rehearsals that are held in order that the students can keep their playing and marching skills up. We will review all of the marching and playing fundamentals covered in Rookie Camp plus work on the field show music for the coming marching season.

If you are in town, not scheduled to work, etc., we want you to come to the workouts. If you are on vacation, etc., that is fine. There is no penalty for missing one or more workouts.

- **Tuesday, June 19,**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
New Guard
- **Tuesday, June 26**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
Guard
- **Tuesday, July 10**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
Guard
- **Monday, July 16**
10:00 am–noon
Woodwinds
1:00–3:00 pm
Brass
- **Monday, July 23**
10:00 am–noon
Woodwinds
1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Brass

Band Camp

Band Camp is a series of required rehearsals. If you are going to march in the show this fall, you must attend all Band Camp rehearsals. If you miss a rehearsal, you lose your place in the show.

- **Monday, July 16–Thursday, July 19**
5:00–9:00 pm
Color Guard
- **Monday, July 23–Thursday, July 26**
8:00 am–4:00 pm
Drum Line
5:00–9:00 pm
Color Guard, Pit
- **Friday, July 27**
8:00 am–4:00 pm
Drum Line
- **Monday, July 30**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00–2:00 pm
Trumpets, Flutes
5:00–9:00 pm
Full Band
- **Tuesday, July 31**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm
French Horns, Alto Saxes
5:00 pm–9:00 pm
Full Band
- **Wednesday, August 1**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm
Clarinets

(See "Schedule" on page 3)

("Schedules," from page 2)

■ **Thursday, August 2**

8:00 am-noon

Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Trombones, Baritones, Tenor Saxophones

5:00-9:00 pm

Full Band

■ **Friday, August 3**

8:00 am-noon

Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)

1:00-2:00 pm

Tubas, Drum Line, Pit (Mallets)

■ **Tuesday, August 7**

5:00-9:00 pm

Full Band

■ **Thursday, August 9**

8:00 am

Football program pictures

5:00-9:00 pm

Full Band

After-School Rehearsals

Band meets as a regularly scheduled class during fourth block. The marching band will rehearse after school according to the following schedule until the last marching contest is finished, which is usually around the middle of October.

■ **Mondays**

2:45-5:00 pm

Full Band

■ **Tuesdays**

2:45-5:00 pm

Brass and Woodwinds

6:00-8:30 pm

Guard

■ **Wednesdays**

2:45-5:00 pm

Drum Line and Pit

Winter Guard

By Marsha Anderson

For a small group, the Murphy Winter Guard packs a walloping punch!

On Saturday, February 17, they won third place in the Pensacola Regional at Tate High School, in Cantonment, FL. On the following Monday, they were back at Augusta Evans from 11:00 am to

6:00 pm, refining and adjusting their performance as they prepare for the next two shows and then the South Power Regional in the Sun Dome of the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, on March 16-18.

These girls have a professional work ethic and a proven determination to succeed. We are very proud of them.



Front row (L-R): Rachel Hall, Amber Beasley, Jessica Fuqua, Hannah Sanders. Second row (L-R): Meredith Anderson, Alison Urnis, Amanda Day, Carolyn Harwood, Erika Bettner.

Fundraising Update



By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

By Jeanne Schemensky

Got any ideas? Everyone's wanting to make some \$ for their trips!

Let's get creative and share some ideas at the March 1 meeting. See you there!

We have a few packs of Panther Paw socks (low-cut, large) left. We *may* have some other sizes, too. They are still \$5.00/pack (\$2.50 from each sale goes into student accounts). See me at the next Band Booster meeting.

Panther Band Boosters

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Next Band Booster Meeting

- **Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm**

Performance Schedule

- **March 15**
State Contests—Troy University
- **Wednesday, April 18**
All-State Solo Festival—Auburn
- **Thursday–Saturday,
April 19–21**
All-State Festival—Auburn
- **Saturday, April 28**
Solo & Ensemble Festival—
MGM
- **Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm**
Spring Concert—Murphy

Amanda's Corner

By Band President Amanda Chunn

This month, the Symphonic Band is preparing for State Contest, March 15, at Troy. After this event, we will then begin preparing for the spring concert.

The elected Band Council is bringing together the plans for the Band

Banquet. There will be a scheduled meeting for this council sometime in March. Watch the board in the Band Room for details.

Also, Mr. Chapman needs a second down-payment of \$50 for the New York trip as soon as possible.

