

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

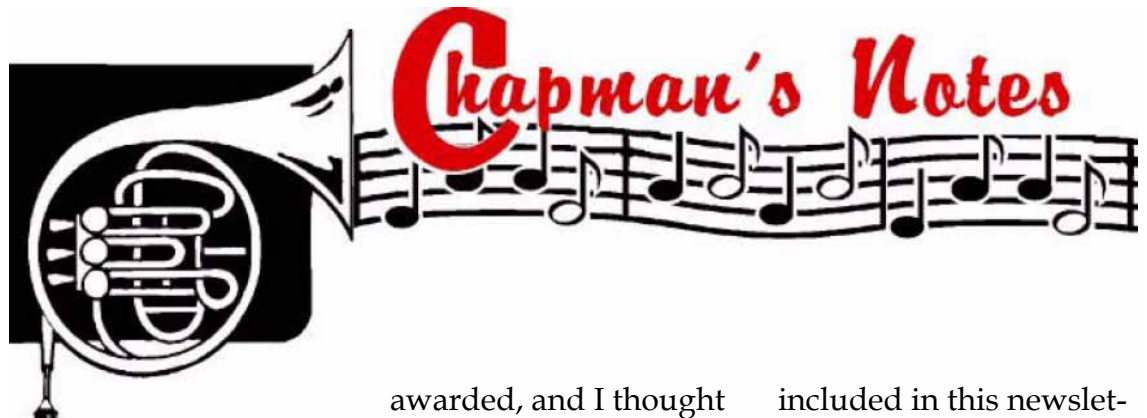
PANTHER BAND

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Wow!! I am so proud of the performance that the kids pulled off at State Contests. If you haven't heard it yet, I've got it loaded on the website. They pulled off an incredible performance of some extremely difficult music.

Flag of Stars had not been performed in Alabama in over thirty-five years. After we really got into the preparation for it, I realized why. The thing is almost unplayable by high school students. Yet, they pulled it off.

The judges were extremely complimentary of the level of musicianship of the Band in addition to the straight superior ratings that they

awarded, and I thought the Band sightread very aggressively (which is probably the most important thing that we teach, anyway).

Thanks for all of your support through this long preparation process, and I hope that you enjoy the program of April 30. We'll perform the State Contest program, plus some additional literature that I think you will really enjoy.

The Jazz Band is really playing well and is extremely busy. Check out one of their performances if you can. Their schedule is located on the website. Check it often, as it changes almost daily.

The Rookie Camp/Summer Rehearsal/ Band Camp schedule is

included in this newsletter, plus audition schedules (drum line, drum major, and color guard) as well as fundraising and Hawaii information.

We are planning a great 2007-2008 school year and are excited about all of the new people who are about to join us. If you know of anyone interested in transferring in to Murphy, it is important that they get in contact with me during the transfer period, which starts in late April.

Remember, parents of incoming members are welcome to start attending Booster meetings.

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

# Presidents' Page

## From the Band Booster President

By Tina Williams

What an exciting and eventful year we've had! The Band had an excellent experience at state competition in Troy, and we are looking forward to a great time in Auburn at All-State in April.

April's Band Booster meeting is an especially important one for us in that the nominees for the 2007-2008 board will be presented. In

that there is a major trip (Hawaii) during the next school year, this group will really have their hands full and will be delighted to add lots of volunteers who can rise to leadership positions in the various committees and subcommittees. Hopefully, Band and Guard parents alike will plan to attend.

We have another payment due on April 15 for the Hawaii trip, and the drop box in the office would be an excellent place to place those funds, preferably via check or money order. Also,

please check the Band and the Guard web sites often. Our kids are very busy doing exhibitions and competitions, and they would love our support cheering them on at these events.

Thank you again for all that you do. There are so many things you do that we do not see, but believe me – WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!

I look forward to seeing you all on **Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 pm.**

## From the Band President

By Amanda Chunn

Hey Murphy Panthers!

Well, the year is finally winding down. The Spring Concert on April 30 marks the end of Band for the seniors, while the underclassmen will begin graduation and field music.

Along with the end of school comes the Band Banquet, which is set for **Friday, May 11, at 5:30 pm.** It includes dinner, awards, and a

picture slideshow. It usually lasts about 2 hours.

This month I will hand out papers for you to accept or decline the invitation to the Band Banquet. Students who have paid their Band fees get in free, but parents and friends have to pay about \$16 to attend.

Also this month I will pass out superlative election sheets, which won't be announced until May 11. This is a really fun event, and I would encourage everyone to come!

I will probably hold an elected Band Council meeting at the end of the month to discuss this. Have a great rest of the year!

## Reminder about Band Fees

By Bob Windham, Treasurer

A few students still owe 2006-2007 Band fees.



Please remember that the Panther Band Boosters will not pay All-State trip fees. Also, students cannot attend the Band Banquet if Band Fees are not paid in full.

Students cannot make any other trip deposits, including Senior Band trip, Winter Guard trips, or next year's Hawaii trip until their Band fees are paid in full.

## Senior Trip Reminder

Seniors going to New York must have their trip paid in full (\$500) by **Monday, April 30.**

# Special Pull-out Section: Band Schedules

## Drum Major Auditions Schedule

Drum Major auditions will be held at the following times. They are restricted to current Band members.

- **Monday, May 7–Thursday, May 10**  
3:00–4:30 pm  
Lessons
- **Friday, May 11**  
3:00–5:00 pm  
Auditions

## Guard Tryouts

Guard tryouts will be held at the following times. They are open to anyone who will be attending Murphy in 2007–2008.

- **Tuesday, May 1**  
6:00–9:00 pm  
Lessons
- **Thursday, May 3**  
6:00–9:00 pm  
Lessons
- **Friday, May 4**  
5:30–9:30 pm  
Auditions

Guard members are regular members of the Murphy Band, which means that are expected to participate in the instrumental part of the program after Fall Marching season.

Non-playing members will receive playing instruction. If you've never played an instrument before, try it. You might like it.

## 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  
Drum line & pit placement auditions
- **Tuesday, May 29**  
7:00 pm  
Orientation for 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

# Special Pull-out Section: Band Schedules

## 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
- **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**  
5:00-9:00 pm  
Full Band (Football program pictures will be made tonight)

## 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

## Spring 2007 Schedule

- **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
- **Friday, May 11, 5:30 pm**  
Band Banquet



**March 16–21, 2008**

# Hawaii Trip—Aloha, Panther Band!

## Trip Includes

- Round trip bus from Mobile to either the New Orleans or Atlanta airport
- Round trip air from either New Orleans or Atlanta to Honolulu
- Lei greeting at Honolulu airport—A local guide will meet us there
- Airport/hotel transfers
- Five nights hotel accommodations (includes taxes and portage)
- Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel—Great location
- Pizza party at the hotel on the day of arrival
- Breakfast each morning
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Lunch at Kapiolani Park (at the base of Diamond Head) and award ceremony
- Dinner at Planet Hollywood
- Pearl Harbor
- Naval launch to the USS Arizona Memorial for tour
- City tour of Honolulu—Includes Chinatown, Kamehameha Statue, Iolani Palace, Kawaiahao Church, and drive-in tour of Punchbowl Cemetery
- Ala Moana Shopping Center—Live entertainment throughout the day.
- International Market Place
- Dinner at Bubba Gump's
- Pali Lookout—Panoramic view of the historic Windward Coastline
- Polynesian Cultural Center (taste of the entire South Pacific)—Includes dinner buffet; Polynesian Show; Canoe Pageant; canoe tour; and Tahitian, Samoan, New Zealand, and Tongan Villages
- School Exchange with a local high school
- Lunch with the host school
- Paradise Cove Luau
- Beach day with activities and lunch
- Diamond Head hike
- Hawaii transportation
- Bus driver/guide tips in Hawaii
- Full-time local escort and Springdale escort

- Triple occupancy rate and bus: \$1883
- Double occupancy rate and bus: \$2030

## Payment Schedule

- March 16, 2007 Non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person
- April 16, 2007 \$200 per person
- May 17, 2007 \$200 per person
- June 18, 2007 \$150 per person
- July 16, 2007 \$150 per person
- August 16, 2007 \$150 per person
- September 18, 2007 \$150 per person
- October 16, 2007 \$150 per person
- November 16, 2007 \$150 per person
- December 18, 2007 \$150 per person
- January 15, 2008 Balance due

## Incoming Band Parents

We will make arrangements for you to join the Hawaii trip during Rookie Camp. (The Rookie Camp schedule is printed on page 3.)

## Cost

Prices are based on a minimum of 100 paying passengers. All prices are per person. Prices quoted at this time are a very close estimate. A fuel surcharge could be added if fuel prices fluctuate.

- Quad occupancy rate and bus (50 paying travelers per bus): \$1782



## Panther Band Boosters

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### *Next Band Booster Meeting*

■ Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm

## Are You Tempted to Design a Band T-Shirt?

*By Sandra Fuqua, Uniform Chair*

We are having a contest to design the Band t-shirt for next year. The field show theme is the Temptations. The deadline to submit designs is April 16. Whoever submits the winning design will win a pizza party for 10 friends.

All drawings should be given to **Patty Hutcherson** or placed in the slot on the Band Booster office door.

