

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

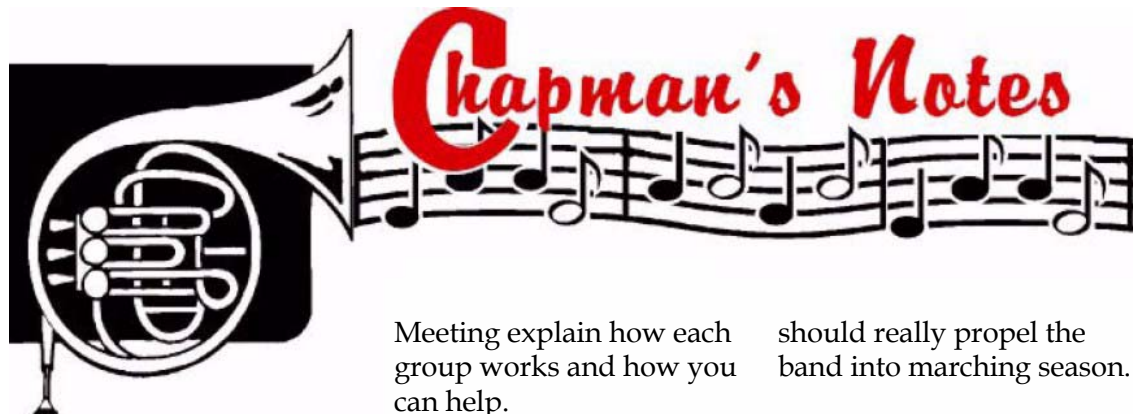
PANTHER BAND

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We are ramping up into a very busy time of the year. The Rookies are due in for their first camp June 5-9, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm, with a New Parent Orientation Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 pm. Not only are we looking forward to our new performing members, but we are also looking forward to the new parents.

As a former band parent (I have had two children go through the high school band) and as a director, I can attest that your experience with the Murphy Band will be much more rewarding and enjoyable if you become actively involved. You will also find that the parents can get as much out of the program as the students, and it is actually a lot of fun. We will have the chairs of the various committees at the Orientation

Meeting explain how each group works and how you can help.

We go almost directly into a very exciting project. Many of you already know that the Murphy Band has been asked to provide the music for the City of Mobile's Fourth of July Celebration at Battleship Park. We will play a one-hour concert at 7:30 pm and will provide the music accompanying the fireworks display at 9:00 pm.

Incoming members are invited to perform for this, but they will have to pass off a playing test. Interested new members can look at the rehearsal/performance schedule included in this newsletter or on the website. If they will be able to perform, they can contact me about the audition. I am very excited about this opportunity since, to my knowledge, no high school band has ever been asked to do this performance. I think that it

should really propel the band into marching season.

The guard tryouts went very well. Ms. Harrell selected a good group, which is listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

We also have a new staff member. Mr. Elanders Frazier (brother to the pit instructor, Candice Frazier) will be handling the drum line for us this year. His "bio" is on the website. We are looking for great things from this brother/sister duo.

See you at the next meeting – Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 pm.

Email Addresses

If we don't already have it, please send your email address(es) to murphybandwebmaster@murphyband.com, so we can add you to the newsletter emailing list.

Presidents' Corner

Band Boosters

By Tina Williams, Band Boosters President

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Band Booster president. It is a position that I do not take lightly. Being a member of the finest Band Booster organization in the county, I assure you that we will uphold our organization's high standards.

I am excited to welcome aboard our incoming freshmen and to welcome the parents of these very dedicated and gifted young people. I look forward to meeting all of you at the June 6 meeting.

Please be thinking about what committees you will join to support Murphy Band. Ms. Chunn has need of Fundraising Committee members, Ms. Fuqua will welcome Uniform Committee members, the Schmenskys will be delighted to welcome any Hospitality Committee members, and – my personal favorite – the Chaperone Committee, of which we are all members, official or not, welcomes assistance in monitoring our youth to keep them safe.

In the meantime, please provide canned soft drinks, juice, bottled water, and small paper cups to the Band Room now and throughout Band Camp to keep our kids from dehydrating during workouts, Rookie Camp, and Band Camp.

This will be a great year as we all work together! See you all soon!

Band

By Amanda Chunn, Band President

Well, the school year is finally coming to a close. Friends said goodbye to the seniors at graduation, at which those in Concert Band who tried out for the 2006–2007 Marching Band joined the Symphonic Band. Congrats to you all!

We have a wonderful, excited new elected Band Council preparing for next year. We are also awaiting the results for appointed Band Council while our new drum major, Paul Williams, is already setting new rules to make this Band year better and our campus cleaner.

Coming up this month, June 5–9, is Rookie Camp, where we meet all the new freshmen. Also, the guard begins its workouts June 20 and 27. Congratulations to all those who made it!

Finally, in this month we have the June 26–July 3 rehearsals for the Fourth of July concert.

Well, I know everyone's excited about our upcoming field show with the Afro-Cuban theme, so we need to get the freshmen up to speed at Rookie Camp. Hope to see ya'll there!



Band Fees

By Bob Windham, Treasurer

2006–2007 Band fees (\$240.00) are due by the end of Band Camp (August 10, 2006).

At least 2/3 (\$160.00) must be paid to receive a Band t-shirt, used for the Hot Weather Uniform.

Fundraising News

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

Our biggest fundraiser to discuss at this point is the football programs. This is a big money maker for the operating account and the student accounts.

Please attend the Band Booster meeting on Tuesday, June 6, and be watching the web site for more info.

We also hope to have new products to sell this year, so be listening and watching for good things to come. I'll still need lots of help, too, so be ready to sign up! You can contact me at leslieleigh@netzero.net.

Summer Clarinet Lessons with Andy Anderson

For more information call
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232-8531, or email
andersnmt@aol.com.

Summer Schedules

Rookie Camp

- **Monday, June 5–Friday, June 9**
8:00 am–noon, 1:00–4:00 pm
All new Band members
- **Tuesday, June 6**
7:00 pm—Orientation for all incoming parents

Workouts

- **Tuesday, June 20**
6:00–7:00 pm—Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm—New Guard
- **Tuesday, June 27**
6:00–7:00 pm—Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm—Guard
- **Monday, July 10**
10:00 am–noon—Woodwinds
1:00–3:00 pm—Brass
- **Tuesday, July 11**
6:00–7:00 pm—Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm—Guard
- **Monday, July 17**
10:00 am–noon—Woodwinds
1:00–3:00 pm—Brass
- **Monday, July 24**
10:00 am–noon—Woodwinds
1:00 pm–3:00 pm—Brass

Attention Parents

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Band Camp

- **Monday, July 17–Thursday, July 20**
5:00–9:00 pm—Color Guard
- **Monday, July 24–Thursday, July 27**
8:00 am–4:00 pm—Drum Line, Pit
5:00–9:00 pm—Color Guard
- **Friday, July 28**
8:00 am–4:00 pm—Drum Line, Pit
- **Monday, July 31**
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, August 1**
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 2**
8:00 am–noon—Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm—Clarinets
- **Thursday August 3**
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 4**
8:00 am–noon—Full Band (Brass, woodwinds, Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00–2:00 pm—Tubas, Drum Line, Pit (Mallets)
- **Tuesday August 8**
5:00–9:00 pm—Full Band
- **Thursday August 10**
5:00–9:00 pm—Full Band

Fourth of July

Rehearsals

- **Monday, June 26**
8:00–10:00 am—Full Band
10:00–11:00 am—Flute Sectional
5:00–7:00 pm—Make-up for those who could not come at 8:00 am
- **Tuesday, June 27**
8:00–10:00 am—Full Band
10:00–11:00 am—Clarinet Sectional
- **Wednesday, June 28**
8:00–10:00 am—Full Band
10:00–11:00 am—Alto Sax/Horn Sectional
5:00–7:00 pm—Make-up for those who could not come at 8:00 am
- **Thursday, June 29**
8:00–10:00 am—Full Band
10:00–11:00 am—Alto Trumpet Sectional
- **Friday, June 30**
8:00–10:00 am—Full Band
10:00–11:00 am—Alto Low Brass/Low Reed Sectional
- **Monday, July 3**
8:00–11:00 am—Full Band

Performance

- **Tuesday, July 4**
5:00 pm—Call at the MHS Band Room. Uniform posted on the web.
7:00 pm—Move to stage/warm up
7:30 pm—Concert
8:30 pm—Speeches, etc. (Should be a brief break for the students.)
9:00 pm—Fireworks.
9:30 pm—Pack up/load up. (Students may leave with parents.)
10:30 pm—Arrive at MHS

Incoming freshmen may audition for this performance. See the web for details.

Panther Band Boosters

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We need non-Styrofoam cups for Rookie Camp (June 5–9). If you can donate some, please bring them to the Band Room.

The next Band Booster/New Parent Orientation meeting will be **Tuesday, June 6**, at 7:00 pm.

2006 Color Guard

Congratulations to the members of the 2006 Color Guard. We are looking forward to a successful field season.

- Amber Beasley – Captain
- Meredith Anderson
- Annalise Anise
- Erika Bettner
- Amanda Day
- Michelle Diemert
- Megan Dillard
- Sydnee Doolittle
- Jessica Fuqua
- Rachel Hall
- Bianca Harris
- Michelle Harvey
- Carolyn Harwood
- Cathryn Harwood

- Chelsea Joy
- Amanda Landry
- Sara Lassitter
- Alandria Marshall
- Jessica Odom
- April Prather
- Lauren Pulliam
- Jennifer Roberts
- Sarah Sacris
- Hannah Sanders
- Chelsea Steele
- Brooke Thomas
- Alison Urnis
- Megan Yanen

Section leaders will be announced at a later date.

Returning instructors are Wanda Harrell and Madeleine Dardeau.

Uniform News

By Sandra Fuqua, Chair

The uniform committee is the *best* and *most fun* committee to be a part of. If you want to be around and get to know the kids – this is the place to be! This year it would be great to find an incoming freshman parent with an eye to taking over in the next year. If you would like to help with uniforms, please sign up or let me know.

Sew-ers needed

We need volunteers to help hem uniforms during Band Camp. It is simple hand hemming, and we typically send home about 5 pieces. Please call me (402-5951) if you can help with this very important, one-time-per-year task.