

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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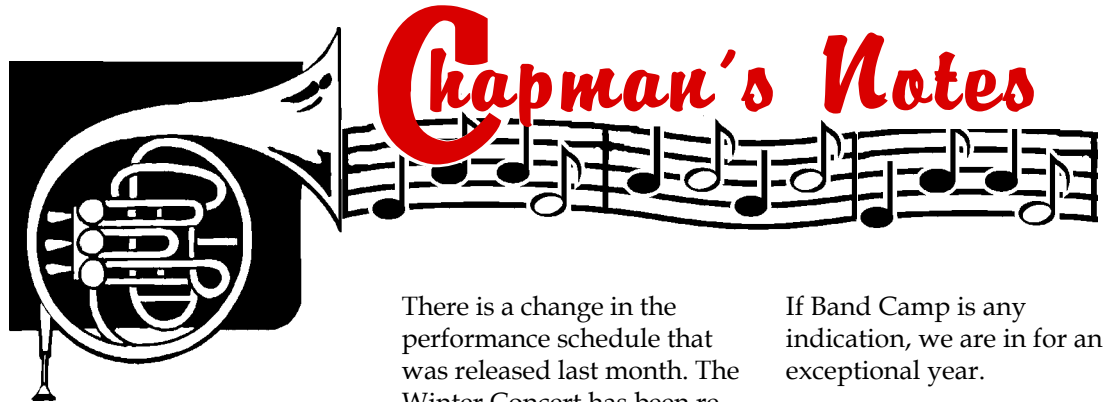
MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman,
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Dear Murphy Band Members
and Parents,

We welcomed 85 new members to the Band during Band Camp and put 185 hard-working students on the field. I am very proud of the amount of work and practice that is going into this year's field show, and I know that you are going to be pleased with the results. For a band that has this many young members in it, I am fairly happy with the sound.

On another front, we have the Band web site www.murphyband.com up and running again after a year's hiatus. Please refer to it from time to time to keep abreast of schedules, performances, etc. Obviously, it is not finished. We are working on it daily to include all of the items that we think you need on it. When you have suggestions for it, let me know.

There is a change in the performance schedule that was released last month. The Winter Concert has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, December 13, in order to allow the Mobile Pops Band to use our auditorium for their Christmas Concert. The performance schedule is located on page 3 of this newsletter and on the web site.

We have a really fine trip planned this year for the National Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C., April 5-10. A proposed itinerary and payment schedule for the students is included in the newsletter and will be posted on the web site.

We will wait until October to make the down payment for the April trip due for each student as there will be a fee assessed in September for the overnight trip to Gadsden for the marching contest (see the performance schedule).

I will send you information on the trip to Gadsden a little later. The fee last year for a similar overnight marching contest was around \$50. per student if I'm not mistaken. We will make it as affordable as possible.

If Band Camp is any indication, we are in for an exceptional year.

See you at the next Band Booster meeting on **Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 pm.**

Got email?

How did you receive this newsletter?

- A. Email
- B. U.S. Mail

If you answered "B," you have a wonderful opportunity to help the Band save money.

With close to 200 students in the Band, photocopying and mailing a monthly newsletter is a costly endeavor. However, if we can email it to you, we can save a lot of this money – money we can put to work directly for our students.

If you received this newsletter by U. S. Mail, we don't have your email address. If you'd like to receive future newsletters by email, send your email address to us at murphybandwebmaster@murphyband.com.

President's corner

By Ben Akey, Band Booster President

Hey Everybody,

I am so excited about the way this year is getting started. Things are going very well. I just want to fill you in on a couple of important things coming up.

First of all is the Band Camp cookout on **Thursday, August 4**. We need lots of help to make this a success. We need Dads who will help on the grill. We need Moms who will help set the tables and get the serving line organized. This a great event and helps us get the kids excited about the season.

Also coming up is truck-loading practice for all the Dads who are helping on the Safety Committee. We will meet at the Band Room on **Saturday, August 20, at 10:00 am**. We will practice loading everything for the field show and make sure that everything fits.



From the Band President

By Joy Easterling, Band President

The 2005-2006 band season began on July 25 for the hornline with the start of Band Camp. However, the drumline and guard members had already been through many practices before Band Camp began.

The guard started Camp practices on the twelfth of July with a bit of delay, thanks to Hurricane Dennis, while the drummers had a week of Drum Camp, starting the eighteenth. Throughout

Now . . . on to something vital for the football season. We need lots and lots of 12 packs of drinks for third-quarter break. It is important that each family bring at least 3 twelve packs of drinks to the Band Room prior to the first football game, so that we have drinks to start the football season. Also we need snacks—the small individual bags of snacks.

Remember . . . each time we have an event, we must take care of the entire band. Then throughout the season we need families to consistently bring more drinks and snacks to keep this huge operation on the road . . . and happy.

Finally . . . support the Band Boosters. Attend the meetings. Help when needed. Join a committee.

Our next Band Booster meeting is on **Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 pm**. I look forward to seeing you there. Thanks for all you do!

the summer, there were also workouts for each section of the Band to review material learned in Rookie Camp and to get ready for the upcoming year.

Even our drum major, Julie Hudson, started early with a trip to Drum Major Camp at LSU and is already doing a wonderful job leading the Band.

I think everyone is excited about this year's show; I know I am. The songs we will be playing are "Malaguena," with soloists Nathan Farish, James Fuqua, David Ivy-Taylor, and Brian

Fundraising

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

Well, I could not have asked for a greater bunch of parents! We had our first fundraising meeting, and the turnout was so encouraging. Everyone participated in the discussions and had good ideas.

I had a rewarding and pleasant visit with Serena Willcox, our vice-principal. She gave me contacts in other departments and gave us the go-ahead for almost all of our plans! Be watching the web site for order forms to print.

And don't forget the FOOTBALL PROGRAM AD form! It's on the web site (www.murphyband.com) to print, and time's running out. We've yet to receive any "congratulatory" ads. Those ads can come from sponsors other than the parents, and they mean a great deal to the students. Thanks again to **Michael and Susan McNair** for getting the programs together!

And thanks again for all your team effort, parents. You've got the blue and gold pumping in my veins again!

Gadomski; "My Spanish Heart," with soloists L. T. Hughes and Nathan Warner; and "La Suerte de los Tontos."

The appointed Band Council is doing a great job making rehearsals go smoothly in order to be ready for the first marching contest this year, which is a mere eight weeks away. With the approaching contest, we will have to work hard; if the attitude shown in Band Camp continues, we should be ready.

Our first football game of the season is against Williamson at Ladd Peebles Stadium. Hope to see you all there!

2005–2006 Panther Band schedule

August 26 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at Williamson, Ladd Stadium

September 3 (Saturday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy vs Bryant, Ladd Stadium

September 5 (Monday) Morning

Labor Day Parade, downtown

September 9 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at McGill, Ladd Stadium

September 16 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at Theodore, Theodore

September 23 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy vs Vigor, Ladd Stadium

September 24–25 (Saturday–Sunday) Overnight

Contests—Cullman, AL

September 30 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy vs Davidson, Ladd Stadium

October 7 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at Leflore, Ladd Stadium



October 8 (Saturday) TBA

Contests—TBA

October 13 (Thursday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy vs Baker (Homecoming), Ladd Stadium

October 21 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at MGM, MGM

October 28 (Friday) 7:00 pm

Football—Murphy at BCHS, BCHS

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State Football Playoffs

November 29 (Tuesday) 3:30 pm

All-County Woodwind Tryouts, Baker

December 1 (Thursday) 3:30 pm

All-County Brass/Percussion Tryouts, Baker

December 13 (Tuesday) 7:00 pm

Winter Concert, Murphy

December 17 (Saturday) TBA

Christmas Parade, downtown

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January 9–10 (Monday–Tuesday) TBA

All-County Honor Band, Murphy

January 28 (Saturday) 8:00 am

All-State Tryouts, Davidson

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) Overnight

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, Washington, D.C.

April 19–22 (Wednesday–Saturday) Overnight

All-State Honor Band, Auburn

April 29 (Saturday) TBA

Solo and Ensemble festival, TBA

May 1 (Monday) 7:00 pm

Spring Concert, Murphy

Cherry Blossom Festival, April 5–10, 2006

Package Includes

- 1 night accommodation in Anderson, SC (7 hours from Mobile)
Deluxe Continental breakfast included
- 3 nights accommodation in Alexandria, VA
Deluxe Continental breakfast included
- 2 dinners in Washington, D.C.
- 1 dinner in Alexandria, VA
- Round trip deluxe motor coach* (3 buses/55 passengers each)
Includes drivers' rooms, tips, taxes, and relay drivers
* Price based on \$2.30/gal. If fuel exceeds \$2.30/gal, a surcharge may be added.

- Step-on-guide for April 7 (8 hours)
 - U.S. Capitol
 - Library of Congress
 - Supreme Court
 - White House (Photo Stop)
 - National Archives
 - Embassy Row
 - Washington Cathedral or Shrine
 - Drive through Georgetown
 - Memorials, including FDR and WWII

- Step-on-guide for April 8 (3 hours)
Illuminated Night Tour
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - FDR Memorial
 - Iwo Jima Memorial

- WWII Memorial
- Kennedy Center
- Drive by Capitol and White House

- Tour of Colonial Williamsburg

Cost of the Trip

- Quad \$350
 - Triple \$397
 - Double \$465
- *Based on 100 paying travelers/45 per bus

Payment Schedule

- October \$50
- November \$75
- December \$75
- January \$75
- February \$75

Murphy Band Boosters

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Band fees

By Janie Windham, Treasurer

Band fees are due.

- \$225.00 for all returning students
- 240.00 for all new students, including the colorguard

At least 2/3 (\$150.00 for returning students or \$160.00 for new students) of the Band fees must be paid by **Thursday, August 4**, in order for your child to receive his or her Band t-shirt.

Thank You.

Chaperone news

By Sandy Wheeler, Chaperone Chair

The last day to order chaperone shirts is **Friday, August 5**. They are \$18 each. Chaperones must wear one of these shorts in order to chaperone any event.

A *mandatory* chaperone meeting will be held in the Band Room on **Tuesday, August 16**, at 5:00 pm.

Uniform news

By Sandra Fuqua, Uniform Chair

The Band will wear hot weather uniforms for the first three games:

- Band t-shirt or solid white shirt
- Khaki pants that fit properly (not oversized or baggy)
- Black or brown belt
- Black socks
- Band shoes

Reminder: Band hoodies are available for only \$20.00.

Did you know? The cherry trees that surround the Tidal Basin in Washington D. C. were a gift from the people of Tokyo, Japan, in 1912. Each spring their pink and white-petaled flowers herald the arrival of spring in Washington. The National Cherry Blossom Festival has been held every year since 1935, when a group of American school children re-enacted the initial planting in 1912. Each year, the festival organizers sponsor an art contest for a design to be used in the Festival marketing and promotional materials for the following year. Deadline for the 2006 contest is August 31. For complete details, go to www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.com.

