

PANTHER BAND NEWS

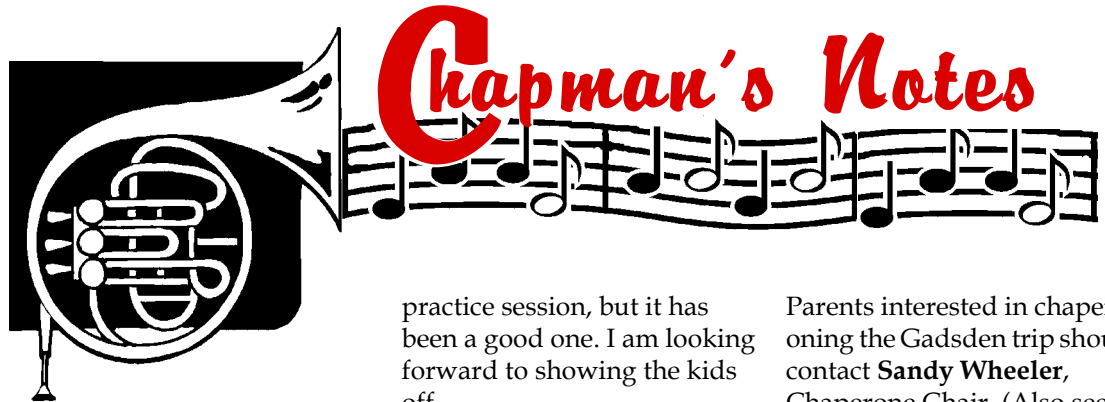
SEPTEMBER 2005 MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman,
Director*

Dear Murphy Band Members
and Parents,

That rainy, wet, hot, humid
part of life known as Band
Camp is over, and the season
is about to begin. I hope you
are as proud of the kids as I
am. This has been a hard

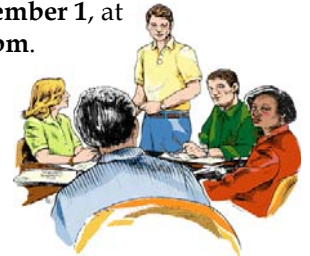
practice session, but it has
been a good one. I am looking
forward to showing the kids
off.

I also want to thank all of the
parents who helped with the
camp, especially the ones who
put on the party the last night.
The food was great, and the
kids had a good time.

Another copy of the perfor-
mance schedule as well as the
schedule for the contest in
Gadsden on **September 24** are
included in this newsletter.

Parents interested in chaper-
oning the Gadsden trip should
contact **Sandy Wheeler**,
Chaperone Chair. (Also see
Sandy's article on page 2 of
this newsletter.)

See you at the next Band
Booster meeting on **Thursday,**
September 1, at
7:00 pm.



From the Band President

By Joy Easterling

It's hard to believe that school
has started, and it's already
September! The summer went
by much too quickly.

With the ending of summer
and the starting of school
come football games and
marching contests! Our
first marching contest is
September 24, which is not
very far away.

I think everyone is working
hard, but all the rain keeps us
from practicing outside. As
much as we all like a break

from marching when the rain
comes, we need to start
hoping for drier weather, and
a drier field as well.

Speaking of the upcoming
contest, we all signed the
room and bus lists last week
and are excited about the trip.
The contest will be in Gadsden
and will be overnight. (The
overnight contests are always
more fun!) There is another
contest in Foley scheduled for
early October, which will not
be overnight.

Because football season starts
earlier this year, we will be

wearing hot-weather
uniforms for at least the first
three games. This is always
nice, especially when it is still
ninety degrees outside when
we prepare to leave for the
game.

Most people I have talked to
really like our band t-shirts for
the hot-weather uniform.
They are very appropriate for
the field show theme, and we
all want to thank **Emily Rose**
for her great design. You will
be able to see her design and
our wonderful field show at
all of our football games. See
you there!

Mid-South Marching Festival in Gadsden, AL

The trip fee of \$50 per student is due **September 1**. Please let Mr. Chapman know if there is a problem. As always, make the checks payable to the Panther Band Boosters. Except for lunch on Saturday, the students will not need any additional money for the trip.

Saturday, September 24

7:45 am

Warm-up and run-thru at MHS (wear comfortable clothes).

9:00 am

Load buses. We're not taking the truck. All of the equipment will go under the buses.

10:00 am

Depart.

12:00 noon

Lunch in Greenville. There are a number of places to eat. Bring money for lunch.

1:00 pm

Depart.

4:00 pm

Check into hotel in Gadsden: Holiday Inn Express, Attala. Telephone: (256) 538-7861

5:00 pm

Depart. Be dressed in your complete uniform when you load, but bring your uniform suit bag and shoe bag, your equipment, and a change of clothes.

5:30 pm

Arrive at the stadium. Unload and warm up.

7:00 pm (est.)

Show.

9:00 pm (est.)

The show is over. Change out of your uniform at the stadium, and hang it up in your suit bag. Load the equipment on the buses. Depart.

10:00 pm

Dinner at Ryan's Steakhouse (buffet). Price included in trip fee.

11:00 pm

Depart. Return to the hotel. Lights out.

Sunday, September 25

7:00 pm

Wake up.

8:00 pm

Breakfast at the hotel (included).

9:00 pm

Depart. We are going home non-stop.

2:00 pm

Arrive at MHS. Store equipment away.



Gadsden is off of I-59 in Etowah County, AL. It's about 325 miles northeast of Mobile.

Chaperone news

By Sandy Wheeler, Chaperone Chair

We had a great turnout for the chaperone meeting! Thanks to everyone who came. I am hoping this will be a great year for the students and the parents.

On **September 24 and 25** the Band will travel to Gadsden for marching competition. The price for parents wanting to chaperone is \$62.00 per room. If you share the room with another parent, it will be \$31.00 per room. You will also need to pay \$12.00 in advance if you plan to eat the dinner buffet. Breakfast will be included in the room price. The only money that you need to bring is

money to eat lunch in Greenville on Saturday.

The money needs to be paid by **September 1**. This includes the money for the dinner buffet.

As soon as we know how many rooms we need for the students, we will then know exactly how many chaperones we will be able to take. For those who have already signed up to go, start making your payments. I will be in contact with you as soon as I have any further information.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 479-9086 (H).

Thanks.

2005–2006 Panther Band schedule

September 3 (Saturday)	7:00 pm	November 29 (Tuesday)	3:30 pm
Football—Murphy vs Bryant, Ladd Stadium		All-County Woodwind Tryouts, Baker	
September 5 (Monday)	Morning	December 1 (Thursday)	3:30 pm
Labor Day Parade, downtown		All-County Brass/Percussion Tryouts, Baker	
September 9 (Friday)	7:00 pm	December 13 (Tuesday)	7:00 pm
Football—Murphy at McGill, Ladd Stadium		Winter Concert, Murphy	
September 16 (Friday)	7:00 pm	December 17 (Saturday)	TBA
Football—Murphy at Theodore, Theodore		Christmas Parade, downtown	
September 23 (Friday)	7:00 pm	2006	
Football—Murphy vs Vigor, Ladd Stadium		January 9–10 (Monday–Tuesday)	TBA
September 24–25 (Saturday–Sunday)	Overnight	All-County Honor Band, Murphy	
Contest—Gadsden, AL		January 28 (Saturday)	8:00 am
September 30 (Friday)	7:00 pm	All-State Tryouts, Davidson	
<u>Middle School Night</u>		February 10 (Friday)	6:30 pm
Football—Murphy vs Davidson, Ladd Stadium		Mardi Gras Parade, downtown	
October 7 (Friday)	7:00 pm	February 14 (Tuesday)	TBA
Football—Murphy at Leflore, Ladd Stadium		District contests, Murphy	
October 8 (Saturday)	TBA	February 17 (Friday)	6:30 pm
Contests—TBA		Mardi Gras Parade, downtown	
October 13 (Thursday)	7:00 pm	April 5–10 (Wednesday–Monday)	Overnight
Football—Murphy vs Baker (Homecoming), Ladd Stadium		National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, Washington, D.C.	
October 21 (Friday)	7:00 pm	April 19–22 (Wednesday–Saturday)	Overnight
Football—Murphy at MGM, MGM		All-State Honor Band, Auburn	
October 28 (Friday)	7:00 pm	April 29 (Saturday)	TBA
Football—Murphy at BCHS, BCHS		Solo and Ensemble festival, TBA	
TBA	TBA	May 1 (Monday)	7:00 pm
State Football Playoffs		Spring Concert, Murphy	

Uniform news

By Sandra Fuqua, Uniform Chair

The deadline to order hooded band sweatshirts is **Tuesday, September 20**. The cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to the Panther Band Boosters.

Hot-weather uniforms will be worn for the first three football games. This uniform consists of the following:

- Proper-fitting khaki pants (not baggy or sagging)
- Band t-shirt or SOLID white t-shirt
- Black or brown belt
- Black socks
- Band shoes

Fundraising

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

This year seems to be starting off well! What great parents and students. Thanks again for your eagerness to participate.

The football program is looking great. We did have trouble getting folks to stick to the deadline, so we are keeping our fingers crossed that we have a program for the first game! Be sure to come to the games and purchase a program. You will find **Susan and Michael McNair's** blood, sweat, and tears on the pages!

Coke sale



We currently are conducting a coke sale! If you did not get the order form from your student, check the book bag or get another one from the Band Room. There are many flavors to choose from this year. The cases are \$17 each, with your student getting half of the \$5 profit. The cases contain 24 20oz. drinks or 40 juice boxes. Checks are to be made out to Panther Band Boosters, and all money is to be collected at the time the order is placed. Forms and money are due **Friday, August 26**, in the Band Room Booster door drop box. You will pick up your drinks **Thursday, September 1**, the date of the next Band Booster meeting.

Please be checking with your student, his/her book bag, and/or the Band Room for more fundraisers coming up! Any questions, concerns and ideas are welcome. If I'm not able to speak with you at the time of your call, please leave a message, and I will call you back.

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Next Band Booster meeting

Thursday, September 1,
7:00 pm, in the Band Room

2005–2006 Band Council

Pictured left to right

Fourth Row: Jairus Turk (Senior Representative), Brandon Sigler (Vice President), Joy Easterling (President), Latrese Hodges (Treasurer)

Third Row: Nathan Warner (Sophomore Representative), Jeanie Thompson (Junior Representative), Paul Williams (Junior Representative)

Second Row: India Davis (Sophomore Representative), Julie Hudson (Drum Major), Caton Windham (Inspirational Leader), Dana Hudson (Sergeant at Arms)

First Row: Eric Myers (Freshman Representative), Jakari Thomas (Freshman Representative), Christi Pullen (Secretary)

