

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

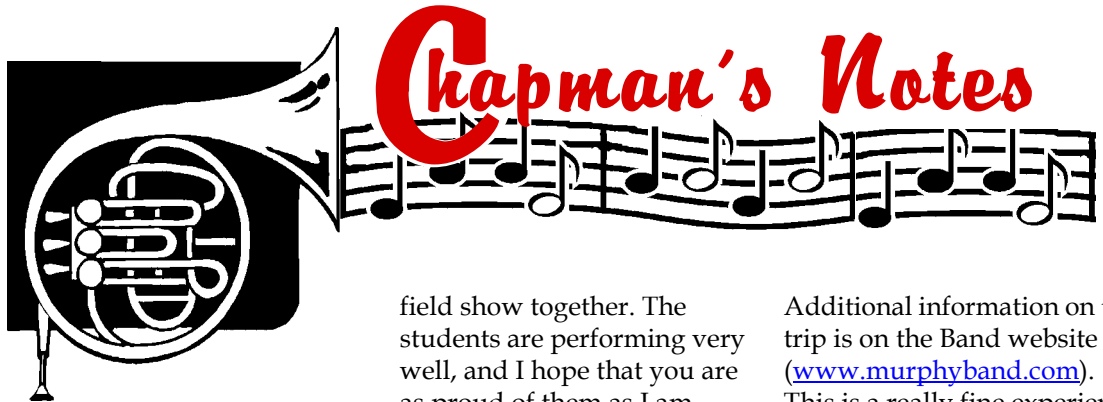
OCTOBER 2005 MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman,  
Director*

*You have no idea how proud I am of the members of the Murphy Band.*

This has been a very trying year because of the weather – first the incessant rain and then the days lost to the hurricane – yet the students have stepped up and really worked hard to get this year's

field show together. The students are performing very well, and I hope that you are as proud of them as I am.

Looking ahead, the down payment of \$50.00 for the Cherry Blossom Festival is due in October. Students who made the trip payment for the Gadsden contest that we had to cancel due to the new football schedule may opt to use that payment as their trip down payment.

The total price of the trip is \$350.00, with \$75.00 payments due each month from November through February.

Additional information on the trip is on the Band website ([www.murphyband.com](http://www.murphyband.com)). This is a really fine experience for both students and parents, and I am looking forward to the parade (April 5-10).

On another note, thanks go to the students who raised hurricane relief money at the Murphy-McGill game. They pulled in over \$1300.00 during the third-quarter break. The money was passed along to the American Red Cross.

See you at the next Band Booster meeting on **Thursday, October 6.**



## Uniform news

*By Sandra Fuqua, Chair, Uniform Committee*

I just want to thank everyone – we are truly having our easiest year yet.

The Uniform Committee has had an incredible year so far with lots of cooperation from the students and parents.

The help and patience of everyone made dealing with the wet uniforms and ponchos after the Big Rain during the Vigor game much easier to handle.

Thanks to everyone for their help.

# Chaperone news

*By Sandy Wheeler, Chair, Chaperone Committee*

I want to thank all the chaperones for their hard work. I know that I have not been able to be there very much due to health issues, but I hear that everything is going smoothly. Kudos to the freshmen parents who have jumped in and really helped. Hopefully, we can make it through the rest of the football season without a repeat of the Murphy vs. Vigor game when we all got really wet!

The marching competition in Foley is **Saturday, October 8**. Time of call is 2:00 pm. (Performance time is 7:15 pm.) I need around 24 chaperones, this including uniform personnel for this trip. If you are interested in chaperoning, please give me a call at home (479-9086) or email me (swheeler66@bellsouth.net) and let me know. I will also post a sign up sheet in the Band Room.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their hard work in making Mr. Chapman's job run smoothly and keeping our children safe.

## Another way to help the Band

Don't forget that another way to help the Band is to receive this newsletter via email instead of US Mail.

If you'd like to receive future issues (in full color) by email, and we don't already have your email address, send it to us at [murphybandwebmaster@murphyband.com](mailto:murphybandwebmaster@murphyband.com)

## Presidents' corner

### From the Band Booster President

*By Ben Akey*

Dear Band Boosters,

I want to take a moment to say thank you for all the tremendous support and parent participation we are having this year. Things are going well, and it's because parents care enough to be present and helpful.

Please pay close attention to the third-quarter needs being listed in this newsletter.

Now on to a new and exciting event for the Panther Band boosters. Write down this date: **Thursday, November 17, 6:30 pm**. That is the night of "A Taste of the Band." This event will be held at the Scottish Rites Temple in downtown Mobile. We will have food tastings from many famous restaurants in Mobile. Some we have talked to are Felix, The Pillars, Ruth's Chris, and the Culinary department at Bishop State College. There will be a wine tasting and lots of great beverages to enjoy. The night will culminate in a marvelous silent auction. During the evening we will be entertained by the Murphy Jazz Band. Here is what I still need. We need items for the silent auction. If you know someone in business who might donate things to us, let me know or contact that person and ask. Items that work well in an auction are trips, weekend packages at a condo, baskets full of goodies, artwork, electronics, etc. If you have a question about something, please feel free to call me. I am very excited about this event.

The cost of the evening is \$20.00 per person. For each ticket the students

sell, they will get \$5.00 in their student accounts. I hope that this will be a marvelous new annual event for the band.

If you need anything, call me (709-9002).

### From the Band President

*By Joy Easterling*

Although it's just been a month since the last newsletter, a lot has happened. Hurricane Katrina stormed through and caused many disruptions. Sadly, the overnight contest to Gadsden was cancelled because of several missed practices and changes to the football schedule. However, we are still marching in the Foley contest on October 8, which means we have less than a week to practice! After the contest, we will no longer have practices after school. I know, I know, everyone is crushed, but we have to move on.

By the end of this month, my and the other seniors' last regular football season will be over, and we should be moving on to the playoffs. This also means that Symphonic tryouts, which are usually in early November, are quickly approaching. I know that everyone in band, myself included, is just slaving away on the All-State tryout music!

We were handed many disadvantages because of the storm in terms of practice time, but we can all be thankful that everyone is well and made it through the storm with minimal damage. Even though we've had cancelled and rainy practices, and one particularly rainy game, I think we are doing very well this season.

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## Fund Raising

By  
Leslie Chunn, Chair,  
Fundraising Committee

We have an extremely busy fundraising season ahead:

- Almost all of the money is in from the football program ads. As soon as it is, we can post this money into the account of each student who participated.

• The Coke sale was a bit messy but has been finalized. I want to extend my apologies to the parents who were inconvenienced by my lack of experience. Thank you for your help and patience.

- There will be a jewelry sale at the next Band Booster meeting, October 6. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but the sale will run from 5:30–8:30 pm. Please invite your friends to attend the sale. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Band's operating account.
- Elite cards are here! The information flyers and order forms are ready. The percentage going into the students'

accounts will be determined by the Board.

- Chick-fil-A calendars are here! The order forms are ready. The percentage going into the students' accounts will be determined by the Board.
- Domino's cards and McDonald's coupon books are coming soon.
- It's time to sign up for the gift wrap booth. Remember, I'm asking one adult from each household to work at least one shift this season.

Please . . .

- Watch for these order forms on the web site, in the Band Room, and in your child's backpack.
- Watch for specific deadlines.
- Put your phone number on every order form you turn in.
- Remember, no order will be accepted and filled without money being collected and turned in with the order.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

## 2005–2006 Panther Band schedule

<u>2005</u>	
<b>October 7 (Friday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Football—Murphy at Leflore, Ladd Stadium	
<b>October 8 (Saturday)</b>	<b>7:15 pm</b>
Contest—Foley	
<b>October 13 (Thursday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Football—Murphy vs Baker (Homecoming), Ladd Stadium	
<b>October 21 (Friday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Football—Murphy at MGM, MGM	
<b>October 28 (Friday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Football—Murphy at BCHS, BCHS	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>
State Football Playoffs	
<b>November 29 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
All-County Woodwind Tryouts, Baker	
<b>December 1 (Thursday)</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
All-County Brass/Percussion Tryouts, Baker	
<b>December 13 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Winter Concert, Murphy	
<b>December 17 (Saturday)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Christmas Parade, Downtown	

<u>2006</u>	
<b>January 9–10 (Monday–Tuesday)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
All-County Honor Band, Murphy	
<b>January 28 (Saturday)</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
All-State Tryouts, Davidson	
<b>February 10 (Friday)</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Mardi Gras Parade, Downtown	
<b>February 14 (Tuesday)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
District Contests, Murphy	
<b>February 17 (Friday)</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Mardi Gras Parade, Downtown	
<b>April 5–10 (Wednesday–Monday)</b>	<b>Overnight</b>
National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade, Washington, D.C.	
<b>April 19–22 (Wednesday–Saturday)</b>	<b>Overnight</b>
All-State Honor Band, Auburn	
<b>April 29 (Saturday)</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Solo and Ensemble Festival, TBA	
<b>May 1 (Monday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
Spring Concert, Murphy	

**This could be YOU!**

Support Split the Pot at the football games.



## Panther Band Boosters

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### Next Band Booster meeting

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm,  
in the Band Room

## Third-quarter refreshments needed

*by Jeanne Schemensky,  
Co-chair, Hospitality Committee*

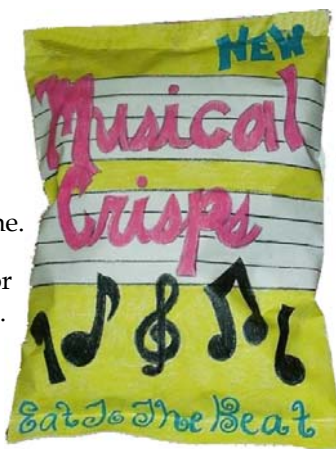
With still one more month to go in football season, we need more drinks and snacks for our Band students for the third-quarter break of each football game.



We'd appreciate it if you could help us by bringing in small bottles or cans of soda (Sprite, Mountain Dew, Orange, and Dr. Pepper – we currently have enough Coke), juice, water, etc.

We also need all kinds of snacks. Either sweet or salty is fine.

Thanks for your help. Our students work hard on the field during half-time (and also in the stands), and they look forward to a drink and a snack during the third-quarter break.



## Initial Cherry Blossom payment due

*By Janie Windham, Treasurer*

Each student's initial payment of **\$50.00** for the Cherry Blossom Parade trip to Washington, D.C. is due by **October 15**.

In November, December, January, and February a \$75.00 payment will be due by the fifteenth of each month. The total cost is \$350.

Remember, according to the Murphy Band Handbook, all Band fees must be paid in full for students to participate in any away trip.

Thank you.