

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

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By Stan Chapman

Dear Murphy Band Members
and Parents,

Many thanks to all of you who have been so helpful this season, particularly all of the new parents who have stepped up to the plate. A lot of you won't believe it, but considering the sheer numbers of people that we are dealing with, I think things have moved relatively smoothly.

Moving from six buses to five has put a crimp in the number of chaperones who can travel with us, but transportation expenses are really going through the roof, and that is one sacrifice that we are going to have to live with. (When a bus didn't show up for the Marching Festival on September 23, we actually crammed the entire Band onto four buses and had the chaperones carpool. It wasn't comfortable, but we really had no choice, and the kids and parents made it work very well.)

Speaking of the Azalea Marching Festival on September 23, the Band did a great job with the show. I am really proud of the way they are handling this very difficult music. I think they have finally gotten to the point that they play it well enough that they can relax and enjoy the show, and you could tell it out at MGM.

The **Saturday, October 7**, contest at Troy University (see the schedule on page 2 of this newsletter) will finish out that part of the season, and we will be doing other things after that (homecoming plus the Halloween show). I'm sorry that we are getting back so late from Troy, but this is a very large contest (27 bands plus Troy University), and retreat (awards) doesn't even start until 9:30 pm, so we'll be doing good to make it back by the scheduled time.

Help us spread the word about the Middle

School Night on **Friday, November 3**. I'll be getting out to the larger middle schools after we finish contests, but you'll have to help me get the message to the private schools, church schools, parochial schools, etc.

Symphonic tryouts will start soon. I'll post the schedule on the web site as soon as it is worked out.

The Fall Term Jazz Band will be playing at BayFest on **Sunday, October 8**, at 3:30 pm. Come out to enjoy the jazz.

See you at the next Band Booster meeting on **Thursday, October 5**.

*For an up-to-date
performance schedule,
go to murphyband.com
and click on Schedules.*

President's Page

Band Booster President Tina Williams

Amazing! How else can I describe the Mighty Marching Panther Band? In exhibition and on the football field, excellence is what they consistently deliver.

The parents are to be commended for their contributions to this fine organization. As I have attended each event, I cannot help but notice the diligence of the Band Booster Board and auxiliaries.

- **Sandra Fuqua** and the Uniform Committee sprang into action to do "on the spot" repairs at the Baker game.
- **Mr. Pate** and the Safety Committee came prepared with their tools to modify the truck to make equipment transportation more effective before the MGM exhibition.
- **Consheda Wallace** and the Chaperone Committee offer unlimited TCL as well as occasional tough love to our children.
- **Rosie Thompson** faithfully handles minor ailments as our first aid chair.
- **Ken Gadomski** provides an excellent monthly newsletter.
- The **Schemensky** and **Roberts** families and their helpers provide snacks and beverages that even our finicky bunch cannot refuse.



- **Leslie Chunn**, Fundraising Chair, and all who participate in fundraising bring in the finances for these events.
- The **Band Council**, who are the liaison between the adult leadership and the students, work hard every day to perfect this organization.
- I've saved the best for last in giving honor to **Mr. Chapman** and **Mr. Smith** who, with the help of the guard, drumline, and pit instructors, mold this sometimes challenging group of musicians into an amazing cohesive unit.

Thank you for all you and countless others do for the love of the Murphy Band!

Band President Amanda Chunn

As the football season comes to an end this month, including homecoming and Middle School Night, we look forward to Symphonic season. I hope everyone's been practicing their All-State pieces.

There was an Elected Band Council meeting on Monday, October 2, to finalize the Band Banquet theme and to start discussing decorations.

I hope everyone is having a good year. See you at the next football game.

Troy State Marching Contest

Saturday, October 7

- **11:00 am**
Band room opened
- **11:30 am**
Warmup (wear comfortable clothes)
- **12:00 noon**
Field rehearsal
- **1:00 pm**
Load equipment under the charter buses. Load uniforms in suit bags above the seats, hat boxes and shoe bags under the seats. The Band parents will provide snacks.
- **2:00 pm**
Depart
- **4:00 pm**
Dinner break in Greenville
- **5:00 pm**
Depart
- **6:00 pm**
Arrive at Troy University. Change into uniforms. Unload equipment.
- **7:00 pm**
Warmup
- **8:00 pm**
Ready area
- **8:15 pm**
Show. The students not in the retreat will change and get something to eat at the stadium.
- **9:30 pm**
Retreat (awards). All Seniors plus captains will participate.
- **11:00 pm**
Depart
- **2:00 am**
Arrive at MHS. Hang the uniforms (in the bags) on the racks. We will turn them in on Monday during fourth block.

Taste of the City

Proceeds Benefit

Murphy High School Band

Sponsored by
Panther Band Boosters
Three Georges Candy Shop & The Nuthouse

Enjoy a Taste from Local
Restaurants
Wine, Beer, and Silent
Auction
Music Provided by
The Midtown Jazz Society

Tuesday, November 7, 2006
6:30–8:30 pm

The Temple
Corner of St. Francis & N. Claiborne Sts.

\$20.00 per person (adults only)

Participating Restaurants:

- Bilotti's • Guido's •
- Janino's • Old Dutch •
- The Water Table •

Band Students receive \$5.00
in their student accounts
for each ticket sold

For More Information:
Janie Windham (432–7828)



Fundraising Update

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising
Chair

Paw Print Socks

Parents and siblings can wear the Paw Print socks! Everybody wears socks at some time, and even if your child won't, that doesn't mean you can't. If the ones who haven't bought any would buy one pack each, we would probably be sold out. \$1.25 of the \$5.00 goes into your child's account. Also, anyone who is a fan of any "cat" team can wear these. For example, South Alabama, Auburn, and several of the middle schools here have "cat" mascots.

Lastly, we NEED someone to help sell socks at the next couple of home games. I'm trying to sell socks and help with third-quarter break, and my husband and I will be out of town the night of the homecoming game, October 20. Thanks. **Jeanne Schemensky** (656–1105)

Football Programs

Please contact me if you would be able to help sell programs before the home games and into the first half of those games. I will be out the night of the McGill game, October 27, and will especially NEED help then. Thanks. **Debbie Richards** (895–7146)

Individual Band Pix

Mr. Chapman will be setting a date with Mr. Boyce to take individual portraits of our students in their band uniforms. We NEED parents who will agree to keep the students on task, so that they will dress and have their pictures taken within the quickest time possible! The entire football team gets theirs done in 1 hour! Be listening for the date and email me if you would be able to help. Thanks. **Leslie Chunn** (leslieleigh@netzero.net)

Split-the-Pot

The crowd sure does love this game. Please contact me if you would be able to help sell tickets before the home games and into the first quarter of those games. My child has been in the hospital, and I may NEED to stay home with her a little longer into the football season. Thanks. **Laura Cleveland** (786–3892)

Football Booster Draw-down

The football boosters are having their draw-down on Saturday evening, October 7. We are all tied up with the Troy contest and BayFest, but you may still purchase a ticket and have someone step in for you to pick up your winnings. The cost for the evening with dinner is \$75 per couple.

Gift Wrap Booth

We are currently working out the details with the mall and will begin ordering the wrapping paper and supplies. I will have a sign-up sheet for adults at the Band Booster meeting this Thursday, October 5. I will have sheets similar to those last year for the students to fill out. My plan is to have shift managers help coordinate all the calling this year. Be looking for the sign-up sheets. Remember, grandmothers, aunts, adult friends, etc. can work and put \$ into your child's account!

Thanks!

Thanks so much for all the hard work you volunteers have put in so far. I know how busy your lives are and appreciate every moment you devote yourself to the Band.

Panther Band Boosters

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Thursday, October 5

- **First Impression jewelry sale**, 6:00 pm
- **Band Booster meeting**, 7:00 pm
- **BayFest meeting** for everyone who has signed up to work at BayFest, immediately following the Band Booster meeting

Drinks Still Needed

*By Jeanne Schemensky,
Hospitality Co-chair*

DRINKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please send in drinks for third-quarter break. I know I sound like a broken record, but right this minute we do not have enough for the next two games.

The kids like Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew, Orange, Barq's Root Beer, Vault, and Sprite. You can find some of these on sale somewhere every week. If you do not have the time, we'll be glad to buy them if you want to send the money in marked for this purchase.

Many, many thanks to everyone who has already brought drinks.

First Impression Jewelry Sale

By Debbie Myers

Leila Dalati from First Impression will have a jewelry sale at the next Booster meeting, **Thursday, October 5**. She will be set up an hour before the meeting and will stay until the meeting is over.

The sale is open to everyone:

- Band members
- Band parents
- Friends
- Relatives

The prices are great, and these items make great Christmas and Hanukkah gifts.

