

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

DECEMBER 2005 MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY MARCHING PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman,  
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We are really into the concert portion of the year now, and the kids are really working hard. The first round Symphonic tryouts yielded a top band of around ninety musicians, and they were generally well prepared. We

have a huge crop trying out for the All-County Band, and All-State is just around the corner (**January 28**).

Be aware that the Winter Concert has been moved up to **Monday, December 5**, and will feature the Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band.

I was very proud of the Taste of the Murphy Band night put on by the Band Boosters. It was really a class act. Thanks

to all of the people who helped President Ben Akey put it on.

The Washington, DC performance (**April 5-10**) is starting to shape up. Start checking the web site as the schedule/information is updated.

See you at the Concert, and Happy Gift Wrapping at the booth in the Mall.

## Fundraising update

*By Leslie Chunn,  
Fundraising Chair*

I've been anxiously working on the gift wrap booth schedule, and I must say, "It's harder than it looks!" I'm excited about giving every student a fair chance to work. Please do not complain if you don't get to work with your friends! Students and parents, be watching the Band Room wall, the emails, and the answering machines to find out when you've been selected to work. If I've scheduled you incorrectly, let me know right away! Thanks to those of you parents who've responded.

Parents, we still need you desperately! I have some morning shifts and some noon-3:00 pm shifts, Monday through Friday, when our booth may have to be closed because I don't have a parent available!

**December 2.** They'll be delivered to be picked up Monday night, December 5, at the winter concert.

(See "Fundraising" on page 2)

### Poinsettias

The poinsettia sale is on! We lost our nursery, but fortunately we found a new one that's great! We're selling only red ones, their price went up to \$7 (due to Katrina), and the order and money deadline is **Friday**,



## Presidents' corner

### From the Band Booster President

By Ben Akey

As you get this newsletter, the Thanksgiving holiday has just finished, and the gift wrap booth has just kicked off. Thanks to everyone for working so hard during marching season and now making the gift wrap booth a success.

The First Annual Taste of the Band was a tremendous success. The evening raised over \$1,800, and many people made it a great success. I want to say thank you to a few people. **Leigh Rowell** was chairperson of the silent auction, and she did a great job. **Darlene Henderson** was chairperson of logistics and decorations. It was a gorgeous night.

Thanks to **Judge Herman Thomas**. He helped acquire the fabulous talents of the Culinary Department of Bishop State Community College, and the **Executive Chefs** who represented Cooper T's, Ruths Chris, and Felix Fish Camp restaurants. Thank you to **Janie Windham**, who made sure that the tickets were done and the finances worked. Thanks to **Leslie Chunn**, who was a great help in the Beverage Tent. Also thanks to **Stan Chapman, Randy Davis, and James**

**Patterson**, who provided some great jazz music for the evening. My hope is that this will become an annual event and major fundraiser for the Murphy Band. I am very grateful to be working with such great people.

Happy Holidays to everyone.

### From the Band President

By Joy Easterling

The year is going by so quickly, and already we are getting our music ready for the Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 5**. We have started concert season, and the two bands have been made. We are in the middle of Symphonic Band tryouts and are constantly preparing for All-State, which is coming up in January.

In addition to these events, the gift wrapping booth is open, and hopefully we will have a good number of volunteers. I, for one, am wrapping for the first time, and if I can wrap, just about anyone can.

After the Christmas holidays, the elected Band Council will begin work on the Band Banquet for 2006. As of now, the banquet is scheduled for **Friday, May 5**, and will be held at the Magnolia Ballroom on the grounds of Brookley Field, which is where it was

located last year. I am very excited about planning this banquet, and I think the rest of the Band Council is as well.

Please come to our Christmas Concert on the fifth of December if possible, and Happy Holidays!

(“Fundraising,” from page 1)

### Taste of the Band

Taste of the Band was a success! We hope to make the event grow each year. There are so many to thank for great music, food, wine, decorations, items for auction, door prizes, and social interaction with other Band parents! Be sure to join us next year! We sure did have fun and raised money for the Band at the same time.

### Coupon books, calendars, etc.

Keep selling McDonald's coupon books, Chick-fil-A calendars, Elite cards, and Kiddee cards, and don't forget the Fun cards! There's no deadline on these items.

### Mary Kay Cosmetics

The Mary Kay Cosmetics Fundraiser seems to be going well. The mom in charge, **Luanna Stringer**, has extended the deadline to **Monday, December 5**.

### Jewelry sale

We're having another jewelry sale, this time targeting the entire faculty and student body. She'll be in the Auditorium Lobby, **Tuesday, November 29, 2:30-3:30 pm**.

### Program ads

The program ad accounts are closing with your totals being put into student accounts. We'll announce the top three ad sellers at the Winter Concert.

Please contact me if you need anything! If I don't answer, I'll reply as soon as possible!

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# Panther Band schedule

## 2005

- **November 29 (Tuesday) 3:30 pm**  
All-County Woodwind Tryouts, Baker
- **December 1 (Thursday) 3:30 pm**  
All-County Brass/Percussion Tryouts, Baker
- **December 5 (Monday) 7:00 pm**  
Winter Concert, Murphy
- **December 17 (Saturday) TBA**  
Christmas Parade, Downtown



## 2006

- **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

# Symphonic Band tryout schedule

The first round of Symphonic Band tryouts has finished, and the second round continues. Remember, the students must participate in all three rounds in order to stay in Symphonic Band.

## Second Round

- **November 17 (Thursday)**  
Flutes
- **November 21 (Monday)**  
Clarinets
- **November 22 (Tuesday)**  
Low Clarinets/Double Reeds
- **November 28 (Monday)**  
Saxophones
- **November 29 (Tuesday)**  
Trumpets
- **November 30 (Wednesday)**  
Horns
- **December 1 (Thursday)**  
Trombones
- **December 6 (Tuesday)**  
Baritones
- **December 7 (Wednesday)**  
Percussion
- **December 8 (Thursday)**  
Tubas

## Third Round

- **December 12 (Monday)**  
Flutes
- **December 13 (Tuesday)**  
Clarinets
- **December 14 (Wednesday)**  
Low Clarinets/Double Reeds
- **December 15 (Thursday)**  
Saxophones
- **January 9 (Monday)**  
Trumpets
- **January 10 (Tuesday)**  
Horns
- **January 11 (Wednesday)**  
Trombones
- **January 12 (Thursday)**  
Baritones
- **January 16 (Monday)**  
Tubas
- **January 17 (Tuesday)**  
Percussion

# Cherry Blossom trip reminder

*By Janie Windham, Treasurer*

With all of the Christmas holiday festivities and hurrying, don't forget that the third payment of \$75.00 is due by **Thursday, December 15.**

Two more \$75.00 payments are due in January and February by the fifteenth of each month. The total cost of the trip 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.



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## Panther Band Boosters

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# Winter Concert

*Featuring the Symphonic,  
Concert, & Jazz Bands*

**Monday, December 5, 7:00 pm**  
**Murphy Auditorium**

