

# PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

PANTHER BAND

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*By Stan Chapman*

The concert season is off to a great start. We wound up keeping over one hundred players in the Symphonic Band. It's a large group to work with, but it's nice to have so many students willing to do the work necessary to get into the group and stay there.

That translated to a very good group of students auditioning for the All-County Honor Band. The roster of those who made it is located on page 3 of this newsletter. Congratulations to those who made it. Remember, the big audition (All-State) is coming up soon (January 27).

In addition to the Winter Concert (Monday, December 4), there is one additional performance this

month – the Mobile Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 16 (with a rain date for Sunday, December 17). Uniform call that day will be 11:00 am. We will be in full uniform for the parade, but the students have the option of wearing a red Santa hat.

The Winter Concert is being recorded this year. If you are interested in having a copy, let me know.

We are saying goodbye to our exchange student, Laura Hincapie, after the Winter Concert. Laura, a

violinist, is returning to Bogota, Colombia, to enroll in college there. She has been great to have around and will be missed.

With the addition of the string program at Murphy (which we all certainly are glad to have), Laura will probably be the last violinist that we have in the band, but that's the price of progress.

See you at the next meeting – 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 6.

## Thank you

*By Dennis & Jeanne Schemensky and Tracy & Cathy Roberts, Hospitality Chairs*

All of the third-quarter-break parents want to thank everyone who helped this year.

We had a great year.  
Thanks for everything.



# Fundraising Update

By Leslie Chunn, Fundraising Chair

I can't believe it's almost the end of 2006!

## Calendars

Don't forget these make great stocking stuffers! Contact **Lesha Miller** (209-5085).

## Candles

Thank you, **Karen Lauderdale** daughter **Nicole**.

## Gift Wrap Booth

This is truly a labor of love! Special thanks to those who have been shining armor for me: **Janie Windham**, **Tina Williams**, **Consheda Wallace**, **Cathy Sanders**, and **Jeanne Schemensky**!

I hope everyone is enjoying wrapping and learning the ropes. Remember to be careful not to waste (we want a big profit!) and to be a good representation for the Pride of Panther Band.

Every night that I've gone in to close, the booth has been so tidy, and every worker there has had the best attitude. Thank you all!

## Poinsettias

Get your orders in! They're red, \$7, and you may pick up your orders

Monday night after the Winter Concert. If you're available to help unload and decorate before the concert, please call **Janie Windham** (402-470).

## Senior Bowl

This is a great fundraiser coming up early in January. Senior Bowl will be held at Ladd-Peebles Stadium on Saturday, January 27. **Mike Warner** is your contact to sign up (391-8785).

## Socks

We still have size Large in the Paw Print for ¼-crew and low-cut! They'd make great stocking stuffers! Come by the Gift Wrap Booth in the mall in front of Dillard's to purchase a pair, or contact **Jeanne Schemensky** (656-1105).

## Tastefully Simple

Thank you, **Cheri Burke**! This product is great. Hope everyone has had a chance to take part. We have been able to

extend the deadline to **Monday, December 11!** You should have received another email regarding this product.

## Looking Forward . . .

Please take an opportunity to give **Janie Windham** a hug when you see her. She's my right arm for three of our current fundraisers.

Please be thinking about how you may take part in fundraising as I will begin fading out in the spring. I have to begin filling out financial aid forms for my senior's college hopes!

Thank you all again for your support. Feel free to contact me (689-0893) with any questions or suggestions.



# Murphy's All-County Honor Band Students

Congratulations to all of our Murphy students who made the All-County Honor Band.

## Flute

- Arienne Jones
- Emily Rose
- Brianna Reynolds
- Rowan Keller
- Stephanie Norwood
- Olivia Reed
- Ebony Bracey
- Aaron McCants

## Clarinet

- Amanda Chunn
- Shanavia McCants
- Rachel Griffin
- Kierra Pettway
- AnMarie Lane
- Brittany Williams
- Aislinn Colbert
- LaRita Williams

## Bass Clarinet

- April Prather (First Chair)

## Contra Alto Clarinet

- Krysten Henderson

## Alto Saxophone

- Paul Williams (First Chair)
- John Palmore
- Jonathan Andrews

## Tenor Saxophone

- Jeffrey Windham

## Baritone Saxophone

- Jonathan Powell

## Bassoon

- Latrese Hodges
- Tiffany Echevarria

## Trumpet

- L.T. Hughes
- Brian Gadowski
- Timmethy James
- Jonathan Sealy

## Horn

- Lauren Morrison
- Trilby Cleveland
- Kelly Hughes

## Trombone

- Jonathan Atkins
- Henry Perkins
- Blaine Rowell
- Manny Nodar

## Baritone

- Cornelius Ezell

## Tuba

- Darnisha Singleton (First chair)
- Bradley Hankins

## Percussion

- Jason Cole

## Amanda's Corner

*By Band President Amanda Chunn*

Hello, Murphy Band!

Well, first semester is coming to an end this month. After the Christmas concert, both bands will start focusing more on the symphonic music for upcoming festivals. The Christmas parade will be the Saturday, December 16, unless it rains and it is rescheduled for Sunday, December 17.

Honor Band tryouts have ended, and I hope everyone is pleased with their chairs. Symphonic tryouts are still ongoing, ending in January.

The Band Council has been working hard on the Band Banquet and

has been making a lot of progress. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11.

Our Colombian exchange student, Laura Hincapie, is sadly leaving Mobile on December 12 to return home. Please try to make her last week very special. We will all miss her terribly.

I hope everyone is enjoying the gift wrapping booth and getting into the holiday spirit. With the December 9 ACT and final exams approaching, I also hope everyone is studying.

Have a wonderful Christmas!



## Panther Band Boosters

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### ***Next Band Booster Meeting***

- **Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm**

## Performance Schedule

- **Monday, December 4, 7:00 pm**  
Winter Concert—Murphy
- **Saturday, December 16**  
(Rain date is Sunday,  
December 17)  
Mobile Holiday Parade—  
Downtown
- **Monday–Tuesday, January  
8–9**  
All-County Honor Band Festival
- **Saturday, January 27, 8:00 am**  
All-State Auditions—Davidson
- **Friday, February 2**  
Mardi Gras Parade (Conde  
Cavaliers)
- **Tuesday, February 6**  
District Contests—Murphy
- **Friday, February 9**  
Mardi Gras Parade (Order of Inca)
- **March, TBA**  
State Contests
- **Wednesday,  
April 18**  
All-State Solo  
Festival—Auburn
- **Thursday–Sat-  
urday, April 19–21**  
All-State Festi-  
val—Auburn
- **Saturday,  
April 28**  
Solo & Ensemble  
Festival—MGM
- **Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm**  
Spring Concert—Murphy

