

PANTHER BAND NEWS

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MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

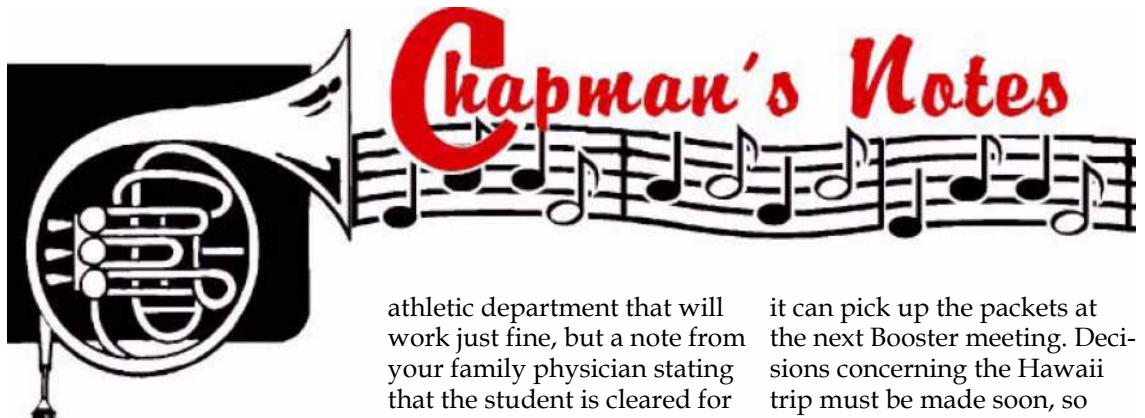
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By Stan Chapman

Dear Murphy Band Members and Parents:

This was a great Rookie Camp. The weather was fine, and the kids showed up with a great work ethic. The new Band Council was ready to go, and they did a great job of preparing the rookies.

For the second year in a row the rookie drummers won the outstanding section award. LeeAnne Bass won the Marshall Richards Most Spirited Award, and Wendi Ham and Harold Griffin won the Best Marcher Awards. We got five days of work crammed into four, and we accomplished everything that was on my list. It's going to be a great field season.

One thing is different this year. The State Board of Education is now requiring that marching band members must be cleared by their physician to participate in marching band. I handed out a form on the last day of rookie camp that I obtained from the

athletic department that will work just fine, but a note from your family physician stating that the student is cleared for this type of physical activity will also work. If you need a copy of the form, contact me at the Band Office or download it from the band website. The forms are due on the first day of Band Camp. Let me know if this will cause a problem.

There was a great turnout for the Incoming Parent Orientation. Those of you who missed

it can pick up the packets at the next Booster meeting. Decisions concerning the Hawaii trip must be made soon, so please attend the meeting if you want your student or your family to go.

On another note, the seniors and I had a great weekend in New York. We did all of the touristy things plus walked most of Midtown, the Village, Little Italy, and Chinatown (or so it seemed.) It was a nice way to say goodbye.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

*By Tabitha Harwood,
Fundraising Chair*

Here's a great opportunity to put some dough in your student's account and in your oven at the same time. The Chef-Co Cookie Dough Fundraiser is running now through **Thursday, July 5.**

The cost is \$12.00 per tub with \$3.00 from each sale going into your student's account. All orders must be pre-paid. Checks should be made payable to the

Panther Band Boosters and turned in to the Band Booster office by July 5. We will not accept any late orders because of the item being perishable and the cost effectiveness of the shipping date (gas prices)

The delivery date is Thursday, August 2, and you must pick up the cookie dough that night at the Band Booster meeting. The cookie dough cannot be picked up earlier that day as we cannot anticipate the actual time of delivery.



Presidents' Corner

By Jim Bray, 2007–2008 Band Booster President

I would like to thank you for the privilege of being the president of the Band Boosters. I'm looking forward to another exciting year in the program. The Band Booster officers and I want to assure you that we intend to uphold the high standards of this organization.

I would like to welcome aboard our incoming freshmen and Band parents. I look forward to meeting you all at Band Camp.

As you know, we will be preparing for a busy year in Band. This will take a lot of effort and time for all involved. We are excited about planning for our Hawaii

trip. I anticipate all the Band parents will be excited about their participation in our Band activities, just like family reunions and other get-togethers. Committee sign-ups will be available soon. This is a great opportunity to show your support and be involved with your student.

I would like to ask parents to help us provide drinks for the students during Band Camp and football season. This is another wonderful opportunity to support your student and the Band.

A great year is about to start and, working together, we can accomplish our goal – to have fun with our children. See you all soon!

By Tina Williams, 2006–2007 Band Booster President

Being a Band Booster has been an outstanding experience! I realize that I have already thanked every volunteer, but I wanted to do it one more time "for the road."

Thank you! You have taught the students in the best way possible: by good example. Thank you all for your faithfulness to the Band program, and I pray that you will continue to support it. Have a wonderful year and a great trip to Hawaii!

I am forever at your service,

Ms Tina Williams
M. H. S. Class of 1980

Color Guard News

By Marsha Anderson

The following girls auditioned and made the 2007 Color Guard: Meredith Anderson, Annalise Anise, Leeanne Bass, Amber Beasley (Captain), Erika Bettner, Brianna Fletcher, Jessica Fuqua, Rachel Hall, Wendi Ham, Michelle Harvey, Carolyn Harwood, Cathyrn Harwood, Krystan Henderson, Chelsea Joy, April Prather, Lauren Pulliam, Morgan Pulliam, Sarah Sacris, and Alison Urnis (Lauren Deese, alternate).

We would like to welcome and introduce you to our new guard instructor, Bill Blocker. Bill graduated from Escambia High School and was a member of Paradigm, a WGI Independent World Class Finalist. He has worked with our former coach, Wanda Harrell, and was a guard instructor at Milton High School for six years. Bill commutes to Mobile

from Pensacola. He says it's hard to find a good band director to work with, and he's very happy to be at Murphy. He also said that our girls worked hard during rookie camp to learn a new routine.

New black and gray uniforms have been ordered, and we're looking forward to seeing them on the field this fall.

Hawaii Trip

By Bob Windham, Treasurer

All Hawaii Trip Contracts must be turned in immediately. If we do not receive a signed contract from you by **Friday, June 8**, we will not be able to purchase your airline ticket.

If you have any questions, please call **Bob or Janie Windham** at 432-7828 (H) or 402-4702 (C).

First Aid Update

By Faye Hussong

All Band students are required to fill out a new health form with a copy of insurance before the first football game. Students will not be allowed

to march in the half-time show until a health form is submitted.

Thank You.



Band Schedules

Workouts

- **Tuesday, June 19,**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
New Guard

- **Tuesday, June 26**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
Guard

- **Tuesday, July 10**
6:00–7:00 pm
Weapons
7:00–9:00 pm
Guard

- **Monday, July 16**
10:00 am–noon
Woodwinds
1:00–3:00 pm
Brass

- **Monday, July 23**
10:00 am–noon
Woodwinds
1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Brass

Band Camp

- **Monday, July 16–
Thursday, July 19**
5:00–9:00 pm
Color Guard

- **Monday, July 23–
Thursday, July 26**
8:00 am–4:00 pm
Drum Line
5:00–9:00 pm
Color Guard, Pit

- **Friday, July 27**
8:00 am–4:00 pm
Drum Line

- **Monday, July 30**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds,
Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00–2:00 pm
Trumpets, Flutes
5:00–9:00 pm
Full Band

- **Tuesday, July 31**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds,
Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm
French Horns, Alto Saxes
5:00 pm–9:00 pm
Full Band

- **Wednesday, August 1**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds,
Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm
Clarinets

- **Thursday, August 2**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds,
Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00 pm–2:00 pm
Trombones, Baritones,
Tenor Saxophones
5:00–9:00 pm
Full Band

- **Friday, August 3**
8:00 am–noon
Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds,
Guard, Drum Line, Pit)
1:00–2:00 pm
Tubas, Drum Line, Pit (Mallets)

- **Tuesday, August 7**
5:00–9:00 pm
Full Band

- **Thursday, August 9**
5:00–9:00 pm
Full Band (Football program
pictures will be made tonight)

Uniform News

By Sandra Fuqua, Uniform Chair

Uniform Fitting Schedule

Please find your fitting date below and mark your calendar. These dates are in conjunction with Band Camp. You **MUST** be fitted on your assigned day. If there is a conflict, call me *before* your date (402-5951), so I can try to work out another time for you to fit.

- **Seniors**
Monday, July 30, 12:00 noon
- **Juniors**
Tuesday, July 31, 12:00 noon
- **Sophomores**
Wednesday, August 1, 12:00 noon
- **Freshmen**
Thursday, August 2, 12:00 noon

Chaperone Shirts

The deadline for ordering chaperone shirts is Friday, August 10. The cost is \$20, and these shirts are required to chaperone.

Sew-ers Needed

We need volunteers to help hem uniforms during Band Camp. It is simple hand hemming, and we typically send home 5–6 pieces. Please call **Sandra Fuqua** (402-5951) or **Cindy Donnelly** (661-0545 or 605-4990) if you can help with this very important, one-time-per-year task.

Band Hoodies

Band hoodies are now available. They're \$20.00 each. The order deadline is **Friday, September 28**.

Panther Band Boosters

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Next Band Booster Meeting

- Thursday, June 7, 6:00 pm
NOTE THE NEW MEETING TIME

Hospitality Update

By Jeanne and Dennis Schemensky, Hospitality Co-chairs

The Hospitality Committee is looking for another couple or two to help share the duties for the coming season. It's not terribly hard, and it helps you get to know students and other involved parents.

Our duties include providing drinks and snacks for the Band during third-quarter break and a few other times as well. The drinks

and snacks are donated by the parents.

Well, it's time to start thinking about getting ready for the end-of-Band-Camp cookout and next year's marching season. Here is a list of drinks we need for the students – pretty much in order of preference: Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Orange, Root Beer, Coke and Diet Coke.

At the beginning of the season, we go through lots of bottled water, so

please check out the ads for the next couple of months for sales. The expiration date should be far enough out to not matter. Anyone not wanting to worry about buying the drinks or snacks can give us the money, and we'll gladly buy them and bring them in.

The snacks the kids like are too many to list. They like salty as well as sweet. Remember, if your child won't eat or drink it, the others probably won't either.

Thanks to everyone who has helped in the past and to those who are going to help in the future.

