



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

*****SPECIAL ROSE PARADE TRIP EDITION*****

Band Parent Meeting Monday, January 11, 2009 at 7 PM

From the Band Co-Presidents

Happy New Year! We hope your holidays were safe and restful, and that good things await you in 2010!

Welcome to this Special Rose Parade Edition of the Walton Band Newsletter! The next regular edition of the newsletter will be sent later this month (prior to our February 1st Parent Meeting), but for now we hope you will enjoy this abbreviated Rose Parade specific edition.

Our next Parent Meeting will be held this Monday, January 11th at 7pm in the band room. Please join us as we come together to celebrate a successful (and safe!) trip to California and our students' outstanding performance in the 2010 Rose Parade!

We know that you all join us in thanking our Trip Directors, **Tom and Yvonne Single** and **Steve and Mary Beth Worch**, for the outstanding job they did coordinating every aspect of the Rose Parade trip. From a smooth check-in process at the Atlanta airport, to everyone's safe return nearly a week later, everything was perfect! The planning and coordinating that goes into such a smooth travel experience is mind boggling (especially when you consider that 230 people are involved!), but they made it look easy and had smiles on their faces the entire time. Thank you so much, **Tom and Yvonne** and **Steve and Mary Beth**, for offering all of our students the experience of a lifetime!

The spring calendar is filled with numerous musical events, including concerts, festivals, solo and ensemble evaluations, Jazz Band, Honor Band, and All-State. All of this in addition to our fundraising events which include Garage Sale, Taste of East Cobb, and the Walton Band Golf Tournament. Please continue your strong support of the band program - it takes all of us to get the job done, and it's the perfect way to help our students and stay in touch with all of our band friends at the same time!

We are looking forward to sharing another exciting semester with you all, and hope you will contact us with any questions you have.

Happy 2010!

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Congratulations, students on a fantastic performance and awesome 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade Trip!!!

The theme was perfect: *A Cut Above the Rest*. Students, **THANK YOU!!!** Not only do you have lifelong memories, but everyone who was able to see you on TV or marching live down Colorado Boulevard will not forget the experience! With today's world of social networking, Mr. Back received text messages as you marched in the parade about how great you looked and sounded. Every time you access Facebook, there is a new picture or video of the trip that is posted for all of us to relive the experience. And don't forget the 2,000 pictures of the trip that are posted on the Walton Band site!

Cherish those special memories: *the dinner cruise, Farmers' Market, Hollywood, Santa Monica Pier, dinner at Buca di Beppo, Third Street Promenade, Rose Bowl picture & the Guatemalans, float viewing, BandFest, In-N-Out Burger, the Red Knight & the Black & White Knight at Medieval Times, the 109 degree turn in the mall parking lot for practice, Disneyland, fireworks at the buses, breakfast at Hard Rock, Universal Studios, New Year's Eve at 9pm, THE ROSE PARADE, dinner and dancing on the Queen Mary, early mornings & late nights, and hanging out with friends.*

We want to thank everyone who participated on so many levels to make this trip a smooth and seamless experience.

Thank you!

- To the students **WOW!!!!** You made it! 5.5 miles!!! And still smiling at the end.
- To **Mr. Back** for being our Band Director and applying to the Tournament of Roses Parade
- To **Mr. Back, Mr. Pollock** and all of our band staff for preparing our students for the show and the parade experience.
- To the parents for supporting your students and allowing them the opportunity of a lifetime.
- To **Jody Pollack, Alan Abrams, Ken Stamm, Tim Floyd** and the rest of the Roadie crew that was there to load Big Blue and unload it when it returned to Walton on Sunday after the trip when we were still all very tired from the trip.
- To **Carolyn Alexander** and her uniform committee for helping everyone look sharp and crisp with no missing uniform pieces.
- To **Julie Fesefeldt** and **Ann Willingham** who tirelessly cared for our medical needs while on the trip no matter how small.
- To **Melissa Paule** and her refreshment helpers for keeping everyone hydrated everywhere we went.
- To **Tony & Pat Consolo** who tirelessly ran our publicity. At the airport on departure day, you couldn't miss the TV and newspaper cameras!
- To **Kathy Stamm** and her committee for hosting the August visit of Rick and Sharon Jackson, the Rose Parade President-elect and his wife.
- To **Tim & Joan Halligan** for coordinating the Parent Pride trip and the perfect southern California experience for our families.
- To **Melissa Elliott** for collecting, depositing, and recording payments for 200+ families!!
- To **Rick Gross** for taking all those wonderful pictures and videos and posting them to the internet.
- To **Mary & Steve Fitzgerald** for coordinating Rose Parade mementos.
- To **Heidi & Paul Lipman** for working our student fundraisers.
- To everyone who contributed in ways big and small to the Band's journey to Pasadena. The band could not have done this without you!!
- To our trip jackets for being the perfect outer layer for the CA weather!!!
- To **Coca-Cola** for all the bottled water. All students, staff, and chaperones had bottles of Dasani water while in California and everyone was able to stay hydrated. Thanks, Rick!
- *And to all of our chaperones who gave up six days of sleep to make sure our students had the experience of a lifetime. We couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to Kathy & Ken Stamm, Ann & Tim Willingham, Margaret & Alan Abrams, Melissa Paule, Angela Rossi, Cathy & Rick Gross, Carolyn Alexander, Julie Fesefeldt, Jody Pollack, Melissa Elliott, and Carole & Doug Price.*

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