



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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eee Band Parent Meeting Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM eee

From the Band Co-Presidents:

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and we welcome you all to a new year! We don't have to tell you that the Walton Band program is a very active organization; there is always something going on, always something in the works, and always something we are looking ahead to! This year, of course, is especially exciting knowing that a year from now our marching band will hit the streets in Pasadena for the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade!

We were all sorry to have the marching (and football) season end earlier than we have become accustomed to. These endings are always hardest on our graduating seniors as another portion of their final year comes to a close. We would like to thank our directors and congratulate all of our students, especially our seniors, for another terrific marching season and a really incredible show. Every student should be proud of his/her effort and tremendous dedication!

Our Symphonic and Concert Bands treated us to two wonderful evenings of music on December 9th and 11th. Listening to our favorite holiday songs, played by our favorite musicians, is the perfect way to wind up a busy semester. As always, **Mr. Back** and **Mr. Pollock** did an awesome job preparing the students for their performances.

As you know, during those concerts we collect for our three scholarship funds and, this year, also gave folks an opportunity to donate to the South Cobb Blue Eagle Marching Band who were selected to represent the State of Georgia in the 2009 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C. We are very happy to tell you that our extremely generous families made it possible for us to fund our own scholarship needs AND also sponsor two South Cobb students (at \$700 each) for their trip! Mr. Back presented South Cobb's band director, Mr. Zach Cogdill, with a \$1,400 check from the Walton Band! Mr. Cogdill, South Cobb's principal Dr. Grant Rivera, and several members of the band made a point of finding Mr. Back at the All-State auditions to personally thank him for the unexpected gift. They were overwhelmed by your generous support and very touched that we would even think of helping them.

This year, forty-one of our percussion and guard students are participating in another first for our organization, the newly formed Walton Indoor Performance Ensemble! Under the direction of **Tim and Cyndi Church**, this ensemble will compete on the WGI circuit and is the first time we have combined our talented percussion students with our talented winter guard students into one unit. This is a very exciting opportunity for everyone, and we wish them all the best of luck! We are looking forward to supporting this new group throughout the season and hope that you will, too!

The upcoming spring semester will be as jam-packed with events as every spring semester is, only with the added excitement of planning the trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade. We are very pleased to announce that **Tom and Yvonne Single** and **Steve and Mary Beth Worch** have agreed to be Trip Directors for this very important adventure. They are already hard at work setting up various committees and looking for folks willing to serve on the committees. We will be sharing details on travel dates, payments, and itineraries with you as soon as they become available.

Also hard at work, are the members of our Nominating Committee. These folks will assemble a slate of officers for the 2009-2010 Band Board. The list of proposed board members will be published in February's newsletter, elections will be held at the March parent meeting, and the new board will be installed at the April parent meeting. Thank you to **Scott Harward**, our Nominating Committee Chair, and members **Ellen Harward**, **Dianne Brasuell**, **Diane Bromfield**, **Rick and Jennice Ozment**, and **Chris Sumsy** for serving on this committee.

Our 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 our Golf Tournament. Please continue your strong support of the band program - it takes all of us to get the job done, and it's a 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 this exciting semester with you all, and hope you will contact us with any questions you have. Happy 2009!

Your Band Presidents,

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Administrative Band News:

Throughout the fall, it was wonderful to see so many parents in enthusiastic support of our hard working students at every game, parade and competition. Thanks again to every volunteer for all you did in giving your time and energy to the Band throughout the marching season. What a team - the students and directors could not do it without you!

Now the winter concert season has formally debuted with terrific performances by each of the four concert bands at the 2008 Winter Holiday Concerts. The music was great and the students looked very sharp in their concert uniforms. Kudos and thanks to **Diane Bromfield, Jay Patel, Ivy Foo, Janet Taylor** and their hard working concert uniform team for the many hours spent fixing the tuxedos, distributing the tux shirts, and fitting the girls in their concert dresses.

Many other volunteers also worked hard to help make the holiday concerts such memorable evenings. Thanks to **Ruchi Sharma** for decorating the theater and for coordinating the design, production, folding, assembly, and distribution of the concert programs. Thanks also to **Kelley Hamilton, Jane Sovitch** and the members of the Hospitality Committee for organizing the very enjoyable receptions after both evenings of concerts, where we enjoyed delicious baked goods and other goodies donated by a number of parents. The receptions capped off two wonderful evenings!

Jim and Regina Toner will soon begin to assemble their team for Band Camp 2009. If you have an interest in being considered as a band camp chaperone, please contact us at the email address below or the Toner's at jimt56@gmail.com.

If you missed out on helping the band during the marching season and at the holiday concerts, there are still lots of opportunities for you to get involved and join in the fun. Please contact either of us if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities. Most of all, please continue to come out in support of our bands – it means everything to our students!

Happy New Year!

Your Co-Administrative Vice Presidents,
Alan and Margaret Abrams
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Band Representative News:

SENIOR NIGHT

Despite a little wet weather, **Stephanie Gang** and **Alice Kerber** pulled together a terrific Senior Night tribute to our 33 band seniors and their parents on November 7. Thank you, **Stephanie** and **Alice**! And thank you to these volunteers for their help on this event: **Lisa and Caitlynn Baldwin, Pat Consolo, Cindy McCollum, Riley Kerber, Kitty and Alisa Kepner. Tom Kerber** was a wonderful announcer! Photographs were masterfully taken by **Nancy Scott** (despite the rain!) And, we extend a special thank you to band parent alum, **Marsha Seiloff**, for her assistance with the corsages.

STUDENT BRAVOS

A number of our band students deserve kudos for their achievement and success in music endeavors outside the Walton band! (Where DO they find the time?!) Congratulations to the following students:

Governor's Honors Program Music Semi-Finalists -**Julie Lee, Geana Gault, Scott Park, Will Brani, Emily Hornberger**

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra -**Julie Lee, Elwin Martin**

Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Wind Ensemble -**Kevin Chiou, Adam Cipinko**

Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony -**Scott Park, Brian Flamm**
Georgia Youth Symphony -**Markus Minton, Mitchell Frey, Chris Floyd**

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra -**Julie Lee, Brian Flamm**

Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra -**Kristen Cross, Brian Flamm**

THANK YOU, PARENTS!!

The marching band had a wonderful season this year capped off by an amazing performance at the Atlanta Bands of America Super Regional. We could not be prouder of our Marching Raiders and we want all of you to know how appreciative we are of the infinite ways you as parents have contributed to the band's success. A special thank you is extended to **Melissa Paule** and her refreshment crew, **Diane Bromfield, Carolyn Alexander, Tanya Wine** and their uniform crew, **Rich Vornholt** and his pit crew, **Greta Greer** and her chaperone crew, **Jody Pollack, Jim Toner** and their roadie crew and the WBOP band officers; your abilities (and flexibilities!) have made this season of marching events flow smoothly.

Your Band Representatives,
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8TH GRADE CORNER

A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Rookie Parent Meeting Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7pm in the Walton Band Room Please save the date on your calendars for this informational meeting for rising 9th grade prospective Walton band members and their parents! Come learn about the program. You will hear from directors, students and parents and be able to see for yourself what an exciting and rewarding experience the Walton Marching Raider Band can be for your student! Oh, and did we mention that the band is marching in the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California?!

We hope to see you on February 9. Until then, please contact us if you have any questions about the program!

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Band Fundraising News:

Fruit Sale

Many, many, many thanks to **Gloria Frey** and **Joan Halligan** for co-chairing this year's fruit sale. Thank you to all the many students and parents that helped unload, stack, pull orders, and put fruit in cars! We couldn't do it without you.

SpiritWear

Be sure to get your SpiritWear to have for the spring concert events just around the corner. Whether you chaperone festival, help out at Jazz festival, or are just in the audience, it really inspires the kids to see a "sea" of blue in the seats. SpiritWear is also handy for wearing when helping out at Garage Sale, Golf Tournament and/or Taste of East Cobb. Questions: Call **Janet Brani** (678)236-0806. Thanks to **Janet Brani** and **KA Brewer** who co-chair this fundraiser.

Recycling

Don't forget, we recycle printer cartridges, PDA's, old laptops and cell phones. Boxes for these items are located in the Band Room and front office. We also recycle newspaper, junk mail and aluminum cans. The receptacles for these are located at the rear of the school near the baseball field. The band received over \$600 for recycling your throw away items last year. Any questions, call **Gail Healey** (770)579-3014. Thanks **Gail** for chairing this fundraiser.

Walton Band SCRIP Program: Gift Cards That Give Back!

Buy gift cards to use at the places where you *already* shop...to raise money for the Band -and- your Student's Band Account! For each gift card that you purchase, the Band receives an instant "rebate" for the % amount shown (varies by retailer) -- and half of the rebate is credited to your *student's Band Account* (which you can use toward his/her Band expenses). During concert season, orders are taken once a month at each parent meeting. Place your completed Order Form and payment (check payable to WBOP) in the Band Box, **by 7 p.m. on the day of the parent meeting**, and your cards will be available by the following Monday. **Have Questions?** Contact **Michele Morris**: mich2000@bellsouth.net. **Need an Order Form?** Print one from the Band's website: waltonband.org. **Want to See the List of Participating Retailers?** Visit glscrip.com. Many thanks to **Michele Morris** and **Ann Rockwell** who co-chair this fundraiser.

WFFF

Walton Family Feeding Frenzy January 14, 5pm to 8pm.

We have teamed up with Fuddrucker's, located at Powers Ferry and Windy Hill Roads, to offer a Walton Band benefit night! All you have to do is enjoy your meal and deposit your receipt into a bucket located on the counter . . . Fuddrucker's will generously donate 20% of our total sales back to the band!

This is a great time to share some fun with your band friends, meet some new ones, and it's a great excuse for going out to eat! Hope to see you there!

Garage Sale

It's time to start thinking garage sale! Our own kitchen sink guy, **Brian Loomis**, will once again lead us in the collection, pricing, moving, and stocking of two gymnasiums and more of "treasures" for the greater Atlanta area to shop. Mark your calendars for March 21, 2009 – 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We need your help to make this the best sale yet. You can volunteer to work on a committee, help pick up those treasures, price items, work on the set up of the sale, work on the day of the sale and much more! This is really a lot of fun and you have never seen so much stuff in your life! Please plan on giving a few (or more) hours of your time to this fun and worthwhile event. Please contact **Brian Loomis** at waltonbandgaragesale@comcast.net if you would like to help or you need a pick up.

To each and every volunteer in WBOP, thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

Your Co-Financial Vice Presidents,

Rick and Jennice Ozment

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DATABASE UPDATES

Please keep us informed if you have a change in your contact information so that we can keep our database current. It is especially important to keep us abreast of any e-mail address changes. Almost weekly, important communication goes out to our families via e-mail. If you are not receiving these E-Blasts, please let **Tom and Yvonne Single** know ASAP (heeb@bellsouth.net). We want to keep everyone in the know!





Walton Indoor Performance Ensemble

13 guard members and 28 percussion members have come together this winter season to perform as one performance ensemble. The group will compete locally, regionally, and at the WGI Percussion World Championships in the 2008-09 season.

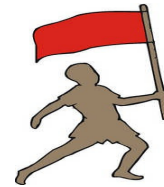
This initial season for the Performance Ensemble is sure to be an outstanding time. With Cyndi and Tim Church as directors, we can expect to see the best from our students. Along with the directors the staff consisting of **Jason Kunberger, Greg Fleenor, George Staib, Kate Johnson, Carlos Gonzalez, and Daniel Wiles** are very excited about this new adventure.

Our students will be reaching for the stars while learning new concepts they might never have dreamed of. With new experiences in store for both groups the students have begun their hard work preparing for their competitive season.

Anne Seral, from the percussion side, has joined with **Scott** and **Allison Pilchard**, from the Guard side, to help coordinate the great number of parents that have volunteered to assist this group for the 2008-09 season. You can reach **Anne** at annecardiff@seral.net or **Allison** at pilchards@bellsouth.net or **Scott** at spilchard@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or even compliments.

Our guard members are:

- Leah Mastley Captain**
- Carolyn Pilchard Captain**
- Victoria Rossi Assistant Captain**
- April Boggess (Leader)**
- Bom Choi**
- Elise Gowen (Leader)**
- Emily Harris**
- Samantha Harris**
- Julie Kaiga (Leader)**
- Liz Pidgeon (Leader)**
- Stacy Politykina**
- Amanda Shepherd**
- Deanna Turner**



Our percussion members are:

- Savannah Sumsky Section Leader**
- Chloe Press Squad Leader**
- Kristen Cross Squad Leader**



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| Katie Back | Sarah Healey |
| Caroline Baughman | Rebecca Henry |
| Sean Black | Aaron Hevenstone |
| Ian Chapin | Allison Loehr |
| Erin Fesefeldt | Will McCollum |
| Chris Floyd | Dennis Meagh |
| Lauren Floyd | Andrew Oliviera |
| Matt Gama | Chris Queen |
| Gabe Golan | Charlie Seral |
| Megan Goldston | Keisei Sugahara |
| Jeffrey Gross | Patrick Teer |
| Julian Hames | Matthew Wessner |
| Will Hauptle | |





WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

OOPS! We incorrectly printed the Weekly Band Award winners in the last newsletter. Please extend belated congratulations to all of these star marching band students!



Week of September 26

- Rookie of the Week – **Betsy Lipman**
- Veteran of the Week – **Alex Listur**
- Leader of the Week – **Eric Single**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Deanna Turner**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Ian Chapin**



Week of October 4

- Rookie of the Week – **Zach Davidson**
- Veteran of the Week – **Will Brani**
- Leader of the Week – **Melissa Grooms**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Emily Harris**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Allison Loehr**



Week of October 10

- Rookie of the Week – **Hannah Single**
- Veteran of the Week – **Lawton Willingham**
- Leader of the Week – **Missy Pettinger**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Macy Osman**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Chris Queen**



Week of October 17

- Rookie of the Week – **Dixon Pendergrass**
- Veteran of the Week – **Chase Nixon**
- Leader of the Week – **Ben Hilley**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Liz McClellan**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Erin Fesefeldt**



Week of October 31

- Rookie of the Week – **Torey Edwards**
- Veteran of the Week – **John Patrick**
- Leader of the Week – **Shaun McCune**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Kendra Shirley**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Aaron Hevenstone**



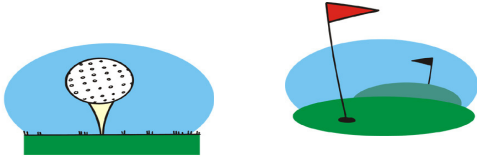
Week of November 7

- Rookie of the Week – **Alphonso Hughes**
- Veteran of the Week – **Matt Williams**
- Leader of the Week – **Kristen Cross**
- Guard Girl of the Week – **Emily Harris**
- Percussionist of the Week – **Chris Floyd**

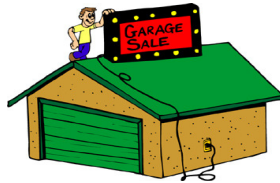


HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to co-chair golf tournament. If you are interested, please contact **Rick Ozment** at rjdd.o@comcast.net.



We are also still looking for more storage space for garage sale. If you know someone who'd like to donate some space, please contact **Jennice Ozment** at j.ozment@comcast.net or (770)552-1806.



BAND DATES

January 6	First day of second semester!
January 10	Final round of All-State auditions
January 12	Band Parent Meeting, 7 pm
January 24	Walton Indoor Performance Ensemble Preview, TBA
January 29,30	Full Orchestra trip to Savannah
February 2	Band Parent Meeting, 7 pm
February 3&5	Symphonic bands' sectionals
February 6, 7	District 12 Honor Band rehearsals
February 8	District 12 Honor Band performances
February 10&12	Symphonic bands' sectionals
February 17&19	Symphonic bands' sectionals
February 23	Concert bands' pre-Festival rehearsal and concert

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