

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2009

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

From the Band Co-Presidents:

Spring semester is in full swing! Our Symphonic and Concert bands are busy preparing for Festival performances, Mr. Pollock and members of the Jazz Band are setting their alarms extra early and are at school rehearsing at 7am, our Indoor Performance Ensemble had a tremendous performance at their first competition at East Hall High School and continue to rehearse several times a week, we have 30 students heading to Savannah to perform with Walton's Full Orchestra at the Georgia Music Educator Association's conference on January 31st, and many of our students are participating in Honor Band and All-State Band. Wow!! And we thought marching season was busy!

If all of the above isn't enough to plan and manage, our directors **Mr. Back** and **Mr. Pollock** are also busy making plans for next year's programs and the big trip to Pasadena. We know you all join us in thanking them for the countless hours they devote and for their unending dedication to our students.

We have some heavy-duty (aka all hands on deck!) fundraisers on the spring calendar. We start off with our Garage Sale on March 21st (a huge undertaking but a very rewarding community service project), followed by our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament in April, and our 4th Annual Taste of East Cobb on May 2nd. Each of these events offers you a great opportunity to help our band program and have some fun with your favorite friends (aka other band parents!). Just contact our Fundraising Chairs, **Rick and Jennice Ozment**, and they will point you in the right direction.

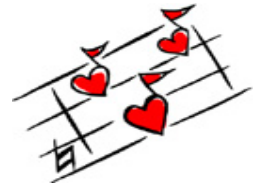
Below, you will find the proposed slate of officers for the 2009-2010 Band Board of Directors. Thanks again to **Scott Harward** and his nominating committee for working so hard to assemble this incredible team of volunteers. The election of officers will take place at the March Parent Meeting and the new board will be installed at the April meeting. We thank everyone for their willingness to serve.

You may want to put a little asterisk on your calendar for the March 2nd Band Parent meeting. At this meeting, the details of the Rose Parade trip will be announced including itinerary, payment schedule, and other pertinent information. Please plan on coming to hear all about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your student.

Our next Parent Meeting is Monday, February 2nd at 7pm. We hope to see you all there!

Your Band Presidents,

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We are proud to announce the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

Presidents	Ken and Kathy Stamm
Co-Financial Vice Presidents	Bill and Melissa Paule
Administrative Vice Presidents	Tim and Ann Willingham
Secretaries	Alan and Margaret Abrams
Band Representatives	Dean and Michele Morris
Co-Guard Representatives	Tom and Yvonne Single
	Sabra Pidgeon
	Angela Rossi

Thank you all for stepping forward to lead this great organization.

Scott Harward, Chairman
Walton Band Nominating Committee

WALTON INDOOR PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE

52 members strong.

Balanced between percussion members, guard members, and managers

Ready to perform...

Watching the first dress rehearsal, it is apparent the group is full of talented students, lead by brilliant directors and helped by capable managers.

Keep an eye out for our home performance. This is a show you do not want to miss seeing.

Allison Pilchard, pilchards@bellsouth.net
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Band Representative News:

Happy New Year! We begin with a couple of additions to last month's article. First, a thank you goes out to **Cathy Gross** for her help with Senior Night back in November. And, secondly, we congratulate **Nathan Price** for his participation with the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra. We are sorry for the omissions last month!

Do You Have Any New Contact Information?

As always, please keep us informed so 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 us know ASAP. We want to keep everyone in the know!

Walton Symphony Orchestra

A number of our band students are participating in the Walton Symphony Orchestra which will travel to Savannah on January 29 and 30 to perform at the Georgia Music Educators Association Convention. We wish these talented students the best of luck! **Xin Yu Ruan, Julie Lee, Rebecca Siegelman, Heidi McClain, Jennifer Lee, Eric Pullen, Kristen Cross, Nathan Price, Scott Park, Kevin Chiou, Akanksha Sharma, Daniel Abrams, Young Lee, Andrew Robertson, Emily Hornberger, Eric Single, Mark Ross, Lawton Willingham, Markus Minton, Ben Hilley, Piper Vornholt, Emma Kienker, Mitchell Frey, T.J. Cobb, Andrew Stamm, Clinton Glenn, Chris Floyd, Katie Back, Brian Flamm, and Savannah Sumsky.**

Awesome Honor Band Students!

G.M.E.A. District 12 Honor Band auditions were held on December 13 at Allatoona High School in northwest Cobb County. Congratulations to the following students for their selection to Honor Band! This year's Honor Band rehearsals will be held on February 6th and 7th at Kennesaw Mountain High School with the Honor Band Performance to follow on Sunday, February 8 at KMHS.

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| Emily Wang | Esther Kim | Rachel Paule |
| Claire Alexander | Dixon Pendergrass | Kishan Patel |
| Christy McDougall | Dayle Alexander | Gabe Golan |
| Heidi McClain | Geana Gault | Scott Park |
| Kevin Chiou | Jonathan Ebhogiaye | Kristen Bostater |
| Tom Layman | Will Brani | Matt Williams |
| Emily Hornberger | Corinne Loomis | Jimmy Kepner |
| Elwin Martin | Michael Foo | Markus Minton |
| Matt Petersen | Shannon Consolo | Jess Edwards |
| Lauren Floyd | Matt Wessner | Iana Gang |
| Pete George | Adam Cipinko | Clinton Glenn |
| Rebecca Henry | Savannah Sumsky | Kristen Cross |
| Nathan Price | Daniel Abrams | Tyler Morris |
| Missy Pettinger | Andrew Robertson | Lawton Willingham |
| Mitchell Frey | T.J. Cobb | Brian Flamm |
| Chris Floyd | | |

Amazing All-State Performers

And the following students have successfully advanced in the G.M.E.A. All-State Band competition! We are very proud and sincerely congratulate you all! The 2009 All-State Band and Orchestra performance will be held in Savannah on the week-end of March 5th through 7th.

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| Kevin Chiou | Adam Cipinko |
| T.J. Cobb | Brian Flamm |
| Chris Floyd | Mitchell Frey |
| Corinne Loomis | Tom Layman (Alternate) |
| Scott Park | Tripp Roberts |

Festival Clinics

Concert I and Concert II Bands will hold their Pre-Festival rehearsal and concert on Monday, February 23. The Symphonic Bands will follow with an all-day clinic and evening concert on Saturday, February 28. **Rosemarie Meagh** and **Mary Kienker** will be coordinating snacks and a light lunch. If you are interested in helping serve on the day of the clinic, please contact **Rosemarie** at (770)973-5137.

Your Band Representatives,
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8TH GRADE CORNER
A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Rookie Parent Meeting (aka Very Important Information Session for Rising 9th Graders and Their Parents Who Want to Know More About Joining the WONDERFUL Walton Band Program) will be held Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7pm in the Walton Band Room. 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 program can be for you! Oh, and did we mention that the band is marching in the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California?! You'll want to put March 2 on your calendar, too. At the Band Parent Meeting that evening, we will share more specific information about the trip to Pasadena and kick off the year's preparation for this incredible adventure! Join us on March 2 at 7pm.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions about the program!

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2010 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

2010 Rose Parade Trip

It is time to start planning the 2010 Rose Parade trip which will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each of our students. To achieve a fantastic experience will require a great deal of planning and fundraising. We have the next eleven months to make this trip a reality and have it become one of the best trips ever for the Walton High School Marching Band.

As Trip Coordinators, we want to let you know the organizational structure that we will use to plan this awesome event. A Steering Committee has been formed with members **Mike Back, Jeff Pollock, Ken and Kathy Stamm, Tom and Yvonne Single**, and **Steve and Mary Beth Worch**. To assist the Steering Committee a Planning Committee will be formed. These volunteers will be responsible for organizing a specific part of event for the Rose Parade.

Planning Committee volunteers are needed to coordinate and/or participate in fundraising, publicity, planning for the Tournament of Roses President's visit, an 8th Grade Parent Liaison, and Parent Pride coordinators to name a few key areas. If you have a desire to volunteer or chair any of these areas, please contact **Mary Beth Worch** (mbworch@comcast.net) or **Yvonne Single** (heeby@bellsouth.net) and let us know you are interested.

At the **mandatory** March 2nd Parent Meeting, we will be announcing details about the trip, commitments and approximate fees. Also at the meeting we will introduce the Planning Committee Chairpersons who will assist with the successful pre-planning of this exciting trip.

We look forward to an exciting year of working together!

2010 Rose Parade Trip Coordinators

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