



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009

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

From the Band Co-Presidents:

Our spring semester is in full swing, it's just about time to say good-bye to winter, and spring break is right around the corner. Hard to believe that the end of this school year is only about 11 weeks away and another senior class of band students will be moving on. There's an awful lot of work to be done between now and then though, so we hope you are prepared for a busy (and fun) couple of months!

Please plan on attending the March 2nd Parent Meeting at 7pm in the theater. This meeting is mandatory for all students (and at least one parent) who are thinking about participating in the Walton Band's Rose Parade trip to Pasadena in January. Our trip directors, **Tom and Yvonne Single** and **Steve and Mary Beth Worch**, have lots of important information to share with you about the trip itinerary, costs, payment schedule, and will also be able to answer many of the questions you may have. This will be your first opportunity to reserve a spot on this memorable trip so don't miss it!

Also at our March 2nd meeting, we will hold elections for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors (the slate of officers was announced by the Nominating Committee and published in last month's newsletter). Your new team of officers will be introduced and a vote will be taken to ratify their election. The 2008-2009 Board will conclude their service on April 14th and the 2009-2010 Board will assume their positions on April 15th. We are very grateful to have so many wonderful and devoted parents willing to serve in these positions.

We hope you are planning on attending your student's Festival performance at McEachern High School, either on March 12th or 13th. This event is the pinnacle of the concert season and our students work so very hard to prepare for this important evaluation. If you had a chance to enjoy the Concert Bands Concert on February 23 and/or the Symphonic Bands Concert on February 28, you were treated to some outstanding music. All four bands gave wonderful performances and you will be amazed how much they improve in the final weeks leading up to Festival. They really step it up a notch and we are looking forward to enjoying their performances at McEachern. Please note the following performance times listed on the back cover of this newsletter.

As you know, Garage Sale is coming on fast, Saturday, March 21. This is a very important fundraiser for our band program and is a great chance to pick up some bargains, as well as to clean out your basement, your garage, or your closets! It's not too late to donate merchandise or to volunteer and we hope you will consider doing both.

The Walton Indoor Performance Ensemble continues to wow audiences with their outstanding show. Combining our percussion and guard students has allowed our talented staff to put together an incredible show that continues to evolve and improve. In the very near future, we will be announcing a performance at Walton and we promise this is a show you don't want to miss! We would like to thank our dedicated directors, **Tim and Cyndi Church**, and their assistants **Greg Fleenor, George Staib, Carlos Gonzales, and Jason Kunberger** for offering our students this opportunity and taking our program to new heights.

We continue to encourage every parent to be involved in our band program. This is a program that really makes a difference in students' lives and you will never be sorry that you devoted your time to something so worthwhile. Take a look inside these pages for names of all the people who have made contributions toward improving the Walton Band program. Each contribution is important to the success of the program and our organization. We salute and thank each and every one of you who has given of yourselves, and encourage you all to take a look at all of the opportunities remaining yet this year - Garage Sale (it's really not as bad as you have heard!), Spring Work Day, Spring Concert, Jazz Festival, Taste of East Cobb, Golf Tournament, and Band Banquet. Come and join us!

Your Band Presidents,
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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY





Band Fundraising News:

GARAGE SALE

It's time for Garage Sale! Our own kitchen sink guy, **Brian Loomis**, will once again lead us in the collection, pricing, moving, and stocking of two gymnasiums plus 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 waltonbandgarage-sale@comcast.net if you would like to help or you need a pick up.

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!

ELECTRONIC AND METAL RECYCLING

New this year -Electronics and metal recycling day, Saturday, March 21 from 8-3. The band will be collecting used electronics and metal, as much as you have for free (\$15 for TV's), donations gladly accepted. A complete list of items accepted will be available on the Walton Band website, www.waltonband.org.

SPRING CONCERT

The annual Spring Concert will be held in the main gym at Walton on April 25, from 12-2 PM. Please plan on joining us for a lovely afternoon of music from all four bands and our two jazz bands. Admission is \$5/ person for bleacher seats and \$10/person for table seats. The gym is transformed into a "Chastain" like environment. You may bring your own lunch or pre-purchase boxed Chick-fil-A lunches. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly e-blast and next month's newsletter. Thanks to **Tim and Ann Willingham** and **Karen West** for co-chairing this event. To volunteer to serve, set-up, or clean up, please contact the **Willingham's** by email at annwillingham@bellsouth.net or cell phone at (404)285.0803.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Preliminary plans are being made for the 2nd annual Walton Band Golf Challenge. It will be held at White Columns Country Club in Alpharetta on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and will be a pay-for-play golfing event. We are looking for golfers and hole sponsors. More information will be available at the March parent meeting.



TASTE OF EAST COBB

Good food, great jazz, and fun times will soon be here at The 4th Annual Taste of East Cobb. A special thanks to **Doug and Carole Price**, and **Steve and Mary Beth Worch** for co-chairing this event. They could still use help selling booth space to restaurants and vendors. If you would still like to help in the planning, please contact **Carole** or **Doug Price** at (770) 509-3097. Be sure to visit www.tasteofeastcobb.com when you need a place to go for dinner and let them know where you heard about them.

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 – March 11, 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!

HELP NEEDED

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

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

Your Co-Financial Vice Presidents,
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Band Camp 2009:

Your co-directors have started preparations for Band Camp 2009, and all students, including rising freshmen, should mark your calendars NOW for both weeks of band camp!

The first week of camp once again will be held on the campus of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia, beginning on Sunday July 19th, and will end on either the following Friday or Saturday with a performance for all to see! The second week of camp (Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st) will be at Walton High School.

Remember, Band Camp is a requirement for the marching season - all marching students must attend. Band Camp is designed to help the Marching Raiders achieve musical and marching excellence and is an experience like no other. Our students receive intensive daily instruction from Walton's directors and outside instructors, while evenings are reserved for mandatory fun!

Look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

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Walton Indoor Performance Ensemble

Congratulations to our Indoor Performance Ensemble for an outstanding performance at the recent competition at Hillgrove High School. As always, we are impressed with the quality of their performance skills as well as the quality of their behavior during these trips. Thank you for making us proud!

Remaining competitions for our season include:
WGI Regional Competition in Spartanburg SC March 7th,
SAPA Championships in Columbus, GA on March 28th, and
WGI World Championships April 15th - 18th in Dayton, Ohio.
Also, look for an announcement for the local performance at Walton in the near future!

Important Update on T-shirt Fundraiser

Thanks to the Performance Ensemble members who participated in the t-shirt fundraiser and reached the \$200 goal. Your t-shirt is FREE!!

REMINDER – if you did not reach the \$200 goal for a free t-shirt, you must pay for your shirt. This t-shirt will be worn during our regional trip and at World Championships in Dayton. Parents - T-shirts are available for purchase and we encourage you to have one of these shirts if you help us during performances. Your show of support and the look of unity is always a plus on performance days.

See you at our next competition!

Your Indoor Performance Ensemble Representative,
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8TH GRADE CORNER

(A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS)

Thank you for attending Rookie Parent Night! We had a nice representation of students and parents from Dodgen, Dickerson, St. Francis and Mt. Bethel Christian Academy. Though the agenda for the evening seemed to focus on marching band, please know that all students are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the concert bands. Band is a Fine Arts elective at Walton, and all band students are placed in one of the four concert bands. Additionally, band students can choose to participate in the Marching Band as an extracurricular activity. It is not mandatory, however, it is highly recommended. Marching Band is a wonderful program for your students both musically and otherwise. Ninth graders who choose to join marching band find the transition to high school smoother because they begin the year with 200 friends. They learn teamwork and leadership as well as building time management skills. Plus, they have lots of FUN! In addition to Band Camp, football games and marching competitions, this year's Marching Band is traveling to Pasadena, California, to march in the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2010.

If you were not able to attend the Rookie Meeting on February 9, your student should be able to get a Handbook and handouts from the meeting from his/her band director at Dickerson or Dodgen. They have a few extra copies of the materials. You may also contact us directly at heeby@bellsouth.net or (770) 587-5791.

Please put these dates on your calendar if you plan to be part of the Walton High School Marching Raider Band in the fall:

Band Parent Meeting, Monday, March 2, at 7pm in the Walton theater. This meeting is mandatory for students (and at least one parent) thinking about participating in the Rose Parade trip to Pasadena.

AND

Rookie Week, Monday through Friday, April 20-24, 5:30pm -7:30pm at Walton.

As always, please contact us if you have questions!

Your Band Representatives,
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2010 Rose Parade Trip

Hope to see you all on March 2 at the Mandatory Parent Meeting. At the meeting, we will be announcing details about the trip, commitments, and payment schedule. Parents and students will be receiving a commitment letter that allows them to indicate their intent to participate on this trip.

The Planning Committee consists of members of the Steering Committee and the committee heads. Each member of the Planning Committee will be responsible for organizing a specific part or event for the Tournament of Roses Parade. There will be many opportunities to assist with any of these committees. Some committees will start immediately in their planning, while others will be starting in the near future. Thank you to the following who have agreed to head a planning area:

Fundraising	Heidi Lipman	(770) 640-1110
Communications	Carole & Doug Price	(770) 509-3097
Equipment	Alan Abrams	(770) 649-8372
8th Grade Liaison	Cathy & Rick Gross	(770) 594-7570
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Publicity	Pat & Tony Consolo	(770) 594-9676
Parent Pride	Joan & Tim Halligan	(770) 973-4587

We look forward to an exciting and dynamic year of working together to ensure a successful pre-planning, logistical support, and maximum enjoyment of the Parade Experience for each of our students.

2010 Rose Parade Trip Coordinators

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