



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

eee Band Parent Meeting Monday, October 12, 2009 at 6:30 PM eee

From the Band Co-Presidents:

Several years ago, Ken had a t-shirt that said, "I love to watch the seasons change . . . football, baseball, basketball, hockey." Now that we are band parents, we love to watch a different set of seasons change - concert, rehearsal, football, and competition! While they are all very special seasons, there is nothing like the busy, non-stop excitement that is the month of October and competition season!! The band gets better every time they rehearse and this is the time when we can see all those days and weeks of hard work paying off.

With the normal rehearsal schedule, weekly football games, Cobb County Exhibition and three competitions on the October calendar, the next several weeks are packed with opportunities to support our hard-working students. The end of marching season seems to come very abruptly every year, and while this may seem like an overwhelming calendar of events, it truly will be just a memory before you know it. Once we are past the Bands of America Competition on October 31st, life will change dramatically for our band students. So, hang in there, support and encourage your student more this month than you have since band started, and do what you can to share these activities with them. We hope you know that you're always welcome to watch rehearsal from the top of the hill and there are always tickets available to home and away football games. The Cobb County Exhibition held at McEachern High School is open to the public and so are all three of our competitions. Come share in all of the excitement!

We would like to thank all of the wonderful and amazing parents who have given so much to our program and to our students since the marching season began in July. Thank you all for chaperoning, working on props, providing First Aid, serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets, and making sure our students are properly uniformed. If you helped with Football Dinner, the East Cobber or Homecoming Parades, Rock-a-Thon, or any of the other events on our busy calendar, THANK YOU! Without each of you, it would not be possible to do all the things that we do, we truly couldn't do it without you.

On that note (band humor!), it is a joy to watch new families enter the program and get involved. With so many opportunities during the month of October, if you haven't already jumped in, it's not too late!

Our next Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm. This is not our normal meeting time but we are starting a little early since this is also the evening of the Walton Symphony Orchestra concert (7:30). Many of our band students were invited to play in this special group so if you can, please stick around after the meeting for some outstanding music. You won't be disappointed!

Looking forward to seeing you all on October 12th at 6:30!

Your Band Presidents,
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HELP NEEDED

The Walton Band program is getting desperate and we need your help . . . we are still looking for storage space for our annual Garage Sale. For this huge fundraiser to be successful, we need to collect donated merchandise all year long and store it somewhere until the sale in March. If you know someone who may have rental space available, or who has a connection with a storage facility who could either donate space or give us a discount on a rental, please contact Tony Consolo at (770) 594-9676. We are very grateful for your help and know that if we all put our heads together we are bound to come up with something!



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Band Representative News:

WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to these star marching band students!

Week of September 4

- Rookie of the Week - **Andrew Drechsel**
- Veteran of the Week - **Betsy Lipman**
- Leader of the Week - **Rebecca Henry**
- Color Guard Dance Girl of the Week - **Rachel Cooper**
- Percussionist of the Week - **Will McCollum**

Week of September 11

- Rookie of the Week - **Jake Leiper**
- Veteran of the Week - **Zack Davidson**
- Leaders of the Week - **Victoria Rossi, Liz Pidgeon**
- Color Guard Dance Girl of the Week - **Lucile Feron**
- Percussionist of the Week - **Chris Queen**

Week of September 18

- Rookie of the Week - **Josh Larsen**
- Veteran of the Week - **Corinne Loomis**
- Leader of the Week - **Alexander Listur**
- Color Guard Dance Girl of the Week - **Madison Gibbs**
- Percussionist of the Week - **Kayla Foye**

THANK YOU, CHAPERONES!!

So many parents have stepped up to chaperone our weekday and weekend marching practices it is impossible to list them all here! **THANK YOU** so much for donating your time, muscles and attentive eyes to the students!! We also need to thank the parents who have accompanied the band to the away football games. So far each game has gone smoothly and we truly appreciate your presence!! A big thank you also to Chaperone Coordinator, **Gloria Frey**, and Parking Lot Sentries, **Tony Consolo and Steve Worch!**

CUP AND SNACK DONATIONS

Thank you for your recent cup donations! Please also consider donating snack-size packages of cookies, chips, and candy (the students LOVE chocolate treats!) We use these during away football games and trips. Any donations can be dropped off in the band room or given to a chaperone at practice. Thank you in advance!



EAST COBBER PARADE

The day was picture perfect as our Marching Raider Band made its way down Johnson Ferry Road! Great job, Band, and many thanks to **Julie and Jim Edwards and Mary Beth Worch**, Parade Coordinators, and their team of parent volunteers: **Terry Foye, Annie Keith, Richard and Carole Liebman, Melissa Paule, Sabra Pidgeon, Julie Fesefeldt, Pat Consolo, Beverly Cox, Ann and Tim Willingham, Cathy Gross, Lisa Meredith, Kathy Hevenstone, Chris di Monda and Angie Wessner**. The uniform crew led by **Carolyn Alexander** and the equipment team headed by **Alan Abrams** also performed flawlessly! **THANK YOU!!**

EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT

We look forward to welcoming the eighth graders from our feeder middle schools at our home game against Lassiter on Friday, October 23. What a great opportunity to see what it's like to be a part of the marching band!

HOMECOMING PARADE

Friday afternoon, September 25, the band marched from the intersection of Old Canton and Sewell Mill Roads down Sewell Mill Road back to Walton. Thank you to our band families who came out to support the band and all the other Walton students marching in the Homecoming Parade! Our team of parade volunteers was headed up by **Julie and Jim Edwards** and **Mary Beth Worch**.

MARIETTA VETERANS' DAY PARADE

Mark your calendars!

Our students will be marching in the 2009 Marietta Veterans' Day Parade on **Wednesday, November 11**. The parade begins at the Roswell Street Baptist Church parking lot at 11am and will proceed west down Roswell Street to the Marietta Square where commemoration ceremonies will begin at noon. We are honored to be a part of this event!

COMPETITIONS

Please stay tuned for details concerning our upcoming competitions. We will be taking our AWESOME show on the road to the following competitions: Saturday, October 3, Lassiter Marching Band Showcase, Saturday, October 24, Milton High School, and Saturday, October 31, the Atlanta Super Regional Competition of Bands of America at the Georgia Dome. Our preliminary performance will be in the morning block at the Dome.

COBB COUNTY MARCHING EXHIBITION

This event is a showcase for all the high school marching bands in the county. It is a fun event to watch, but plan to arrive early for parking and seating if you go. The exhibition begins at 7pm on Monday, October 5, at McEachern High School. Walton will perform at 8:45pm.

DATABASE UPDATES

Finally, 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 us know ASAP. We want to keep everyone in the know!



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Band Fundraising News:

BAND FOOTBALL DINNER

This year's Band Football Dinner was a huge success. Tasty barbeque from BBQ 1 was enjoyed by all in the festively decorated Walton Commons.

Thank you to **Dayna Parker** and **René Moase** for co-chairing this fun filled and delicious evening.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

Season and single tickets to all the Walton home games are still available from **Steve Worch**. Please contact Steve at sworch@comcast.net or (678)461-8135.

Big thanks to **Steve Worch** for chairing this event for 2009.

50/50 RAFFLE

Our annual football season 50/50 Raffle is up and running. At each home football game, we sell chances to win for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the proceeds are split 50/50 with the winner. If you want to join in on the fun and sell tickets during games, please contact Tony Consolo or Tim Floyd. Tony can be reached at (770) 594-9676 and Tim can be reached at (770) 579-6678. Selling tickets is a lot of fun, not much work and a big help to our effort to meet the Band's annual operating budget.

Many thanks to **Tim Floyd** and **Tony Consolo** for co-chairing this event, and to all who have sold tickets.

SPIRIT WEAR

Be sure to get your SpiritWear for exhibition and competition season in October. It really inspires the kids to see a "sea" of Walton blue in the stands. This year we are offering several unique items featuring the Tournament of Roses logo. For more information contact **Janet Brani** at (678) 236-0806. Thanks to **Janet Brani** and **K.A. Brewer** who co-chair this fundraiser.

WFFF: Walton Family Feeding Frenzy

The first WFFF of 2009 was a big success and one of the biggest ever at California Pizza Kitchen! We raised over \$300 for the Band. Thank you to all who joined us and to California Pizza Kitchen for hosting and donating 20% of the proceeds to the Band.

The next WFFF will be Wednesday, October 14, again at California Pizza Kitchen at Pine Straw Place. The offer is good ALL DAY and includes take-out orders. Coupons are required and will be distributed via the e-blast and available to your students in the Band Room. Don't forget to buy your California Pizza Kitchen SCRIP cards to maximize the benefit of this program.

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 and please offer coupons to your friends and neighbors!

Walton Band SCRIP Rebate Gift Card Program: Gift Cards That Give Back!

Buy gift cards to use at the places where you *already* shop and 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 Marching Season, orders are taken every week. Place your completed Order Form and payment (check payable to WBOP) in the Band Box, **by 6 p.m. on Monday**, and your cards will be available by the following Monday.

New for 2009, the Band will carry an inventory of our most popular gift cards. If you forget to order, no problem! The inventory will include California Pizza Kitchen, Chili's, CVS, Home Depot, iTunes, Panera Bread, Papa John's Pizza, Starbucks, and Wal-Mart gift cards. Cards can be purchased at the monthly Parent Meetings and scheduled practices. Questions about the program should be directed to **Pat Consolo** at pat.consolo@lmco.com or (770) 265-7880. If you want to see the list of participating retailers, please visit www.glscrip.com.

Many thanks to **Pat Consolo** for chairing our Rebate Gift Card program.

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.

ELECTRONICS & METAL RECYCLING DAY!

We will be holding another Electronics and Metal recycling day from 9:00 to 3:00 PM Saturday, October 17 in Parking Lot "D" above PRIDE Field. Come drop off your broken or unwanted electronics and metal items and watch the band rehearse. A small donation of \$10 per car (\$20 for each television) is requested.

HELP NEEDED

We still are looking for storage space for garage sale. If you know someone who'd like to donate some space, please contact **Tony Consolo** at (770)594-9676





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ROCK-A-THON

We were "Rocking and Rolling" our way through the night at Walton during Rock-a Thon 2009 on Sept. 25! Where else could you dunk your directors, play Texas Hold'em, joust with a friend, and eat all night, to name just a few of the activities that were available? Check www.rock-a-thon.com for pictures of the event and to use our new on-line sponsor directory to find businesses that support the Walton Band. Be sure to tell them you found them in the RAT directory and thank them for supporting our great program. Sales contest winners will be announced in a future newsletter.

A HUGE Walton Band thank you goes to **Heidi Lipman** for chairing the Party, and to **Brian Loomis** for serving as chief cheerleader for our student sales force. Heidi, Brian and company spent hundreds of hours preparing for the party and there are not enough words to thank her for all her time and energy (and sleepless nights)! We also want to thank **Jean Graves**, from Orchestra, who co-chaired the party and offered the benefit of her experience organizing Rock-a-Thon.

Also, thanks to all of the volunteers as well who worked part or all of the night at our lock in. We hope you enjoyed the party as much as your student!

And finally, thanks to all the **students** and **parents** who took time during the very busy marching band season to secure Rock-a-Thon sponsorships. Between school work, band rehearsals, performances and just a little sleep, our students work very hard to make the Walton band successful. They have earned our sincere gratitude for those efforts.

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2010 ROSE PARADE INFO:

As of October 2, we were only 90 days away from marching in the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade!

Pins, Magnets, Key Chains, Programs - All are available for purchase. The Rose Pin, magnets, and key chains will be sold until our supply is depleted; we will not be reordering these items. For our own Walton TOR Pin (\$5), we will be placing one more order. Students who wish to purchase extra pins for trading while in Pasadena may purchase ten or more for \$4 each.

Extra programs are also available at a reduced cost of \$6. Please complete the order form available on the band website and place in the band box on or before October 12. We have these items available for sale at the end of Saturday practices and Band Meetings. You may also contact **Steve & Mary Fitzgerald**, mgsbfitz@bellsouth.net, for additional information or to arrange a time to meet to make your purchase.

Band/Trip Fees: To meet our financial obligations it is imperative that all students are up-to-date on their trip payments. For those who are current, a big THANK YOU! Payments are due on or before the last day of the month and can be placed in the Walton Band box in the band room or mailed to:

Melissa Elliott
1227 Partridge Way
Marietta, GA 30062

You can also make payments with a credit card by using Google Checkout. Log onto our website, www.waltonband.org, and click on the "Make Payments" link. The password is "PRIDE".

As always, if you have any questions please reach out to one of the Trip Co-Directors.

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8th Grade Corner

A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Mark your calendars for 8th Grade Night, October 23! We will host eighth grade band students at our home game against Lassiter that evening. The game begins at 7:30pm. Check with your middle school directors for event details. Please plan to attend! Eighth graders will march into the stadium with the band and will be seated with the band during the game. What a great opportunity to see what it is like to be a part of the band!

If we can answer any questions about the high school band program for you, please contact us. We hope to see you parents at the Rookie Parent Meeting and then your students at Rookie Week in the spring! Time and dates will be announced later.

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