

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2009

eee Mandatory Band Parent/Trip Meeting, December 7, 7:00 PM eee

From the Band Co-Presidents:

There really needs to be a bigger, more powerful version of the word "wow" since that is the word we need to use to describe this marching season. **Grand Champions of the Lassiter Marching Band Showcase, Grand Champions of the White Columns Invitational, and 6th Place Finalist in this weekend's Bands of America Super Regional competition** (out of a whopping 42 outstanding band programs) - what an incredible season!! We know you agree that every one of the students are Grand Champions and we are so proud of each of them for their efforts, their unbelievable dedication and commitment, and all of the passion they shared with us throughout the entire season!

We also know that you join us in thanking our extraordinary band directors, **Mike Back** and **Jeff Pollock**, and their talented staff for all the hard work they have put into this marching season. We are so grateful for all the lessons they share with our kids every single day; lessons not just about music and marching, but also about drive, camaraderie, ambition and teamwork. It is impossible to measure the profound impact that they have on each and every student but we know, without a doubt, that participation in the band program is life-changing for each of them and, therefore, for each of us.

Parents and families, we have said this before but we have to say it again . . . there is absolutely no way that the band could do the things they do without all of you and your dedication. As you read through this newsletter, you will be in awe of how many people are involved with each of the different aspects of this program. Thank you to each and every one of our wonderful parents for all that you do!!

The days between now and Band Camp have all been so busy and hectic and full of marching band activities that it's hard to believe it's already November and time to gear up for a host of other band events and opportunities. On Friday, we will visit Pope High School as our Raiders take on the Greyhounds for the last game of the regular season. At this time, we aren't sure what the Raiders playoff status is, but there is a good chance we'll have to travel to another game (or two). Next week on Wednesday, November 11th, our students will be marching in their third parade of the season, the Marietta Veterans Day Parade. Rose Parade rehearsals begin on Thursday, November 12th and departure for Pasadena, California is less than eight weeks away!

If you haven't been able to join in on all the fun we are having supporting our students, it's never too late. There are still plenty of ways to be involved and activities to help out with. You can contact us or any of the Committee Chairs mentioned within this newsletter and we will be happy to find a place for you!

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy a restful Thanksgiving break and Go Raiders!

Your Band Presidents,
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HELP WANTED

We are looking for a newsletter editor to format our new email newsletters for distribution each month. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Kathy Stamm (contact information above).



Band Representative News:

THANK YOU, CHAPERONES!!

Our band is incredibly fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents who have worked as chaperones throughout the season at rehearsals and away events. We'd like to offer a special thanks to them.

Margaret and Alan Abrams, Michelle Aitken, Carolyn Alexander, Andrea Back, Suzie Baughman, Bonnie Bear, Cheryl and Scott Bostater, Kari and Randy Conklin, Tony and Pat Consolo, Lisa Cooper, Susan Cross, Judy Croy, Rhonda Davidson, Margaret DeWitt, Chris DiMonda, Jim Edwards, Lisa Eikhoff, Melissa and John Elliott, Teresa and Chad Epple, Christine-Marie Feron, Julie Fesefeldt, Mindy Fine, Leslie Fitterman, Mary and Steve Fitzgerald, Ivy Foo, Terri Foye, Bill Friday, Barry and Stephanie Gang, Kevin and Christi Geiger, Diane and Glenn Giordano, Maidie Golan, Leslie Goldston, Annamarie Granros, Greta Greer, Esther Greenwald, Virginia and Scott Gregory, Cathy and Rick Gross, Karen Hallacy, Joan and Tim Halligan, Karen and Vince Harris, Gail Healey, Terri Henry, Kathy Hevenstone, Elizabeth Howard, Angela Kardesh, Kim Kavney, Maggie Keaton, Kymberlee Keefe, Eric Tysk, Annie and David Keith, Kitty Kepner, Alice and Tom Kerber, Patty Kiely, Robyn and Flynn Larsen, Molly Lawrence, Mary Ann and Steve Layman, Carole Liebman, Heidi and Paul Lipman, Brian Loomis, Pat Marshall, Cindy McCollum, Lee McComb, DeLise McCorkle, Rosemarie Meagh, Lisa Meredith, Philip and Sandy Mikul, Susan Moore, Michele and Dean Morris, Sandra Naidu, Donna Outwater, Dayna Parker, Tonya Parker, Jay Patel, Melissa Paule, Susan Petersen, Sabra Pidgeon, Lynn Pierson, Carole and Doug Price, Kim Roberts, Mike Roberts, Carolyn Roddy, Helen Rosental, Angela Rossi, David and Patricia Rossman, Tami Salz, Kristine and Scott Smith, Paulette and Gary Smith, Jane Sovitch, Amalie Swan, Janet Taylor, Debbie Turner, Peg Weihsmann, Angie Wessner, Tim and Ann Willingham, Genie Woods, Steve Woods, Steve and Mary Beth Worch, and Mary Ann Zambory.

A big thank you also to Chaperone Coordinator, **Gloria Frey**, and Parking Lot Sentries, **Tony Consolo and Steve Worch!** Gloria has, seemingly without effort, overseen the scheduling of chaperones as well as provision of water, ice and first aid care for our students on the practice field. Tony and Steve have done a fabulous job of keeping the E Lot clear for rehearsals. At a school as busy as Walton, this is not an easy job!

CUP AND SNACK DONATIONS

Thank you for your recent cup and snack donations! Please keep them coming to help keep us stocked through the play-offs and additional Rose Parade rehearsals. Individual snack size packages of cookies, chips, and candy (the students LOVE chocolate treats!) are student favorites. Any donations can be dropped off in the band room or given to a chaperone at practice. Thank you in advance!

EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT

113 eighth graders from Dodgen and Dickerson joined us for a wet evening as the Raiders took on the Lassiter Trojans on October 23. What a great turnout! Thank you for welcoming them and their parents. We hope to see many of them at Rookie Week in the spring.

HOMECOMING PARADE

A special thank you to the parents who helped with the Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon, September 25: **Pat Consolo, Lisa Meredith, Tami Salz, Carole Liebman, Gloria Frey, Peg Weihsmann, Margaret DeWitt, Steve Worch, Lisa McDougall, Jim Edwards, Susan Dreschel, Angie Wessner, Cheryl Bostater, Margaret Abrams, Tony Consolo, Sabra Pidgeon, Tim and Joan Halligan, Mary Beth Worch, Melissa Elliott, Julie Fesefeldt, Elizabeth Howard, Kathy Stamm and Tim Willingham.** Our team of parade volunteers was headed up by **Julie and Jim Edwards and Mary Beth Worch.** **THANK YOU!!**

MARIETTA VETERANS' DAY PARADE *Volunteers Needed!*

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. If you are available during the day to help, please contact Julie Edwards at jbedwards@bellsouth.net or (770) 565-8127.

LASSITER MARCHING SHOWCASE

Congratulations to our students and staff for bringing home the Grand Champion award on October 3! And thank you to our team of chaperones, uniform crew, pit and props crew for all of your support!

WHITE COLUMNS INVITATIONAL AT MILTON HS

(The trophy shelf is getting crowded!) Congratulations again to the band for a stellar finish at the White Columns Invitational at Milton High School on Saturday, October 24. The band received highest honors in Color Guard, Percussion, Band Placement, Overall High Music, General Effect and Visual. The Marching Raiders were crowned the Grand Champions with a point total of 91.75. **AWESOME!!**

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:

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

The first Electronics and Metals Recycling Day of 2009-10 was a great success, with the Band collecting a full truck and trailer load of recyclables and raising over \$800 in donations. Thanks to **Susan Corley, Gail Healey** and Dodgen Middle School for helping with this effort. We will do this again in the spring, so watch for information in a future newsletter.

50/50 RAFFLE

Our 50/50 Raffles have been huge this season, and lucky winners have taken home nearly \$2,000 with one more home game left to go. Thanks to **Tim Floyd** and **Tony Consolo**, and their crew of "referees:" **Brian Alterman, Nicole Lipson, Pat Consolo, Susan Cross, Linda Floyd, Diane Giordano, Maidie Golan, Bob Howard, Elizabeth Howard, Susan Murphey, Joseph Murphey, Gary Smith, and Jane Sovitch.**

SCRIP

Walton Band families have purchased SCRIP rebate gift cards so far this year at 3 times the rate of last year! SCRIP is a great way to support the Band and your student while buying things you need every day- like groceries. Kroger and Publix have returned to the Walton Band SCRIP program and these are available from inventory. **Pat Consolo** will be at our monthly parent meetings and at the top of PRIDE Field for the last hour of most practices, so stop by and see her before buying your groceries. Kroger cards are available in \$50 or \$100 denominations and Publix cards are available in \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

SCRIP cards are great for the holidays as gifts, or to buy everything you need for that perfect Thanksgiving dinner. See the attached SCRIP 2009 Holiday Gift Guide for tips on building your student accounts while spending money at places you were already planning on shopping for the holidays. Sports Authority is offering an increased rebate from 8% to 11% from October 24 - December 31. Thinking of a cruise? Celebrity Cruise Lines offers gift cards for a 12% rebate from now until January 8. Any cruise booking must be made directly with Celebrity Cruise Lines.

See each weekly e-blast for SCRIP news on specials and new participating retailers. Any order placed in the band box by 6:00 pm on Monday evening will be filled and distributed by the following Monday evening. Also, remember the 90% rebate split program has been extended through December 31, 2009 so you can build students accounts faster. Current order forms are available on the band website at www.waltonband.org.

Thanks to **Pat Consolo** for her great leadership of this program. Please contact Pat at (770)265-7880 or pat.consolo@lmco.com with any questions.

GARAGE SALE

The 2010 Walton Garage Sale is scheduled for March 27th! Mark your calendars and plan to be there for the chance to find some real bargains and unique collectables. We are finalizing storage space now and will start collecting items for the sale in the very near future. Please save your pre-loved items to donate, and watch for upcoming announcements for

collection times and locations. We are also able to pick up large items, so contact **Tony Consolo** (404-444-7671) if you would like to schedule a pick-up.

FRUIT SALE

The annual Walton Fruit Sale is still going on with delicious oranges, pink grapefruit and tangelos for purchase. The fruit is high quality and makes a great holiday gift. Completed order forms are due Friday, November 6th and fruit will be delivered to Walton on December 5th. Thanks to **Cheryl Bostater** and **Lori Leiper** for heading up this effort. Volunteers, both student and adult, will be needed to help out with truck unloading and distribution on December 4th and 5th. Please watch for the volunteer sign up sheets to be passed at the next parent meeting. Volunteers will be served pizza (Fri PM) and doughnuts on Saturday morning.

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WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to these star marching band students!

Week of September 29
Rookie of the Week - Austin Anderson
Veteran of the Week - David Arbelaez
Leader of the Week - Andrew Taylor
Guard Girl of the Week - Laurie McGillis
Percussionist of the Week - Charlie Seral

Week of October 9
Rookie of the Week - Jason Outwater
Veteran of the Week - Jack Doughty
Leaders of the Week - Stacy Politykina
Guard Girl of the Week - Dagny Holcomb
Percussionist of the Week - Emily Eller

Week of October 16
Rookie of the Week - Brendan Larkin
Veteran of the Week - Jimmy Kepner
Leader of the Week - Bennett Alterman
Guard Girl of the Week - Amanda Shepherd
Percussionist of the Week - (Cymbal Line) Cameron Barnes, Skye Doughty, Hannah Greenwald, Hale Johnson, Britt MuDrow, Jacob Murphey, Nolan Rodack

Week of October 23
Rookie of the Week - Brent Rosseland
Veteran of the Week - Dayle Alexander
Leader of the Week - Katie Halligan
Guard Girl of the Week - Nejla Day
Percussionist of the Week - Sarah Healey



WALTON SENIOR NIGHT

Congratulations to our 52 band and color guard seniors and their parents who were recognized at our last home game against Roswell on Friday, October 30!



Daniel Abrams
 Bennett Alterman
 Katie Back
 Sean Baldwin
 Zak Bear
 Jack Beck
 April Boggess
 Leslie Chambers
 Matt Consolo
 Gabe Crider
 Lucy Doughty
 Preston Elliott
 Tyler Ferrell
 Brown Fitterman
 Dan Fitzgerald
 Chris Floyd
 Kayla Foye
 Mitchell Frey

Ilana Gang
 Clinton Glenn
 Gil Golan
 Cameron Green
 Leah Greer
 Samantha Hallam
 Katie Halligan
 Julian Hames
 Will Hauptle
 Rebecca Henry
 Aaron Hevenstone
 Justin Holt
 Robert Howard
 Daniel Kerber
 Alexander Listur
 Allison Loehr
 Emily Lord
 Sarah Marshall

Will McCollum
 Dennis Meagh
 Courtney Musser
 David O'Morrissey
 Mary Parker
 Liz Pidgeon
 Becca Pollack
 Nathan Price
 Andrew Roddy
 Victoria Rossi
 Akanksha Sharma
 Amanda Tan
 Andrew Taylor
 Deanna Turner
 Lawton Willingham
 Katie Worch

And a big thanks to **Karen Hallacy** and **Sandra Hausman**, our Senior Night Coordinators, for planning and organizing all of the Senior Night events. We hope our senior parents enjoyed themselves in spite of the drizzly weather. We also thank **Christi and Kevin Geiger**, **Edie Kitchings**, **Brian Loomis**, **Bill McCorkle**, and **Kathy Stamm** for helping out with the evening!

8th Grade Corner

A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We hope you enjoyed being a part of the Marching Raider Band on 8th Grade Night! It was a soggy evening but we hope you felt the warm welcome of our students and their families! Stay tuned for the time and date of the Rookie Parent Meeting normally held after Winter Break. This is an evening opportunity for you to come and learn more about the band program at Walton.

In the meantime, if we can answer any questions 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!

Your Band Representatives,

Tom and Yvonne Single
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Pasadena Here We Come! 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade Trip

We are entering the final phase of our planning for the Tournament of Roses Parade Trip! Everything is going well and the students are very excited. All the students have had the opportunity to choose their flight, their roommates, and select the bus and seat of their choice.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. On December 7th at 7:00 pm there will be a **MANDATORY** Tournament of Roses Parade trip meeting. All students traveling on this trip and their parents are required to attend!

Be on the lookout for the Trip Packet, which will be distributed in November. These forms will be collected at the Mandatory meeting.

At this meeting we will be discussing:

1. The trip itinerary
2. Airport check - in procedures
3. Collecting Trip Forms
4. What to wear...What to pack...suggestions for spending money
5. Packing procedures for uniforms and instruments
6. The Tournament of Roses trip rules...safety and security
Emergency contact information

We look forward to seeing you at this very important meeting!

The two flights the students signed up for were the **Disney Flight** and **Rose Flight** both are on AirTran and are direct.

Disney Flight

Flight 55 -- Departing Sunday, Dec. 27 Depart ATL 10:20 AM, Arrive LAX 12:04PM

Flight 56 -- Return Saturday, Jan. 2 Depart LAX 12:50PM, Arrive ATL 8:10PM

Rose Flight

Flight 54 - Sunday, Dec. 27 Depart ATL 11:15 AM, Arrive LAX 12:59PM

Flight 51 - Saturday, Jan. 2 Depart LAX 2:00PM, Arrive ATL 9:20PM

Remember you need to arrange transportation to and from the Atlanta airport for your student.

Student uniforms and instruments will ride to Pasadena aboard Big Blue, our large equipment trailer. Personal luggage for each student should be limited to one carry-on piece (free of charge). An additional piece may be checked for \$15 each way (airline size and weight restrictions will apply). When planning your student's spending money for the trip, please keep in mind the additional fee for checked luggage on both ends.

Band/Trip Fees: By now all students going on the trip should have received a statement showing his/her remaining balance due for the trip. The final two payments are due at the end of October and November. All payments should be completed by November 30. They can be dropped in the band box or mailed to Melissa Elliott.

Melissa Elliott
1227 Partridge Way
Marietta, GA 30062

There is also a way to pay on line. Go to www.waltonband.org and follow the link - Make Payments.

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

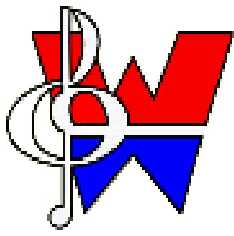
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TOURNAMENT OF ROSES TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- Dec 27 - Depart Atlanta, arrive in Los Angeles, Dinner Cruise
- Dec 28 - Morning Rehearsal, Hollywood & Los Angeles, Santa Monica
- Dec 29 - Float Viewing, BandFest, Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament
- Dec 30 - Morning Rehearsal, Disneyland, Disneyland Parade
- Dec 31 - Universal Studios, New Year's Eve Dinner Party
- Jan 1 - Tournament of Roses Parade, Dinner Dance on the RMS Queen Mary
- Jan 2 - Return to Atlanta

Mark your calendars!

November 5	Marching Band Rehearsal, 4-5 pm
November 6	Away Football Game vs Pope, kick-off at 7:30 pm (last game regular season)
November 9,10	Auditions for spring semester
November 11	Marietta Veterans' Day Parade
November 12	First ROSE PARADE REHEARSAL, 4-7 pm
November 13	Possible Play-off game
November 17,19	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
November 20	Possible Play-off game
December 1	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
December 7	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
December 7	Mandatory Trip Meeting, 7 pm

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