

# WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2009

Band Parent/Mandatory Trip Meeting Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7 PM

## From the Band Co-Presidents:

It was a seamless transition from marching/football season to concert season and our students have been working hard preparing for the upcoming Winter Holiday Concerts to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The end of marching season is always so abrupt, leaving everyone a little dazed as we transition out of the craziness that we have happily endured since July. These upcoming concerts are a very nice end to a busy semester and we hope you will be joining us at one (or both!) of them.

While the marching band schedule is down to "just" Rose Parade rehearsals, the Walton Color Guard Dance Company schedule is in full swing as the winter guard prepares for their competition season and the Rose Parade! They will hold a dress rehearsal performance at Walton on January 16th, and with several local competitions on their calendar, we hope you will make a point to get out and support these hard-working ladies. We wish them luck throughout their upcoming season and congratulate the girls and the guard staff on a wonderfully successful marching season!

It was an honor to participate in the Marietta Veterans Day Parade and the Walton High School Marching Raider Band looked and sounded great! This was the last local parade on the calendar before taking on the 5-1/2 mile route in Pasadena at the 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade! The countdown is now in its final month and the excitement continues to build! Please be sure to attend the December 7<sup>th</sup> Band Parent/Mandatory Trip Meeting to be held in the Walton Commons immediately after rehearsal at 7pm. If your student is traveling to Pasadena, this meeting is mandatory for them and for you. Please do your best to join us.

Speaking of parades, three of our Walton Band students traveled to New York City over the Thanksgiving break to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! **Ilana Gang, Geana Gault, and Gil Golan** were all chosen to be part of the Macy's Great American Marching Band. Congratulations Ilana, Geana, and Gil! We hope you had a fantastic experience!

We can't think of a better way to start 2010 than watching our students march in the Rose Parade! With less than four weeks to go until departure, we know the pressure is building on our hard-working team of Trip Directors. **Tom and Yvonne Single** have been doing double-duty all year, handling their roles as Band Reps while also serving as our lead trip directors. Their teammates, **Steve and Mary Beth Worch**, have also been working extremely hard to ensure that our students have a safe and fun trip to the west coast. Thank you just doesn't seem sufficient but "thank you!" to Tom and Yvonne, and Steve and Mary Beth. You guys are absolutely awesome!

As the Rose Parade route heads down Orange Grove Boulevard, it takes a tricky right-hand turn onto Colorado Boulevard. The Walton Band's remaining Rose Parade rehearsals have also taken quite a turn . . . a 109 degree turn to be exact! Thanks to **Tim Floyd and Tony Consolo**, the students can now practice executing the dastardly 109 degree turn right on PRIDE field! Tim and Tony, aka the Dynamic Duo, have painted a rose-colored line that the students will use as a guide as they prepare for that right hand turn as they march past the media grandstands and down Colorado Boulevard.

Each year in December or January, a Nominating Committee is formed to assemble a slate of officers for the following year's Band Board. This year, **Barry Gang**, will be heading up this committee which will meet and assemble a list of proposed 2010-2011 board members to be published in February's newsletter. Formal elections will be held at the March Band Parent Meeting, and the new board will be installed at the April Band Parent Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the band board, or would like to nominate someone for a specific position, please contact **Barry Gang**, Chairman of the 2010-2011 Nominating Committee.

As the end of the year approaches, we hope you will consider the Walton Band program if you are looking for year-end charitable deductions. WBOP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation and donations are tax deductible. If your employer has a Matching Gifts Program, that could be another way that the Walton Band could benefit from your generosity. Thank you for your consideration and the tremendous support you offer throughout the year.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving as your co-presidents. As 2009 comes to an end, we are immensely grateful for all the fun, laughter, and hard work that we have shared with so many of you. Enjoy the holiday season, be safe in your travels, and we know you'll be cheering with us on January 1st as we proudly watch our students in the 121st Tournament of Roses Parade!

See you on Monday, December 7th for a brief monthly parent meeting to be followed by the mandatory trip meeting!

Your Band Presidents,

**Ken and Kathy Stamm**

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## Administrative Band News:

It's hard to believe that the marching season is almost over! It seems like just yesterday that we were cleaning out the barn at work day in July to prepare for band camp. Our hard working students performed brilliantly throughout the fall, making us all very proud, and it has been wonderful to see so many parents in enthusiastic support at every game, parade and competition. Now we are all eagerly awaiting the 2009 marching season's grand finale - the Tournament of Roses Parade! Thanks again to every parent volunteer for all you have done in giving your time and energy to the Band program throughout the fall. What a team - the students and directors could not do it without you!

If you were unable to lend a hand during marching season, there is still plenty of time for you to get involved, and we need your help! The winter concert season has arrived, and with four ensembles performing, there are many ways you can volunteer to help. Kelley Hamilton (philandkelley@aol.com) and Jane Sovitch (jsovitch@juno.com), co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee, will be organizing refreshments for each of the always enjoyable after-concert receptions. They need volunteers to bake cookies or other tasty treats and/or to mix and serve punch at the receptions.

Ruchi Sharma (ruchi.sharma@comcast.net) and Beth McGuire (bethmcguire@gmail.com), co-chairs of the Concert Committee, are preparing the programs to be distributed at the concerts and they need volunteers to usher and help set up before each performance. Jay Patel and Ivy Foo co-chairs of the Concert Uniform Committee and are in need of volunteers to help them make sure our students look as great as they sound (jay\_patel@bellsouth.net and cliftonivy@aol.com)

Please contact any of these ladies at their respective emails if you are able to lend a hand!

Congratulations to Dean and Michelle Morris, who will be serving with Rick and Cathy Gross as the co-directors of band camp next summer! They will soon begin to assemble the Band Camp 2010 parent chaperone team, so if you have an interest in being considered email Rick or Cathy at rikgross@comcast.net or cathysg@comcast.net.

Don't hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions or suggestions, and please continue to come out in support of our students - it means everything to them!

Your Co-Administrative Vice Presidents,  
**Alan & Margaret Abrams**  
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## Band Representative News:

### WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to these star marching band students!

#### Week of October 30

Rookie of the Week - Caroline Hollar  
Veteran of the Week - Kristen Bostater  
Leader of the Week - Akanksha Sharma  
Guard Girl of the Week - Meg Kiely  
Percussionist of the Week - Lauren Floyd

#### Week of November 6

Rookie of the Week - Rika Shiraishi  
Veteran of the Week - Keisei Sugahara  
Leaders of the Week - Gil Golan  
Guard Girl of the Week - Michelle Fry  
Percussionist of the Week - Jeffrey Gross

### CUP AND SNACK DONATIONS

Parents, **THANK YOU**, for your cup and snack donations throughout the season! If you have ever chaperoned a practice, you know how many cups our thirsty students use in the course of a rehearsal! And if you have ridden along as a bus chaperone for our away events, you also know how the students appreciate the munchies for the ride home. Thanks again!!

### MARIETTA VETERANS DAY PARADE

On November 11, the rain stopped just long enough for a wonderful parade from the Roswell Street Baptist Church to the Marietta Square. Thank you to our directors and students for taking time out to honor those who have served and are serving in the armed forces! Parade volunteers were coordinated masterfully by Julie Edwards and Mary Beth Worch. Thank you also to the following parents for helping out at the parade: Tony Consolo, Tim Halligan, Edie Kitchings, Michelle Aiken, Elizabeth Howard, Kathy Stamm, Mike Roberts, Joan Halligan, Kitty Kepner, Tami Salz, Cathy Gross, Angela Rossi, Sabra Pidgeon, Karen Hallacy, Margaret DeWitt, Patricia Rossman, Paulette Smith, Sue Rogers and Diane Giordano.

### 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:**

#### SCRIP

Walton band families continue to buy SCRIP rebate gift cards at a record pace! 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 the last hour of most parade rehearsals, 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. See the SCRIP 2009 Holiday Gift Guide that was sent in the eblast 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 increase rebate from 8% to 11% through 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. The 4-in-1 gift card for Bonefish/Carrabba's/Outback Steakhouse/Fleming's has permanently increased the rebate from 5% to 8%. See each weekly eblast for SCRIP news on specials and new participating retailers. Also, remember the 90% rebate split program has been extended through December 31, 2009 so you can build students accounts faster.

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

#### Garage Sale

The 2010 Walton Garage Sale is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars and plan to be there for the chance to find some real bargains and unique collectibles. We are finalizing storage space now and will start collecting items for the sale the first weekend of December. 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; contact **Tony Consolo** at (404)444-7671 if you would like to schedule a pick-up.

#### Walton Band Golf Challenge

We have started planning for this year's Walton Band Golf Challenge and are looking for some volunteers. We still need people for the planning committee as well as volunteers for the day of the tournament. If you can help us plan this year's tournament, if you want to spend a nice spring day helping out on the course, or if you are interested in playing, please email **Bill Paule** at [wbpaul@yahoo.com](mailto:wbpaul@yahoo.com) or **Tim Willingham** at [willinghamt@bellsouth.net](mailto:willinghamt@bellsouth.net) for more information.

#### Fruit Sale

The annual Walton Band Fruit Sale had been a great success with the band selling over 20,000 pounds of delicious Indian River Groves oranges, grapefruit and tangelos. Congratulations to **Andrew Hallacy** and **Britt Mudrow** for selling more than \$1,000 of fruit and earning a \$100 cash award for their effort.

Fruit will be delivered to Walton on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers, both student and adult, will be needed to help out with truck unloading and distribution on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be served pizza (Fri PM) and doughnuts on Saturday morning, and students receive one point toward earning a letter for helping out with fruit delivery.

Big thanks to **Cheryl Bostater** and **Lori Leiper** for heading up this important effort.

#### Recycling News

Please remember to recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges in the band room and your aluminum cans and newspapers in the bin behind the school. Getting your office to save their empty cartridges and donate them to the band is an environmentally friendly way to help us out. Those little cartridges are easy to send in with your kids and even one cartridge makes a big difference. So next time you have to swap out an ink cartridge, have the empty dropped off at school!

#### Rock-a-Thon Directory

The 2009/2010 Rock-a-Thon directory is now online! This year's online directory has an improved sponsor menu so it will be easier to find a sponsor by category. Go to [Rock-a-thon.com](http://Rock-a-thon.com) and click on the Sponsors link to review our sponsors any time. By the time you get this, the hard-copy version of the directory should be on the way to the printers. Thank you very much to **Brian Loomis** for all his help with this year's Rock-a-Thon sales. There is a lot of work that gets done AFTER the party is over so thank you **Brian** for you help with data entry, scanning artwork, and assembling the directory! We would also like to thank the Gold and Platinum sponsors. This year's Platinum sponsors are Huntington Learning Centers, Speedpro Imaging, and Evergreen Construction. Our Gold sponsors this year are Julie Altenbach - Harry Norman Realtors, Artesma Photography Studio, Liberty Disposal of Georgia, Dermatology Consultants, PC, Elaine Thomas, PsyD, LLC, Howe Roofs, Private Landscape, Inc., Software Paradigm International Group, Tijuana Joe's Cantina, US Cafe, and Sen. Judson Hill. Questions? Email [ads@rock-a-thon.com](mailto:ads@rock-a-thon.com). Remember to thank our sponsors whenever you can and let them know you appreciate their support.

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## Walton Color Guard Dance Company:

Looking to Winter!

The staff is hard at work designing the winter production for our Walton Color Guard Dance Company. This season's competitive production is entitled "...and so they all ate cake!" This season's design will be a spinoff of the fun and flirty production by our team in 2007, "Let Them Eat Cake".

The winter season is an exciting time for the members of the Walton Color Guard Dance Company. Please come and cheer for the Walton Color Guard Dance Company at the following competitions for this season:

Sat, Jan 16	Dress Rehearsal
Sat, Jan 23	SAPA Contest at Harrison High School
Sat, Feb 13	SAPA Contest at Milton High School
Sat, Feb 27	SAPA Contest at West Forsyth High School
Sat/Sun, Mar 14 & 15	WGI Atlanta Regional at Whitewater High School
Sun, Mar 28	SAPA Circuit Championship in Macon

Your Color Guard Dance Company Reps,

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**Angela Rossi**  
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## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CORNER...A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Rookie Parent Meeting Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7pm in the Walton Band Room Please save the date on your calendars for this informational meeting for rising 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

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## Walton Junior Raider Winter Guard Dance Company

Any future Walton 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in being on the Walton Junior Raider Winter Guard Dance Company should contact **Kate Johnson** for information for this coming season. Please contact Kate at [kate@thecoffeepark.com](mailto:kate@thecoffeepark.com) for more information.

## Mark your calendars!

Dec 1	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
Dec 7	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>Band Parent/Mandatory Trip Meeting, 7 pm</b>
Dec 8	Winter Holiday Concert (Sym I, Concert I)
Dec 10	Winter Holiday Concert (Sym II, Concert I)
Dec 11	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
Dec 12	Honor Band/All-State Auditions
Dec 14, 18	Rose Parade Rehearsal, 4-7 pm
Dec 18	Rose Parade Uniform and Instrument Collection (following rehearsal)
Dec 27	Depart for Pasadena!



## Did you know? . . . .

- ❖ The Rose Parade began as a modest floral festival to celebrate California's mild winter climate.
- ❖ 40 million Americans watch the Rose Parade on television as well as millions more from 150 territories around the world!
- ❖ The entire surface of every float must be covered in all-natural materials such as flowers, seeds, bark and leaves.
- ❖ The Tournament of Roses has a "Never on Sunday" policy. Should January 1 fall on a Sunday, all festivities are moved to January 2nd!
- ❖ There are over 900 volunteers who plan this event - they even have a volunteer waiting list!
- ❖ The Tournament of Roses President names the official Grand Marshal of the Parade . . . and this year, it is Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger!



Pasadena Here We Come...

## 2010 Tournament of Roses Parade Trip:

In just a few short weeks, our students will be making the big turn onto Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena marching in front of millions to welcome the New Year! The planning process began over a year ago with countless hours of meetings and behind the scenes work and the level of excitement increases every day as we approach our goal...The 121st Rose Parade!!

We recently learned that the Grand Marshal for the 2010 Rose Parade will be Captain Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, III, the heroic pilot who masterfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River earlier this year. Themed *2010: A Cut Above the Rest*, the 121st Rose Parade will pay tribute to everyday heroes and the effort to always improve and enhance.

The theme is perfect for our students and parents as we always strive to be *A Cut Above the Rest*. We want to thank everyone who has participated on so many levels to make the enormous undertaking of this trip such a smooth and seamless experience. Thank you to the students for your continued enthusiasm and hard work and your dedication to making the Walton Marching Raider Band one of the top performing high school bands in the nation. Thank you to the parents for allowing your children to participate in such a wonderful program and for all the support you continue to give to the Walton Band.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRIP!**

**MANDATORY TRIP MEETING-** On December 7<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm following a brief Walton Band Parent Meeting, there will be a MANDATORY Tournament of Roses Parade Trip Meeting in the Walton Commons. All students traveling on this trip and their parents are required to attend! Please review the packet of information that was sent home with your student. We will be collecting all the white forms beginning at 6:30PM prior to the start of the meeting.

Additionally, preordered Walton Pins will be available for pickup at the Mandatory Trip Meeting. Walton Pins, Rose Pins, Rose Parade Magnets and Key Chains will also be available for purchase before and after the meeting. There is a limited supply of all these items so please come early so you will be able to get the selection of your choice.

Each student will also receive his/her Walton Rose Parade jacket, tour book and personalized transportation information card. Parents who ordered additional jackets will be able to pick up their jackets as well.

**SNACK AND BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS FOR THE TRIP:** We traditionally ask for donations of these items prior to a band trip, but due to our lack of space on the truck travelling to LA, we are requesting a monetary donation instead to help offset our purchase cost of these items when we get to Los Angeles. We will be collecting donations at the December 7th meeting.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION UPDATE-**The timing of our flights to and from LA has changed a bit. Here are the new times:

**DISNEY Flight:** AirTran Flight 1940 Departs Atlanta 9:20am; Arrives LAX 11:22am  
AirTran Flight 48 Departs LAX 7:35am; Arrives Atlanta 2:50pm  
**ROSE Flight:** AirTran Flight 55 Departs Atlanta 9:59am; Arrives LAX 12:01pm  
AirTran Flight 56 Departs LAX 12:55pm; Arrives Atlanta 8:05pm

We have less than 30 days to departure and the chance to show the world how we exemplify *A Cut Above the Rest!* As always, feel free to contact us with questions!

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