



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

Band Parent Meeting Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7 PM

From the Band Co-Presidents:

A spring semester in the Walton Band is always packed with activities and spring 2010 is certainly off to a strong start! Our Symphonic and Concert bands are all busy preparing for their Festival performances in March, and Mr. Pollock and his 40 Jazz Band students are setting their alarms extra early so they get to school for their 7am rehearsals. The girls in the Winter Guard have a very busy rehearsal schedule and have already had their dress rehearsal performance and their first competition. And many of our talented students have earned a spot in the upcoming District 12 Honor Bands and the Georgia All-State Band. Wow! We thought marching season was busy!

We want to continue to build and advance the Walton Band program, so if you know any 8th grade parents with students in a middle school band program, please invite and encourage them to attend the Walton Band Rookie Orientation Meeting on Monday, February 8th at 7pm in the band room. Students and parents will be on hand to share valuable information about being part of the Walton Band program. Also, if you know any girls who may be interested in becoming a member of the Walton Color Guard Dance Company, please let them know about this meeting, too!

Great news! Before the winter break, our directors, **Mike Back and Jeff Pollock**, traveled to Chicago to attend The Midwest Clinic, an international band and orchestra conference held annually. While attending the clinic, they learned that the Walton Band is the proud recipient of the **John Philip Sousa Foundation's 2009 Sudler Shield Award**, an international award considered the highest accolade for a high school marching band! This is a huge, huge honor and something that each family can take great pride in. Congratulations to Mr. Back, Mr. Pollock, their staff and all of our marching students for this great honor.

More good news! Our hard-working fundraising team has a very busy few months planned so we hope you are planning on staying (or getting!) involved. Plans are already in full swing for the Annual Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, March 27th. The 5th annual Taste of East Cobb is set for Saturday, May 1st and the Walton Band Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 11th at White Columns Country Club. There is an awful lot of work to be done this semester and we need you! Please read more about these fundraisers in this newsletter and join us for some fun and very rewarding times!

Below, you will find the proposed slate of officers for the 2010-2011 Band Board of Directors. The election of this new board will take place at the March Parent Meeting and they will be officially installed at the April Parent meeting. We know you join us in thanking this great group of folks for stepping up to lead our organization. Thank you to **Barry Gang** for assembling the nominating committee and all those who played an important role by serving on it.

We are still in need of a newsletter editor, please read the Help Wanted ad in this newsletter - maybe we're looking for you!

This Monday, February 1st at 7pm, is our next Parent Meeting. We hope to see you all there!

Your Band Presidents,

Ken and Kathy Stamm

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We are proud to announce the slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Presidents	Ken and Kathy Stamm
Financial Vice Presidents	Bill and Melissa Paule, Tony and Pat Consolo
Administrative Vice Presidents	Alan and Margaret Abrams
Secretaries	Dean and Michele Morris
Treasurers	Don and Karen Hallacy
Band Reps	Tom and Yvonne Single
Color Guard Dance Reps	Dawn Bouchard and Lisa Cooper

Thank you to Melissa Elliott, Stephanie Gang, Angela Rossi, Steve and Mary Beth Worch, Mr. Back and Mr. Pollock for serving on this year's nominating committee.

Barry Gang, Chairman

Walton Band Nominating Committee



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Band Representative News:

STUDENT BRAVOS

A number of our band students deserve kudos for their achievement and success in music endeavors outside of the Walton Band!

Congratulations to the following students!

Governor's Honors Program Music Semi-Finalists

Geana Gault, Emily Wang, Sandy Chat, Scott Park, Will Brani, Matt Wessner

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra

Elwin Martin

Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Wind Ensemble

Daniel Abrams, Shirley Wang, Sean Lee

Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony

Julie Lee, Scott Park, Michael Wang, Brendan Larkin

Georgia Youth Symphony

Mitchell Frey, Chris Floyd

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra

Sandy Chat, Scott Park, Lawton Willingham, Mitchell Frey, Chris Floyd

WALTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

In the fall, a number of band students had the opportunity to perform with the Walton Symphony Orchestra.

Congratulations to the following students!

Julie Lee, Rebecca Siegelman, Geana Gault, Katie Worch, Sandy Chat, Jennifer Lee, Nathan Price, Kevin Chiou, Scott Park, Michael Wang, Ilana Gang, Matthew Williams, Zack Chartash, Michael Foo, Brendan Larkin, Lawton Willingham, Markus Minton, Kineta Naidu, Sarah McGinnis, Mitchell Frey, Linda Fu, Matthew Petersen, Jess Edwards, Chris Floyd, Matt Wessner, Katie Back, Lauren Floyd, Gabe Golan, Aaron Hevenstone

G.M.E.A. DISTRICT 12 HONOR BAND

G.M.E.A. District 12 Honor Band auditions were held on December 12 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 5th and 6th at Kennesaw Mountain High School with the Honor Band Performance to follow on Sunday, February 7 at KMHS.

Hailey Yu
Esther Kim
Emily Wang
Michael Wang
Jonathan Ebhogiaye
Torey Edwards
Carolyn Weihsmann
Hannah Single
Shirley Wang
Andy Laskiewicz
Rachel Skinner
Betsy Lipman
Tom Layman
Brock McCorkle
Dixon Pendergrass

Sean Lee
Brendan Larkin
Michael Foo
Harper Morris
Markus Minton
Chris Lee
Christy McDougall
Kishan Patel
Shannon Consolo
Jess Edwards
Mary Catherine Kelley
Geana Gault
Stephanie Alberts
Kevin Chiou
Scott Park

Ilana Gang
Kristen Bostater
Claire Alexander
Andrew Hallacy
Will Brani
Corinne Loomis
Elwin Martin
Matt Wessner
Lawton Willingham
Mitchell Frey
Adam Cipinko
Gabe Golan
Gil Goldshlager
Lauren Floyd
Chris Floyd



Band Representative News (continued):

G.M.E.A. ALL STATE BAND QUALIFIERS

The following students qualified for the second round of All State auditions held in Houston County on January 9:

Will Brani
Sandy Chat
Kevin Chiou
Adam Cipinko
Shannon Consolo
Jonathan Ebhogiaye
Jess Edwards
Torey Edwards
Chris Floyd
Lauren Floyd
Michael Foo
Mitchell Frey
Gabe Golan

Gil Goldshlager
Andrew Hallacy
Mary Catherine Kelley
Esther Kim
Brendan Larkin
Andy Laskiewicz
Tom Layman
Chris Lee
Julie Lee
Sean Lee
Corinne Loomis
Elwin Martin
Brock McCorkle

Markus Minton
Scott Park
Dixon Pendergrass
Charlie Seral
Hannah Single
Emily Wang
Michael Wang
Shirley Wang
Carolyn Weihsmann
Matt Wessner
Lawton Willingham
Hailey Yu

And the following students were selected to the All State Band! We are very proud of you and wish you well as you travel to Savannah to perform with the All State Band on March 4-6. **Congratulations!**

Scott Park
Julie Lee
Mitchell Frey
Kevin Chiou
Lawton Willingham

Hailey Yu
Sandy Chat
Tom Layman
Michael Wang

Lauren Floyd
Sean Lee
Gil Goldshlager
Dixon Pendergrass

FESTIVAL CLINICS

Concert I and Concert II Bands will hold their Pre-Festival and Concert on Monday, February 22. The Symphonic Bands will follow with an all day clinic and evening concert on Saturday, February 27.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Monday, Feb. 22, Concert I and II parents needed to coordinate and help serve pizza to students after rehearsal and before their evening concert. Contact Yvonne Single (770)587-5791 or heeby@bellsouth.net.

Saturday, Feb. 27, Sym I and II parents needed to help serve snacks and lunch. Rosemarie Meagh will be coordinating the food for the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rosemarie at (770)973-5137 or ash1021@bellsouth.net.

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!

Your Co-Band Representatives,

Tom and Yvonne Single
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HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY



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Administrative Band News:

FESTIVAL CLINICS

A big thank you to Beth McGuire, Chair of the Concert Committee, and Jane Sovitch and Kelley Hamilton, Co-Chairs of the Hospitality Committee, who are working together in coordination with Mr. Back and Mr. Pollock to ensure that everything is set for the upcoming festival clinic concerts on Monday, February 22nd, and Saturday, February 27th. Jane and Kelley are organizing receptions that will follow the concerts on both nights. They are looking for donations of baked goods and other tasty treats, so if you can help, please let them know.

SPRING WORK DAY

We will have our annual spring work day on **Saturday, April 17th** when we will clean up the band room and work on other important projects. Community service hours will be awarded to each student who participates. Many hands make light work, so please plan to join us.

AWARDS BANQUET

The Banquet Committee (Stephanie Gang, Carolyn Roddy, Terri Henry, Pat Consolo, Heidi Lipman and Sue Rogers) is already at work planning our annual year-end Awards Banquet, which will be held once again this year at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel, on **Saturday, May 8th**, at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to help with the event, please contact **Stephanie Gang** at (770)403-2228. It will be a memorable evening, so reserve the date now, because you won't want to miss it!

BAND CAMP 2010

Believe it or not, preparations for Band Camp 2010 are already underway! Congratulations and thanks to **Dean and Michele Morris**, who are joining **Rick and Cathy Gross** as Camp Co-Directors for 2010. Band Camp will begin on Sunday, July 18th on the campus of LaGrange College, and is mandatory for all marching students, including rising freshmen. If you have an interest in being considered as a potential band camp chaperone, please let them know.

There are still many ways you can support the band program this year. Please contact either of us if you would like to join a committee or if you have any suggestions, comments, questions or concerns.

Your Co-Administrative Vice Presidents,
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Walton Winter Color Guard and Dance Company

The winter season is in full swing! The members of Color Guard Dance Company are rehearsing 3-4 days per week to prepare. The season began with a very successful Dress Rehearsal at Milton High School on January 18. Thank you to all of the band students who came to this Dress Rehearsal to support the Guard. We invite the entire band community to see the Guard at its best at the competitions in February:

February 6 - Pope High School
February 13/14 - Milton High School
February 27 - West Forsyth High School
(times for these competitions will be posted in the weekly eblasts)

Your Color Guard Dance Co-Reps,

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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 including the Color Guard Dance Company) will be held **Monday, February 8, 2010, 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 Band program can be for you!

If you are considering marching with the band in the fall, please save these important dates on your calendar:

Rookie Week at Walton	April 19-23
Band Camp at Walton (Mandatory Attendance)	July 12-16
Band Camp at LaGrange College (Mandatory Attendance)	July 18-24

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Walton Band Representatives,
Tom and Yvonne Single
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Band Fundraising News:

Garage Sale

It's time to start thinking garage sale! Tony Consolo is leading us in the collection, pricing, moving, and stocking of more than two gyms full of "treasures" for the greater Atlanta area to shop. Mark your calendars for March 27 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We need your help to make this the best sale yet. Please 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! Please plan on giving a few (or more) hours of your time to this fun and worthwhile event. Please contact Tony Consolo at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com or Greta Greer at greta.greer@gmail.com if you would like to help or you need to schedule a pick-up for large items.

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 aluminum cans. There is a receptacle for aluminum located at the rear of the school near the baseball field. The band received over \$1000 for recycling your throw away items last year. Any questions, call Gail Healey 770/579-3014. Thanks Gail for chairing this fundraiser.

There will be another Metal and Electronic Recycling Day on March 27th during the Garage Sale in the D lot at Walton. More details will follow.

Walton Band SCRIP Program: Gift Cards That Give Back!

Buy gift cards to use at the places where you *already* shop...to raise money both for the Walton Band and your student's Band Account! SCRIP has been very popular this school year with the addition of Publix and Kroger to the program.

For each gift card that you purchase, the band receives an instant "rebate" for half of the % shown by the specific retailer and the other half of the rebate is credited to your *student's Band Account* (which you can use toward Band expenses). During concert season, orders will be taken once a week on Tuesday evening from 5pm-6pm in the main lobby at Walton, or you can place your completed order form and payment (check payable to WBOP) in the band box, by 4pm Tuesday. Your special order cards will be available by the following Tuesday from 5pm-6pm. We keep some popular cards (grocery, Home Depot, etc) in stock and these are available for sale every Tuesday from 5PM-6PM. **Have Questions?** Contact Pat Consolo at pat.consolo@lmco.com **Need an Order Form?** Print one from the Band's website: waltonband.org. or from the weekly eblast. **Want to See the List of Participating Retailers?** Visit glscrip.com. Many thanks to Pat Consolo for doing an excellent job with this fundraiser and keeping track of student accounts.

WFFF - Walton Family Feeding Frenzy

Feeding Frenzy has been very successful this year with a move to California Pizza Kitchen and the recent addition of Willy's Mexican Grill to the program. Our next Feeding Frenzy will be Wednesday, February 17. Please see the weekly e-blast for more details.

2010 Walton Band Golf Challenge

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge on May 11 at beautiful White Columns Country Club. Sign up with a foursome and bring all your golfing friends. Contact Don Hallacy at dhallacy@bellsouth.net or Bill McCorkle at wmccorkle@evergreencorp.com for more information or to volunteer.

Thanks to Don, Bill and each and every volunteer in the Walton Band; we couldn't do it without you!!

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BAND CAMP 2010 NEWS!!

No, that is not an error - we really are already busy planning this year's band camp!

Band Camp 2010 will be held once again at LaGrange College (in LaGrange, Georgia), beginning on **Sunday, July 18th**, and will close with a special performance for family and friends on **Saturday, July 24th**. Be sure to put these important dates on your calendar. Also, if you have friends, siblings, or neighbors who are in 8th grade band at either Dodgen or Dickerson, please tell them about band camp - so they can start getting excited, too!

Walton's two weeks of Band Camp is designed to help our students achieve musical and marching excellence, and is an experience like no other. Students receive intensive daily instruction from Walton's directors and a team of outside instructors, while evenings are reserved for mandatory fun!

Band camp also provides a unique opportunity for parents who would like to be involved with the Band and Color Guard Dance Company. We are currently assembling a list of parents (who are brave enough and able to live on very little sleep for a week!) who would like to be considered as a potential camp chaperone - so if that's something that interests you, please let one of us know.

Look for further details about band camp in upcoming newsletters, and please contact any of us if you have any questions.

Your 2010 Co-Camp Directors,

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

Feb 1	Band Parents Meeting
Feb 2 & 4	Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
Feb 5 & 6	District 12 Honor Band Rehearsals
Feb 6	Winter Guard competition, Pope High School
Feb 7	District 12 Honor Band Performances
Feb 8	Information Meeting for 8 th Graders
Feb 9 & 11	Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
Feb 16 & 18	Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
Feb 22	Concert Bands Pre-Festival Rehearsal and Concert
Feb 23 & 25	Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
Feb 27	Symphonic Bands Clinic and Concert
Mar 1	Band Parents Meeting
Mar 27	Walton Band Annual Garage Sale!!!

HELP WANTED

We need you!! We are looking for someone willing to spend a couple hours a month formatting our newsletters. If you are interested in helping the band, but haven't found an opportunity that works with your schedule and your talents, this might just be the perfect fit! Please contact Ken or Kathy Stamm to learn more.