



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

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

From the Band Co-Presidents:

It's just about time to say good-bye (and good riddance!) to winter, and spring break is right around the corner! It's hard to believe that the end of the 2009-2010 school year is less than twelve weeks away and another group of Walton Band seniors will be moving on. There is a lot of work to be done in the next twelve weeks and we hope you are prepared for a busy (and fun) few months.

Please plan on attending the March 1st Parent Meeting, held at 7pm in the band room. We will hold elections for the 2010-2011 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 presented and a vote will be taken to ratify their nomination. The 2009-2010 Board will conclude their service on April 14th and the 2010-2011 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.

Our busy students are hard at work preparing for next month's Festival performance evaluations and we hope you had a chance to enjoy the Concert Bands Concert on February 22nd and/or the Symphonic Bands Concert on February 27th. The students and directors treated us to some outstanding music and a taste of what's in store for the judges and audiences at Festival!

If you attended the Symphonic Bands Concert on Saturday, March 27th, you were able to share a huge highlight and honor for the Walton Band program. Mr. Dale Warren, from the University of Arkansas, officially presented the John Philip Sousa Foundation's 2009 Sudler Shield Award to the Walton High School Band. This prestigious award is an international award recognizing marching bands who are at a world class level of excellence and is something that each student and their family can take great pride in. Congratulations to Mr. Back, Mr. Pollock, their entire staff, and every marching band student for this great honor.

With nearly another entire month of rehearsals remaining, each band will make a lot of improvement between now and their Festival performance so we hope you are planning on being at McEachern High School for your student's performance either on March 18, 19, or 20. This event is the pinnacle of the concert season and our students and directors work very hard in preparation for this important evaluation. They really pick it up a notch between their clinic concert and their performance at Festival so make plans to be there to cheer them on.

It's March and that means time for Garage Sale! On March 27th, the Walton Band will hold its 18th Annual Walton Band Garage Sale, one of the biggest fundraisers on our fundraising calendar. This event really gives us all multiple opportunities; we can get involved and help out with the sale, we can shop and pick up some great bargains, and we can even clean out the basement, attic, garage, etc. and donate merchandise for the sale! Please consider doing at least one of these things to help Tony Consolo and his hard-working team make March 27th a highly successful day for the band!

We continue to encourage every parent to get involved in the band program. The Walton Band is a program that truly makes a difference in students' lives and you will never be sorry that you devoted your time to something so worthwhile. Every contribution of time, no matter how large or small, is critical to the success of the program and our organization. Take a look at all of the opportunities remaining yet this year - Garage Sale (March 27), Spring Work Day (April 10), Spring Concert and Commitment Day (April 24), Jazz Festival (April 30), Taste of East Cobb (May 1), Golf Tournament (May 12) and Band Banquet (May 15). Come and join us!

Your Band Presidents,

Ken and Kathy Stamm
thestammfam@aol.com
(770)565-2430

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.



Band Representative News:

One More Student Bravo!

In last month's newsletter, Adam Cipinko was inadvertently omitted from the list of students who participate in the Metropolitan Atlanta Youth Wind Ensemble. Adam is currently the group's principal euphonium. Congratulations, Adam!

Pre-Festival Clinics

Concert I and Concert II Bands held their Pre-Festival rehearsal and concert on Monday, February 22. The Symphonic Bands followed with an all day clinic and evening concert on Saturday, February 27. We welcomed guest clinicians Dale Warren, Director of Bands at the University of Arkansas, and Ms. Sue Samuels, director of Bands at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. A big THANK YOU goes to Diane Giordano, Concert Clinic; and Rosemarie Meagh and Michele Morris, Symphonic Clinic, for coordinating the food and snacks for the students. Parent volunteers Donna Outwater, AnnaMarie Granros, Debbie Cook, Greta Greer, Carole Liebman, Chiraz Hamadeh, Mary Ann Zambory and Terri Foye helped set up, serve, clean up and collect money for the Concert Clinic. Pam Fortin, Cathy Gross, Tami Salz, Kathy Stamm, Leann Haack, Lisa Meredith, Mindy Fine, Kitty Kepner, Lisa Baldwin, Heidi Lipman and Carolyn Alexander were the parent volunteers for the Symphonic Clinic.

District 12 Festival Performance

The District 12 Festival will be held March 18 through 20 at McEachern High School. Our Concert II band will perform on Thursday; Concert I and Symphonic II Bands perform on Friday and Symphonic I will perform on Saturday. We encourage all parents to come out and support the students and the bands!

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

heeby@bellsouth.net

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 and Dickerson, over 60 in all!

Band is a Fine Arts elective at Walton. All students who sign up for band class are placed in one of the four concert bands. The concert bands participate in a Winter Concert, pre-Festival rehearsals, clinics and concerts, the GMEA Music Festival, and the Spring Concert. Students may participate in the District 12 Honor Band and All-State Bands (by audition). And there are opportunities to play in one of the two jazz bands in the spring. 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 wonderful program for your students musically and otherwise. Many 9th graders who march find the transition to high school smoother because, after summer band camp and rehearsals, they begin the year with 200 friends! They learn teamwork and leadership as well as build time management skills. Plus, they have lots of FUN!

So be sure to put Rookie Week on your calendar: Monday through Friday, April 19th thru 23rd from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. Rising 9th graders are invited to come learn more about Marching Band at Walton by working with student leaders and the directors. They will learn some basic marching techniques and have a brief show at the end of the week. Even if you are unsure about participating in Marching Band, come give it a try during Rookie Week! You will get a chance to meet current band students and future schoolmates at Walton.

If you were not able to attend the Rookie Meeting on February 8, your child may 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.

As always, please contact us if you have questions!

Tom and Yvonne Single

WBOP Co-Band Representatives

heeby@bellsouth.net

(770)587-5791



Band Fundraising News:

Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for March 27 from 8am to 3pm when the Walton Band's 18th Annual Garage Sale will take place. This is a huge fundraising effort for the band program and we need your help! Please volunteer to work on a committee, help set up for the sale, help on clean up, work the day of the sale, or even provide baked goods. We need lots of help to make this sale a success and even just a little of your time will make a big difference.

We set up a Facebook event (search for Walton Band Garage Sale if you have not been invited yet) where you can tell everyone that you will be attending and find out about some of the interesting items we are getting for this year's sale!

Contact Tony Consolo at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com or Greta Greer at greta.greer@gmail.com if you would like to help.

Remaining dates for merchandise drop-offs are March 6th, 13th and 20th at our Johnson Square Office Park storage facility, located at 1501 Johnson Ferry. Hours for all drop-offs are 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

We need lots of treasures to sell so remind your friends, family and neighbors to consider donating items to the band when they clean their closets or garages! Please also consider donating any extra hangers you may have in your closets to help us display clothing. The Walton Band is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

Electronic and Metal Recycling

Walton Band Electronics and

Metal Recycling Day

Saturday, March 27th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

North Entrance, Backside of Walton, D Parking lot

Gather up those old TV's, computers and scrap metal and head to Walton on Saturday, March 27th. The Walton Band, in conjunction with Federal Recyclers, will be collecting electronics, appliances and metal for recycling. **Suggested donation** is \$10/car, however there is a mandatory fee of \$20 per TV and \$10 per computer monitor.

You also can shop the Walton Band Garage Sale in the Walton Gyms the same day!!

Electronics, Appliances and Metal Accepted:

- **All Aluminum Items.**
- **Electronic Items Including:**
All electrical major appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, etc); water heaters; air conditioners; window units; electric motors and tools; electric lawnmowers; stereos; VCRs; DVDs; electric skillets; rotisseries; and TV's (\$20 fee per TV)
- **Computer Items Including:**
All types of computer related metal items; batteries; base units; calculators; power Cables; modems; desktop and laptop computers; photo copiers; scanners; printers of all types; floppy discs; video tapes; CD-ROMs; and **Computer Monitors (\$10 fee per monitor)**
- **Metal Related Items Including:**
Metal filing cabinets; bookshelves; tables; desks; stainless steel kitchen sinks (yes, even the kitchen sink!!); metal ladders; grills; leaf blowers; fire extinguishers; Pipes; copper; aluminum; steel; tire rims (steel, magnesium and aluminum); old car parts; metal doors and frames; tool boxes; mail boxes; metal wiring (any type, including: phone cords, cat 5 computer cable, extension cords), barbecue grills, old metal tools, old keys, bicycles, go-carts, and old metal boats.



Band Fundraising News (continued):

Taste of East Cobb

Good food, great jazz, and fun times will be here May 1 at The Taste of East Cobb. We are nailing down a new location for this year's Taste. A special thanks to **Dean Morris and Doug and Carole Price** and for helping get this event rolling. We need lots of help with logistics, volunteer coordination, and selling booth space to restaurants and vendors. If you would like to get involved and help in the planning, please contact **Melissa or Bill Paule** at melissapaule@yahoo.com, wbpaul@yahoo.com or (770)552-3272 or **Tim and Ann Willingham** at willinghamt@bellsouth.net and thanks.

Golf Tournament

Plans are already underway for our 3rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at White Columns Country Club in Alpharetta. We've been promised a nice, dry, sunny day to enjoy a fun round of golf with old and new friends. This will be a fun fundraising event to help with the cost of running one of the best high school band programs in the country. How can you get behind this and help?

PLAY - You can sign up to play golf with staff, other parents, and friends for \$250 per round. Simply complete the form at waltonbandgolfchallenge.com and return it with your check. Hurry, there are a limited number of tee times and space will fill up quickly!

SPONSORS - You can obtain corporate sponsors for donations. Do you that know that 10% of all sponsorships obtained will be credited to your student's account? That's right, for every \$1,000 you collect in sponsorships, \$100 will be credited to your student's account. If you are involved in a lot of business-to-business relationships, imagine how much you could raise for the band and your student's account!

DONATE PRIZES - Door prizes and raffles will be part of the fun at the Golf Challenge so you can help by donating gift cards, golf umbrellas, logo swag, etc. that may be used that day. Many of us work with companies who would be more than willing to donate items they already have on hand to a good cause.

EVERYTHING ABOVE - If you really like golf and love the Walton Band program even more, we welcome you to help with all of the above!

Please consider these opportunities and pitch in to help your student's band program grow even stronger. For more information, visit www.WaltonBandGolfChallenge.com or contact **Don Hallacy** at dhallacy@bellsouth.net or **Bill McCorkle** at wmccorkle@evergreencorp.com.

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.

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-

Come enjoy a meal out with your Walton Band friends at either Willy's Mexicana Grille or California Pizza Kitchen, both located in Pine Straw Place at the corner of Roswell and Johnson Ferry Roads. These restaurants will generously rebate 20% of the total bill back to the band! The offer is good all day and for take-out also. Enjoy dining with your favorite friends while raising funds for the Walton Band. Watch the eblast for the next date and attached flyers.



Band Fundraising News (continued):

Spring Concert

The annual spring concert will be held in the main gym at Walton on April 24, from 12-2 PM. Please plan on joining us for a lovely afternoon of music from all four bands and the 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 box 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** for 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.

To each and every volunteer in the Walton Band program, thank you! We couldn't do it without you!!

Your Co-Financial VP's,

Bill and Melissa Paule
(770)552-3272

wbpaule@yahoo.com

melissapaule@yahoo.com

Tim and Ann Willingham
(770)973-8698

willinghamt@bellsouth.net

Administrative Band News:

All four bands gave terrific performances at the Festival Clinic Concerts! The students looked fabulous in their concert dresses and tuxedos, thanks to the efforts of **Ivy Foo**, **Jay Patel**, and the members of the Uniform Committee. Thanks to **Beth McGuire**, Chair of the Concert Committee, for coordinating both evenings with the directors and preparing the concert programs. Also kudos to **Jane Sovitch** and **Kelley Hamilton**, Co-Chairs of the Hospitality Committee, for organizing the receptions and refreshments following the concerts, and to each parent who donated baked goods and other tasty treats.

Uniforms

All concert uniforms will be collected in the Band Room following each band's Festival performance (March 18th, 19th or 20th). So please don't forget to bring a change of clothes to school on the day of your performance so you will have something to wear home!

Spring Work Day

Another volunteer opportunity for parents and students is coming up - our annual Spring Work Day - on **Saturday, April 17th**. Please mark your calendars. We will be meeting at **9:00 am** in the Band Room to clean up, organize, and work on some much-needed projects. Breakfast will be served, and community service volunteer hours will be given to all students who participate. Many hands make light work, so please plan to join us.

2010 Awards Banquet

Spring is almost here and it will soon be time for our annual year-ending Awards Banquet! The festivities once again will take place at the **Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel** on **Saturday, May 8th** - doors open at **7:00 pm** and dinner will begin promptly at **7:30 pm**. This event promises to be one of the highlights of the school year for Band and Guard students and their parents, as we come together as a community to celebrate another successful year for the Walton Band program. We will reminisce over the year's many exciting activities with a slide show that will run while we eat, acknowledge the accomplishments of our talented students, say good bye and good luck to our seniors, and then top off the evening with the official announcement of next year's student leaders! Individual tickets are required for every person in attendance (including students and small children) - Band and Guard students can purchase theirs using funds in their student accounts. (Seniors, remember if you don't use up your student account money, it will be forfeited and donated to WBOP.) Ticket order forms and the dates and times for students to sign up for tables will be published in next month's newsletter. Please contact a member of the Banquet Committee - **Stephanie Gang** ((770)998-4538), **Terri Henry** ((770)876-5976), **Carolyn Roddy**, **Heidi Lipman**, **Pat Consolo** or **Sue Rogers** - if you have any questions.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns. This organization runs smoothly because of parents like you who take the time to be involved in their students' activities. Thanks for all you do!

Your Co-Administrative Vice Presidents,

Alan and Margaret Abrams
(770)649-8372

alanabrams@mindspring.com



BAND CAMP 2010 NEWS!!

Preparations for Band Camp 2010 are well underway!

The first week of Band Camp will be held at Walton High School from Monday, July 12th - Friday, July 16th, while the second week of camp will be once again on the campus of LaGrange College (in LaGrange, Georgia) from Sunday, July 18th - Saturday, July 24th. Be sure to put these important dates on your calendar because you won't want to miss being part of all the fun that happens during camp!

Walton's Band Camp program is two summer weeks of hard work and terrific fun for everyone involved, and is designed to help our students achieve musical and marching excellence. It is an experience like no other! Our students will receive intensive daily instruction from Walton's directors and a team of outside instructors, while evenings in LaGrange will be reserved for mandatory fun, including an ice cream social, a pool & pizza party, movie/karaoke night, the Band Camp Idol competition, and the big last night dance!

Please contact any of us if you have any questions about camp, and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Only 4 months to go!!!

Your 2010 Band Camp Co-Directors,

Rick & Cathy Gross
(770) 594-7570
rikgross@comcast.net

Dean & Michele Morris
(678) 560-0151
mich2000@bellsouth.net

Walton Winter Color Guard and Dance Company

The Walton Winter Guard placed 3rd at their competition at Pope High School on February 9th and 2nd at their February 27th competition at West Forsyth High School! Congratulations to our girls on their GREAT performances and a big THANK YOU to all who attended to cheer on the Guard. We now look forward to a competition at Whitewater High School on March 13th and the SAPA Championships in Macon on March 27th. We invite everyone in the Walton Band program and the entire community to attend one of these competitions and support our program and our hard-working girls.

Your Guard Co-Representatives
Sabra Pidgeon
spidge@bellsouth.net
Angela Rossi
Arossi5221@comcast.net

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Mar 1 Band Parents Meeting, 7pm
- Mar 2 & 4 Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
- Mar 4-6 G.M.E.A. All-State Band and Orchestra, Savannah
- Mar 9 & 11 Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
- Mar 16 Symphonic Bands Sectional Rehearsals
- Mar 17 Fundraising Feeding Frenzy
- Mar 18-20 District 12 Festival, McEachern HS
(see following schedule):
- Mar 18 Concert Band II - 7:45pm
- Mar 19 Concert Band I - 1:25pm
- Mar 19 Symphonic Band II - 8:00pm
- Mar 20 Symphonic Band I - 4:55pm
- Mar 27 Walton Band 18th Annual Garage Sale and Metal Recycling!!!
- Apr 17 Spring Work Day
- Apr 24 Spring Concert
- Apr 30 District 12 Jazz Festival at Walton
- May 1 Taste of East Cobb
- May 8 Walton Band Awards Banquet
- May 11 3rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge

RESERVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 8TH

**2010 WALTON BAND AWARDS BANQUET DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA RAVINIA
4355 ASHFORD DUNWOODY ROAD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30346**