



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2010

***** Band Parent Meeting Monday, April 12th, 2010 at 7pm *****

From the Band Co-Presidents:

Once again, our four concert bands showed the judges and audiences at the District 12 Concert Band Festival just how talented students in the Walton Band program are! Congratulations to our two Symphonic Bands and our two Concert Bands for four outstanding performances at McEachern. We thank all of our students for making us proud and representing Walton so well, and we thank our directors, **Mike Back and Jeff Pollock**, for their commitment to excellence and the lessons about P.R.I.D.E. that they teach all of our students.

Your 2010-2011 Band Board of Directors will be installed at the Parent Meeting on April 12th and we are ready to go! We are happy to welcome several new members to the board; **Tony and Pat Consolo** are joining the Co-Financial VP team, **Don and Karen Hallacy** will be your new Treasurers, and we are happy to have **Dawn Bouchard** and **Lisa Cooper** as representatives of the Color Guard Dance Company. Each of these new members has great ideas and enthusiasm to contribute and we look forward to working with the 2010-2011 team!

Welcoming new members to the board means that we must also say good-bye to others. **Tim and Ann Willingham** have served as members of the Co-Financial VP team, **Barry and Stephanie Gang** have served as your Treasurers, and **Sabra Pidgeon** and **Angela Rossi** have served as representatives of the Color Guard Dance Company. We thank each of these wonderful volunteers for their service and dedication to the band program and hope they leave us knowing how much their contributions have made a difference to the lives of our students. Thank you all!

We would also like to thank **Melissa Elliott** who is graduating out of the program after two four-year shifts. Melissa has handled the extremely important tasks of Student Account Database Manager and has also been in charge of fee and trip collections for several years. These are two very critical roles for our organization and Melissa has managed both of them with the utmost professionalism and discretion, always doing what is best for the band. Thank you, Melissa!

As you read this edition of the Walton Band newsletter, we would like to thank **Paul Lipman** for stepping up to fill the newsletter editor position. We also need to thank **Lillian Hornberger** for her many months of dedicated service in this position. Lillian continued in her role as newsletter editor even though she no longer had a student in band and it was a pleasure working with her. Thank you, Lillian!

April is such an exciting month for the band program! On April 19th, we are thrilled to welcome a group of rising freshmen as they participate in Rookie Week and Marching Band Commitment Day for the 2010-2011 season is coming up on Saturday, April 24th. Be sure to get your student's forms turned in on time and reserve their spot for all the excitement that will be another season in the Walton High School Marching Raider Band!

On Thursday, April 29th, in the band room, we will be hosting students who are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of the Color Guard Dance Company! If you know any young ladies (they don't have to be rising freshmen) who might enjoy being part of this special group, please encourage them to attend this special information meeting.

Our annual Garage Sale is now a memory and we know you join us in thanking **Tony Consolo** for chairing this tremendously successful event. Congratulations and thank you to Tony and his entire team for working so hard over the past several months to make it all happen. Thank you, Garage Sale team!

Don't let the calendar fool you – there are still lots of ways for you to get involved and help out! As you will read in this newsletter, we have a work day scheduled for April 17th, Spring Concert is coming up on April 24th, we host the District 12 Jazz Festival on April 30th, the Taste of East Cobb is on May 1st, and the Walton Band Golf Challenge is set for May 11th. Any time is the perfect time to get involved so please don't hesitate to jump in, we need you!

Hope to see you at the Parent Meeting on Monday!

Your Band Co-Presidents,

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Band Representative News:

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES

All that hard work during the rehearsals and clinics by the students and directors paid off! All concert groups did a terrific job with their Festival performances at McEachern High School on March 18, 19 and 20. **We are so proud of you!** Thank you to the parents who made the trip to watch the concerts in support of our bands! Thank you also to the parents who accompanied the students as chaperones on the bus ride to the far reaches of Cobb County:

Diane Giordano, Sue Rogers, Paulette Smith, Flynn Larsen, Carole Leibman, Becky Lawson, Rick and Cathy Gross, Barry Gang, Dean and Michele Morris

And a special thank you to Jody Pollack, Scott Lawson, Margaret Abrams, Mike Frey and Tim Floyd who coordinated the loading and transportation of the percussion and large instruments.

COMMITMENT DAY - APRIL 24!

Incredibly, the time has come to sign up for next year's marching band season! What a fast and furious year we have had! In the week following Spring Break, students will be receiving the annual Commitment Packet in their band classes. The packet will contain the first round of medical forms, permission slips and band camp forms for the 2010-2011 marching season. A fee schedule and commitment agreement will also be included. All paperwork and the initial fee payment will be collected prior to the Spring Concert on Saturday, April 24. Please watch for the packet right after Spring Break!

ROOKIE WEEK APRIL 19-23

All rising freshmen and new marchers are required to attend Rookie Week at Walton held Monday, April 19, through Friday, April 23, from 5:30 to 7:30pm each day (for more information see the 8th Grade Corner). Rookie Week is the perfect introduction to the marching program, marching techniques and a whole lot of new friends! We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in chaperoning one or more of these evenings, please contact Yvonne Single.

JAZZ FESTIVAL, APRIL 30

The Walton Band is proud to host the GMEA District 12 Jazz Festival on Friday, April 30. Janet Taylor will chair the event again this year and she is looking for volunteers throughout the day from 11am until 10pm to help with check in, concessions, etc. You can sign up at the next Parent Meeting, April 12, or contact Janet directly at cabtaylor@yahoo.com.

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 Band Representatives,

Tom and Yvonne Single
heeby@bellsouth.net



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Band Fundraising News:

GARAGE SALE

They came, they saw, they bought! A huge THANK YOU goes to Tony Consolo for serving as our fearless leader this year. He and his team's tremendous collection, organization, marketing, sales and operational skills were all brought to bear on this massive undertaking. Kudos to Greta Greer, Joan and Tim Halligan, Rene Moase, Margaret and Alan Abrams, Cathy Gross, Ken Stamm, Dean and Michele Morris, Barry and Stephanie Gang, and our veteran parent Jennice Ozment! These folks were instrumental in planning and executing the sale. Many thanks also go to each and every parent and student volunteer for their assistance with set-up, pricing, selling and clean-up.

ELECTRONIC AND METAL RECYCLING

They came, they left stuff, they donated money. Our recycling event for electronics and metal was a huge success! A great deal of junk did not end up in the landfill and that is a good thing! We would like to thank Gail Healey, our Recycling Chair, for handling this fundraiser. She and her volunteers did a fabulous job. Thanks also to Federal Recyclers who made this day possible and were such great people to work with.

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 atmosphere and you may bring your own lunch or pre-purchase box Chick-fil-A lunches through the band. An order form for this event is included in this newsletter. Thanks to Karen West and Ann Willingham for co-chairing this event. If you would like to volunteer to serve, set-up, or clean up, please contact Ann Willingham by email at annwillingham@bellsouth.net.

TASTE OF EAST COBB

Good food, great jazz and fun times are all to be had at the Taste of East Cobb! Saturday, May 1st at Parkaire Landing (near Kroger/Draisens Edwards) you will find about 50 restaurants and vendors setting up their wares for the 5th annual Taste of East Cobb and Festival sponsored by the Walton Band. This event is open from 11am to 5pm and "tastes" will range from \$1-\$5 (tastes are purchased with tickets only). Tickets are \$1 each at the event, but discount tickets can be pre-ordered. These will be available for pick-up at the event and must be paid for in advance. Forms for pre-sales will be available at the April parent meeting, the Spring Concert, and on the ToEC website at www.tasteofeastcobb.com.

To run an event like this requires many hands, so if you are available to help, before, during or after the festival, please contact Gloria Frey at gafrey@mindspring.com. A special thanks to Tim and Ann Willingham who, with the help of Doug & Carole Price, Dean Morris, and Steve & Mary Beth Worch, are co-chairing this event. Also, when looking for a place to dine out for dinner, be sure to visit www.tasteofeastcobb.com to find one of our participating restaurants and let them know you heard about them thanks to the Taste of East Cobb.

WALTON BAND GOLF CHALLENGE

Plans are progressing for our 3rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 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.

So, 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. Did 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!



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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 for 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!

THIS IS FREE MONEY! We are only beginning to get the hang of this fantastic fundraiser. It takes such little effort to get in the habit of buying all your groceries with SCRIP cards, but boy when you do, you'll kick yourself for not having done so sooner.

Buy gift cards to use at the places where you *already* shop...to 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).

Orders placed by Tuesday each week will be distributed on Tuesday of the next week.

Sales of on-hand inventory (including Kroger and Publix cards) will continue in the lobby of Walton High School on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You can place your SCRIP order in the band box by the end of school on Tuesday or drop it off in the lobby on Tuesday evening. A huge THANK YOU to Pat Consolo for running this program so efficiently.

WFFF - Walton Family Eeading Erenzy (It's nice to have choices)

Come join your friends in the band and have a nice meal out on Wednesday, April 14th, either at California Pizza Kitchen or Willy's Mexicana Grill. You will need to print and bring the flyer attached to the eblast that week and give it to your waiter. These fine restaurants will then generously rebate 20% of your total bill back to the band! This offer is good all day for dine-in or take-out. Hope to see you there!

As always, thanks to all of our volunteers. We couldn't do this job without all of your help.

Your Co-Financial VP's,

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BAND ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS:

Festival Performances

Congratulations to all of the students for terrific performances at the District 12 Performance Evaluations! Thanks to **Ivy Foo, Jay Patel**, co-chairs of the Concert Uniform Committee, and to **Margaret Abrams, Beverley Cox, Karen Dripps, Julie Edwards, Mary Ann Layman, Lee McComb** and **Dayna Parker** for helping the students with their concert dresses and tuxedos before each band departed for McEachern, and for coordinating the collection of the uniforms when the bands returned.

Spring Work Day

Our annual Spring Work Day will take place on **Saturday, April 17th**, so 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 and coffee 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

The annual year-ending **Walton Band Awards Banquet** will be held once again this year 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**. Individual tickets are required for every person in attendance (including students and small children), so be sure to reserve your seat for this can't miss event! This promises to be a truly memorable evening, as we come together to celebrate another successful year for our band program and to honor all of the hard work our students have put forth throughout the year. You won't want to miss seeing your son or daughter receiving his or her award(s)! We will say good-bye and good luck to all of our fantastic seniors and their parents, and then will top off the evening with the official announcement of next year's student leaders! **Remember, all seats must be reserved in advance!** Band and Guard students can purchase their tickets using funds in their student accounts. (Seniors, remember if you don't use up your student account money, it will be forfeited.) Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for the ticket order form and for the dates and times for students to sign-up for tables. If you have any questions, 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**.

We would like to thank each and every one of you who has taken time out of your busy schedules this year to volunteer for one of our committees or to help with one of our projects. This organization could not function without all of your efforts. Our hope for the coming year is that each of you who volunteered will continue to do so, and that those of you who haven't yet will find some time to join in. Please get involved - you may be surprised at how much fun you will have!

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

Our Winter Guard placed 5th out of 40 groups at the International Power Regionals at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville on March 14! What a great performance! We would like to share a comment made by one of the judges at the competition:

"If Kirsten Dunst performed her role as Marie Antoinette in a winter guard show, it would definitely look just like Walton's 'And So They All Ate Cake'. On a black tarp with tone-on-tone fleur-de-lis, the guard incorporates benches and giant cupcakes into their interpretation of Marie Antoinette. The performers use facial expressions and body movements to highlight the whimsical performance that is seriously entertaining!"

Congratulations, girls!!
Your Color Guard Dance Reps,

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Angela Rossi
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Walton Band Camp 2010!

Preparations for Band Camp 2010 are now well underway! Walton's Band Camp is a two-week, late summer program designed to help our students achieve musical and marching excellence, and is an experience like no other. Our students receive intensive daily instruction from our directors and staff, while evenings are reserved for mandatory fun! Remember, Band Camp is required for all students planning to participate in marching band in the fall.

This summer, the first week of Band Camp will be held at Walton High School on Monday, July 12th through Friday July 16th. The second week of Band Camp will be held the following week on the campus of LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia, beginning on Sunday, July 18th and concluding on Saturday, July 24th with our students' first performance of the fall season!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to chaperone during the second week of camp in LaGrange. Here is the current list of chaperones who will be with our students in LaGrange: Alan & Margaret Abrams, Carolyn Alexander, Dawn Bouchard, Tony & Pat Consolo, Lisa Cooper, Jim Edwards, Julie Fesefeldt, Tim Floyd, Mike Frey, Karen Hallacy, Philip Hamilton, David & Annie Keith, Heidi Lipman, Melissa Paule, Doug & Carole Price, Nick Rogers, Tom & Yvonne Single, Ken & Kathy Stamm, Janet Taylor, Tom Weihsmann and Gary West.

Please watch for a packet of Band Camp and Marching Band information coming soon. Packets will be mailed to rising freshmen students and distributed in class to the veteran band students following Spring Break. The forms and initial payments are due on April 24th and can be turned in at the Spring Concert on April 24th, or placed in the deposit box in the Band Room.

We are looking forward to another great Band Camp! If you have any questions about camp or need any additional information, please feel free to contact us, and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Your 2010 Band Camp Co-Directors:

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8TH GRADE CORNER...A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Rookie Week will be held Monday through Friday, April 19-23, from 5:30pm-7:30pm for all 8th graders interested in joining the marching band in the fall. Your participation at Rookie Week is not a commitment to join, but offers you a great chance to see what it is like to be a part of the Walton High School Marching Raider Band.

All students should arrive at Walton and be ready to play by 5:30pm each day. Students can be dropped off in front of Walton at the entrance to the Band Room hall. There will be band members and parents on hand to direct students to the right place.

Mom and Dad, we would love to have you join us! You can come and watch the students in action or sign up to help chaperone. (Please contact me, Yvonne at heeby@bellsouth.net)

Please encourage your student to give marching band a try! It is not unusual for the most reluctant, apprehensive students to turn out to be the ones who love marching band the most!

Watch your mailbox as we will be sending more information about Rookie Week and Band Camp in the coming weeks. As always, please contact us if you have questions! This is a very exciting time for everyone and we are more than happy to speak with you about the band program.

Your Band Representatives,

Tom and Yvonne Single

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Make sure you have these important Walton Band dates on your calendar . . .

April 12	Band Parent Meeting, 7pm
April 14	Family Feeding Frenzy - California Pizza Kitchen & Willy's Mexicana Grill
April 17	Spring Work Day, 9am
April 19-23	Rookie Week
April 24	2010 Commitment Day and Spring Concert
April 29	Color Guard Dance Co Info Meeting
April 30	District 12 Jazz Festival at Walton
May 1	Taste of East Cobb, Parkaire Landing, 11am - 5pm
May 8	Walton Band Awards Banquet, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 7pm
May 11	3 rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge, White Columns Country Club, Alpharetta
July 12-16	Band Camp at Walton
July 18-24	Band Camp at LaGrange



Walton Band

April 2010

2010 Walton Band Awards Banquet

Saturday, May 8th
The Crowne Plaza Ravinia
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30346
7:00 pm

Reservation Form

(For committee use only)

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____ Table # _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____ Table # _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Number of tickets ordered _____ @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____ (1=\$40.00 2=\$80.00 3=\$120.00
4=\$160.00 5=\$200.00 6=\$240.00)

\$ _____ Enclosed *check cash* \$ _____ To be taken from student account.

Please **print** clearly the name of each Attendee (other than the student) - for preparation of the individual nametag. Nametags must be picked up to enter the banquet. **No admittance without a nametag.**

Parents have open seating. Please **seat yourself** when the banquet doors open.

You may make your payment and turn in this Reservation Form: (1) at the Spring Concert on April 24th; (2) into the "deposit" box in the Band Room before April 30th; or (3) on the following student sign-up days. Table assignments for students on the sign-up days are first come, first serve, according to grade.

Student Sign-up days

- Seniors: Tuesday, April 20 - 7:30 am – 8:15 am
- Juniors: Wednesday, April 21 - 7:30 am – 8:15 am
- Sophomores: Wednesday, April 21 - 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm
- Freshmen: Thursday, April 22 - 7:30 am – 8:15 am

Absolute Final Sign-up date: Friday, April 30th

Please make your check payable to WBOP

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Gang (770-998-6020)

This is an official Walton High School event and all Cobb County School policies will be in effect.



Spring Concert

Reservation Form Saturday April 24, 2010

****Reservation form due by Monday April 19****

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (Concert begins at Noon)
Where: Walton High School Gymnasium

Student Name _____ Phone # _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

	Number of Persons	Price	Total
General Admission Seating - Bleachers (Do not include pre-schoolers or band students)		X \$ 5.00	
Reserved Seating – At Tables (Limited number of reserved seats available)		X \$ 10.00	
Both Box Lunches include ice tea or lemonade, brownie, coleslaw or carrot / raisin salad, chips			
Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich Check one : () Coleslaw () Carrot Raisin Salad		X \$ 8.00	
Chick-fil-A Chargrilled Chicken Sandwich Check one : () Coleslaw () Carrot Raisin Salad		X \$ 8.50	
Salad and Nuggets come with ice tea or lemonade			
Chick-fil-A Chargrilled Chicken Garden Salad		X \$ 6.50	
Nuggets: with Dipping Sauces			
64 Pieces.....		X \$ 23.50	
120 pieces.....		X \$ 41.50	
200 pieces.....		X \$ 65.00	
		Total Due	

Make checks payable to **WBOP**. Drop this form with check in the box in the band room or mail to:
Ann Willingham 1184 Fielding Way Marietta, GA 30068

NOTE: Admission and Food tickets will be distributed at the door on the day of the Concert
*Limited Number of Reserved Seats Available *

♪ Please purchase a meal for your student. Parents, please pick up your student's meal before concert begins. ♪