



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

WALTON BAND NEWSLETTER

May 2010

***** Band Parent Meeting Monday, May 3, at 7 PM *****

From the Band Co-Presidents:

The year may be winding down quickly, but the next couple of weeks are very busy ones! Saturday, May 1st, is the 5th Annual Taste of East Cobb held, this year, at Parkaire Landing. We have our next (and final for the year) Parent Meeting on Monday, May 3rd, followed by the Band Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 8th. Then the following week we head to Alpharetta for the 3rd Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge on Tuesday, May 11th. We hope you are planning on joining us for any or all of these big events!

In addition, our Band Camp Directors, **Rick & Cathy Gross** and **Dean & Michele Morris**, have been hard at work for months as they are planning and preparing all of the details for our upcoming Band Camp in July. They have the critically important job of making arrangements for every detail of our students' experience in LaGrange and providing them with a safe and successful camp experience which lays the groundwork for next year's marching season. Thank you, camp directors!

Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors was officially installed during the April Band Parent meeting. It is such an honor and a privilege to be chosen to serve as your presidents again, and we thank you for the faith you show by asking us to continue to lead our band program. We would like to thank returning board members **Alan and Margaret Abrams, Dean and Michele Morris, Bill and Melissa Paule, and Tom and Yvonne Single**, for their continued dedication to our students and our program. And we welcome **Dawn Bouchard, Tony and Pat Consolo, Lisa Cooper, and Don and Karen Hallacy** as they join our team. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with such a fantastic group of fellow band parents and we are all excited for another year and all the ways that our efforts make a difference to our students.

We hope you were able to make it to Walton on Friday, April 30th to hear some of the Jazz Ensembles perform as they participated in the District 12 Jazz Festival, hosted by the Walton Band. Both of Walton's ensembles had terrific performances so all of those early morning rehearsals definitely paid off! Congratulations to the students in Jazz 1 and Jazz 2, and to Associate Band Director, **Jeff Pollock**, for another great jazz season!

As we close out the year, on behalf of all of the families in the Walton Band program, we offer our sincere thanks to **Mike Back and Jeff Pollock**, our band directors. We are so blessed to have these two fine gentlemen and dedicated professionals working with our students every single day. Their commitment to excellence is just one of the many attributes that makes the Walton Band a nationally recognized program. Add our Percussion Director, **Tim Church**, and our Color Guard Dance Company Director, **Cyndi Church**, to the team, and you can be assured that our program is in the hands of some strong leadership. Thank you Mr. Back, Mr. Pollock, and Mr. and Mrs. Church!

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to our graduating seniors and their families. We have enjoyed watching your sons and daughters grow into fine young men and women, and it has been a joy to share so many good times with your family. We wish all of you the very best as you move beyond the band room at Walton, and we thank you for four years of dedication to the band program and all the ways you have supported your student, and all of the students, in the Walton Band. Congratulations! We will miss you!

To all students, thank you for a terrific year and good luck on your final exams! And to our families, have a safe and wonderful summer!

We hope to see you on Monday at our final parent meeting until the fall!

Your Band Presidents,

Ken and Kathy Stamm
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Color Guard Dance Company

Do you have a daughter that loves to dance? That likes music? Then the Walton Color Guard Dance Company is the place to be! Tryouts will be held May 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th from 5-7 pm in the auxiliary gym. Please contact Lisa Cooper at (770)578-8229 or Dawn Bouchard (404)216-6688 if you have any questions!



Band Representative News:

COMMITMENT DAY, APRIL 24

Thank you to Band Camp Co-Directors **Cathy and Rick Gross and Michele and Dean Morris** for coordinating Saturday's Commitment Day prior to the Spring Concert! Thanks also to the camp chaperones and other parent volunteers for helping with the collection of forms.

STUDENT INFORMATION AND OTHER MARCHING FORMS

We are building the marching database for next season so hopefully all students have turned in all of their camp and related marching forms by now. Be sure to keep us informed of any changes in your contact information throughout the year and especially during the summer. We don't want anyone to miss important band information disseminated through the print newsletter and the e-Blast. If you have not turned in your paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. Completed forms can be returned to the Band Box.

ROOKIE WEEK, APRIL 19-23

Rookie Week was a great success as we welcomed 50-60 new marchers over the course of the week. Hopefully all will decide to join the marching band!! Student leaders did a wonderful job of working with the students. We heard many positive comments about how welcoming our upperclassmen were to the rookies.

It was a very busy week at Walton and a special thank you goes to **Steve Worch, Tony Consolo and Tom Single** for securing the parking lot for Rookie Week activities. Thank you also to the following parents for providing a watchful eye and water to the students: **Karen Hallacy, Carolyn Alexander, Deborah Bales, Lara Rodgers, Margaret Abrams, and Janet Brani.**

2010-2011 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Be sure to be in attendance at the Band Banquet on May 8 to find out who the student leaders and drum majors will be for the 2010-11 marching season! All interested students have been participating in a series of leadership training classes throughout the spring months.

SUMMER MARCHING REHEARSALS

Check your calendar to be sure you have noted the summer marching rehearsals to be held July 6 and July 8 from 6 to 9 PM. All students who are in town on those days should plan to attend. Also, the Mandatory Pre-Camp Parent and Student Meeting will occur on Thursday, July 15.

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
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CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!!

Four years of dedication to the Walton Band program is drawing to a close for our 57 seniors. We can scarcely believe that you all have so quickly travelled the road from Rookie Week freshman year to Senior Night this past fall and now, GRADUATION! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication and we wish you the best as you turn the page of a new chapter in your lives. ☺ Congratulations!

**Daniel Abrams
Jack Beck
Adam Cipinko
Preston Elliott
Chris Floyd
Clinton Glenn
Katie Halligan
Aaron Hevenstone
Julie Lee
Allison Loehr
McCollum
Mary Parker
Andrew Roddy
Rebecca Siegelman
Katie Worch**

**Bennett Alterman
Leslie Chambers
Matt Consolo
Eaman Fatemi
Kayla Foye
Gil Golan
Julian Hames
Robert Howard
Jennifer Lee
Emily Lord
Dennis Meagh
Liz Pidgeon
Victoria Rossi
Andrew Taylor**

**Katie Back
Zack Chartash
Gabe Crider
Tyler Ferrell
Mitchell Frey
Leah Greer
Will Hauptle
Daniel Kerber
Eugene Lee
Kendall MacDiarmid
Courtney Musser
Becca Pollack
Akanksha Sharma
Deanna Turner**

**Sean Baldwin
Ouyoung Chung
Lucy Doughty
Dan Fitzgerald
Ilana Gang
Samantha Hallam
Rebecca Henry
Meredyth Kicha
Alexander Listur
Sarah Marshall Will
David O'Morrissey
Nathan Price
Nathan Schimmel
Lawton Willingham**





Administrative Band News:

Spring Work Day

Spring Work Day was held on Saturday, April 17th. All morning, parent and student volunteers cleaned and repaired, hung up the new 2010 Tournament of Roses banner, and completed several other important projects. Ultimately, the band room was left looking spic-and-span! Thanks to everyone who helped out, including **Carolyn Alexander, Pat and Tony Consolo, Susan Cross, Susan Drechsel, Mike Frey, Tim Floyd, Diane Giordano, Greta Greer, Cathy Gross, Phil Hamilton, Hayden Kepner, David Keith, Carole Liebman, Paul Lipman, Ina Malhotra, Phil Mikul, Melissa Paule, Jody Pollack, Tammy Salz, Yvonne Single, Ken Stamm, and Gary and Paulette Smith.**

2010 Awards Banquet

The Band Awards Banquet is right around the corner! Be sure not to miss this wonderful conclusion to the band year, as we join together to celebrate another successful year and honor all band and guard students for their hard work and many achievements. The names of the 2010/2011 drum majors and student leaders will be announced, and we will say good-bye and good luck to some very special friends - all of our graduating seniors and their parents.

Here are some important Banquet Reminders:

- **Saturday, May 8th** at the **Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel** in Dunwoody.
- Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.
- Each ticket is \$40 per person (including small children). Funds in student accounts may be used to purchase tickets.
- Student table assignments are reserved in advance. The very last chance for students to sign-up will be on Thursday, May 7th.
- Parents have open seating (select seats when the banquet doors open).

Thanks and kudos to the members of the Banquet Committee (**Stephanie Gang, Carolyn Roddy, Terri Henry, Sue Rogers, Pat Consolo and Heidi Lipman**) for their outstanding efforts in organizing this always memorable event.





Band Camp!!

The Camp Co-Directors and chaperones are now busy finalizing plans for Band Camp 2010. The first week of camp takes place Monday, July 12th through Friday, July 16th, and will be held at Walton HS. The second week of camp will take place on the campus of LaGrange College from Sunday, July 18th through Saturday, July 24th. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for more band camp information, and don't forget to mark your calendars NOW to reserve both weeks!



Committees

There are numerous volunteer opportunities in our band program, and we need your help! Serving on a committee is a great way for you to be involved, get to know our students, and have a lot of fun. We are now beginning to put together our 2010/11 volunteer team, so please contact us if you are interested in chairing/co-chairing or being involved in any of the following committees:

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| Alumni Relations | Audio Visual | Awards Banquet | Directory | First Aid |
| Concert /Hospitality | Legal Advisor | Name Tags | Parent PRIDE | Pit Crew |
| Props | Projects | Stadium Refreshments | Trucks & Equipment | Uniforms |

As the school year comes to a close, we once again want to thank everyone who has taken time to volunteer and support the band, especially those of you now graduating from the program. Thank you, thank you, thank you - you guys are the greatest! If you have a student returning next year, please stay involved – it's parents like you who help make the Walton Band experience such a fun and enriching endeavor for our students.

Have a great summer!

Your Co-Administrative VP's,
Alan and Margaret Abrams

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Band Camp 2010!!



The first day of Walton Band Camp is less than 3 months away, and we are busily preparing for two great weeks of camp!

The first week of Band Camp will be **at Walton High School, July 12th – 16th**. The second week of Band Camp will once again be **on the campus of LaGrange College**, which is about 85 miles southwest of Marietta. Band Camp in LaGrange will open when students **check-in on Sunday, July 18th, and will conclude Saturday, July 24th** with the band's first performance of the 2010 marching season.

Band Camp is required for all students wishing to march in the fall. Throughout both weeks, our students will receive instruction from Walton's directors and their outstanding staff of instructors. All of this hard work is designed to ensure that the 2010 Marching Raider Band will achieve musical and marching excellence at football games and competitions throughout the fall. Students will work hard at Band Camp, but we are reserving plenty of time during our week at LaGrange for everyone to have a lot of fun! Evening events will include an ice cream social and games night, a pool & pizza party, the annual *Band Camp Idol* competition, a Karaoke & Movie night, and of course Friday night big dance that everyone in camp looks forward to!

Marching Band Commitment Day was on April 24th at which time you should have turned in your camp commitment forms and other related paper work. If you missed the deadline but still want to reserve your spot at camp, please contact us immediately – before it's too late!

A huge thank you to this year's LaGrange Chaperone Team. These patient volunteers will be giving up an entire week of their time to supervise and pamper your students, and will be meeting and planning before we even get to camp. Once we are in LaGrange, these brave folks will spend hour upon hour lining practice fields, driving vans, preparing for evening events, doing room inspections, coordinating students' birthday cakes, and almost any other task imaginable – other than getting enough sleep.

We are very excited about camp and look forward to working with your students! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Your 2010 Band Camp Co-Directors –

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Dean & Michele Morris
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8TH GRADE CORNER...A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Rookie Week was a great success! We hope you will all decide to join the marching band! Even if you were not able to attend Rookie Week, it is not too late to sign up. You should all have received a welcome packet in early April with all the necessary forms to sign up for marching band, and many of you already completed and returned these forms during Commitment Day, THANK YOU! If you have not already done so, please return completed paperwork as soon as possible. Forms can be returned to the front desk at Walton High School to the attention of Mr. Back, our band director. Lost your packet or did not get it? Please contact us at heeby@bellsouth.net and we will get you a new set.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar for the summer if your student is joining the marching band:
Summer Rehearsals- July 6 and July 8, 6-9pm at Walton. Your student should plan to attend if he/she is in town on those dates.

Pre-Camp at Walton July 12-16 Mandatory for all students.

Mandatory Pre-Camp Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, July 15. Your student **and** a parent are required to attend. The meeting time is TBD.

Band Camp at La Grange College July 18-24 Mandatory for all students.

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
WBOP Co-Band Representatives

Walton Winter Color Guard and Dance Company

Our Color Guard Dance Co. recruitment efforts are going very well! The girls had a great performance for the 8th graders at Dickerson on April 21st, and another great performance for the 8th graders at Dodgen on April 28th. A Color Guard information reception was held on Thursday, April 29th in the band room and we had over 30 girls attend! There was a lot of information shared, lots of treats, and lots of fun!

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining this group next season, please encourage them to contact us. We have a great season planned and hope to have a large guard group!

Your Color Guard Dance Reps,

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| May 1 | Taste of East Cobb - Parkaire Landing, 11am - 5pm |
| May 3 | Band Parent Meeting 7pm (last one until fall) |
| May 3,4,6,7 | Color Guard Tryouts |
| May 8 | Awards Banquet 7pm |
| May 11 | Walton Band Golf Challenge -White Columns County Club,
Alpharetta, GA |



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| July 6 & 8 | Summer Marching Band Rehearsals at Walton, 6-9pm |
| July 12-16 | Band Camp at Walton |
| July 15 | Mandatory Pre-camp meeting for all students and parents,
Time TBD |
| July 18-24 | Band Camp at LaGrange!! |