



WALTON BAND NOTES



November 2010

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

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None of us are ever really prepared for the abrupt halt that each marching season comes to following our final Bands of America competition. Last year, we flowed right into Rose Parade rehearsals and had almost forgotten the bittersweet end that sneaks up on us after moving at full speed through the fall semester and marching season. It certainly was a quick four months, wasn't it?!

We know you agree that Walton's "Cloud Nine" show was clearly the first place finalist at Saturday's Bands of America Super Regional Championship; it is a show that we all love each and every time we see and hear it. ☺ The Atlanta BOA attracts top bands from all over the southeast, making finals is a huge accomplishment, and earning 6th place puts the Walton Band among the best of the best! The five bands that placed ahead of us include three repeat Grand National Finalist bands, and four of the five are headed to Grand Nationals again this month . . . in other words, the competition was extremely tough! We are so happy for all of our students, so proud of them for all of their effort, and so thankful for their unbelievable dedication and commitment, and all of the passion they share with us! Congratulations to our students and families on a spectacular marching season!!

We also know that you join us in thanking our extraordinary Band Director, **Mike Back**, and our wonderful Associate Director, **Jeff Pollock**, and their talented staff for all of the hard work they have put into this marching season. We are very grateful for all of the lessons they share with our students every single day; lessons not just about music and marching technique, but also about dedication, camaraderie, ambition and teamwork. It is impossible to measure the profound impact that they have on each and every student, but we know without a doubt, that their participation in our band program is life-changing for each of them and, therefore, for each of us.

Parents and families, we have said this before but we have to say it again . . . there is absolutely no way that the Walton Band could do all of the things we do without all of you and your dedicated involvement. As you read through this newsletter, you will be in awe of how many people are involved with each of the different aspects of this program. Thank you to each and every one of our wonderful parents for all that you do to enhance the lives of our students!!

Speaking of wonderful parents, we would like to mention a few who have really gone the extra mile for our program this year. First off, a huge thanks to **Pat Consolo**, who seems to

effortlessly manage all of her fundraising duties while simultaneously handling all of our fee and trip payments AND reconciling student accounts. Wow! **Paul Lipman** has transformed the look of our monthly newsletter and always has every edition ready to go on time, thank you Paul! We hope you visit the band website regularly to peek at all of the pictures that are available from each of our events. We couldn't ask for a better team of mom and dad photographers and we are so grateful to **Rick Gross**, **Karen Hallacy**, and **Peter Yund** for sharing their photography skills with all of us! **Tim Floyd**, **Phil Hamilton** and **Melissa Paule** have been totally devoted to the 36 clouds that were used in our show, from their inception right through to their final BOA performance. Now they can finally get their heads out of the clouds, thank you Tim, Phil and Melissa!

The days between now and Band Camp have all been so busy and hectic and full of marching band activities that it's hard to believe it's already November and time to gear up for a host of other band events and opportunities. On Friday, we will honor our senior students during the pre-game Senior Night festivities, then cap off the football regular season as we host Woodstock. If we win at home on Friday against Woodstock, we will host the first round play-off game on Friday, November 12th, and if we lose to Woodstock, we will play on the road on the 12th. Either way, we have a game on the 12th and the band will continue to support the Walton Raiders throughout the play-off season! Go Raiders!

If you haven't been able to join in on all the fun we have supporting our students, it's never too late and we always need you! There are still plenty of ways to get involved and plenty of activities to help out with. You can contact us or any of the Committee Chairs mentioned within this newsletter and we will be happy to find a place for you!

Ho'olu komo la kua! Or as we say here in Georgia, "Please join us!" Our next **Parent Meeting** will be held on **Monday, December 6th at 7 pm**. This meeting will be followed by a very important **Hawaii 2011 Trip Information Meeting** so be sure to put this date on your calendar. You won't want to miss hearing all about the Walton Band's big trip next year.

In the meantime, please keep supporting our Walton Band and Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Band Co-Presidents,

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NEWS FROM THE BAND REPRESENTATIVES ...

CONGRATULATIONS to our terrific students and staff for an outstanding day at the Atlanta Super Regional of the Bands of America marching competition! A special thank you goes to all the parents who accompanied the band, taking care of first aid, uniform needs, water service, refreshments, equipment and props: **Ken and Kathy Stamm, Mark Durden, Lynn Wilkins, Carolyn Alexander, Lara Rodgers, Michele and Dean Morris, Karen Hallacy, Margaret and Alan Abrams, Pat and Tony Consolo, Lisa Cooper, Dawn Bouchard, Trish Moseley, Melissa and Bill Paule, Annie and David Keith, Beth Baird, Cathy and Rick Gross, Diane and Glen Giordano, Flynn Larsen, Kitty Kepner, Paulette and Gary Smith, Heidi and Paul Lipman, Deborah Bales, Phil Hamilton, Brian Loomis, Janet Taylor, Gary West, Bob Skinner, Susan Cross, Bill Friday, Tim Floyd, and Mike Frey.** We also had several siblings and parents who came down after the performances to push away the clouds. Thank you to everyone for pitching in and getting the job done!

WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to these star marching band students!



Week of October 15

Rookie of the Week – **Savannah Newsome**
Veteran of the Week – **Olivia Richard**
Leader of the Week – **Jacob West**
Guard Girl of the Week – **Mickie Elliott**
Percussionist of the Week – **Caty Loomis**

Week of October 22

Rookie of the Week – **Katie Larkin**
Veteran of the Week – **Matt Sheahan**
Leader of the Week – **Will Brani**
Guard Girl of the Week – **Lucile Feron**
Percussionist of the Week – **Gabe Golan**

Week of October 29

Rookie of the Week – **Sam Yund**
Veteran of the Week – **Anna Friday**
Leader of the Week – **Megan Lindsay**
Percussionist of the Week – **Brooke Seitter**

ALL STATE JAZZ BAND

Congratulations to **Tom Layman, Dixon Pendergrass, Will Fulkerson, Neal Rodack, Andrew Sommer and Gabe Golan!** These students advanced to the final auditions for the All State Jazz Band. Auditions will be held at Valdosta State University on Saturday, December 4.

CUP AND SNACK DONATIONS

- **THANK YOU!**

Thank you again for making donations to our snack and cup supplies!! We have been able to use leftover donations from the Florida trip to bolster our inventory. We will continue to accept cup and snack donations throughout the season. So please keep them coming! ☺ Items can be dropped off in the band room or given to a chaperone at rehearsal.

HOMECOMING PARADE

A special thank you to the parents who helped with the Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon, October 15: **Margaret Abrams, Cathy Gross, Karen Hallacy, Peg Weihsmann, Margaret Dewitt, Rene Moase, Jay Patel, Jim Edwards, Lisa Meredith, Melissa Paule, Dawn Bouchard, Sue Rogers, Julie Fesefeldt, Tony Consolo, and K. A. Brewer.** Our team of parade volunteers was headed up by **Julie Edwards.** **THANK YOU!!**

SENIOR NIGHT

Marching band seniors and their parents will be recognized at the last regular season home football game, Friday night, November 6. **Sue Rogers and Edie Kitchings** are coordinating events for the evening to honor our senior families.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Even though the marching season is winding down, we are always looking for volunteers for various jobs throughout the year. And we will still need chaperones for any football post-season playoff games and rehearsals. Please contact Yvonne Single heeby@bellsouth.net and we will get you plugged in!

Band Rep News continued...

Congratulations to our 39 Band and Color Guard Seniors!



Claire Alexander, Dayle Alexander, David Arbelaez, Gabby Bales, Jonathan Bauer, Caroline Baughman, Kristen Bostater, Will Brani, Jake Brewer, Patrick Doyle, Erin Fesefeldt, Matt Gama, Geana Gault, Sashanna Gibson, Jeffrey Gross, Andrew Hallacy, Phillip Hamilton, Sarah Healey, Kevin Keefe, Jimmy Kepner, Sam Kirsch, Megan Lindsay, Yuv Malhotra, Elwin Martin, Laura McComb, Jenna Meredith, Kineta Naidu, Rachel Paule, Matthew Petersen, Stacy Politykina, Natalie Price, Chris Queen, Ali Schoen, Charlie Seral, Matthew Wessner, Jacob West, Jordan Whiddon, Matt Williams, and Carly Woods.

NOT GETTING THE E-BLAST OR NEWSLETTER??

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!

Your Band Representatives,

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COLOR GUARD NEWS....



ROSE SALE

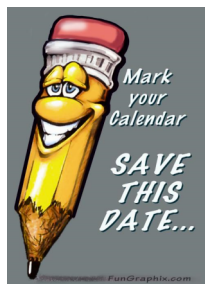
If you have anyone you would like to say "I appreciate", "I love", or "you're just plain special" to, the Color Guard Rose Sale is the perfect time to do it!!!

The Walton Color Guard will be taking orders for roses **Nov. 8 through Dec. 6 in the atrium** before school, and during 3rd, 4th and 5th period in the Walton Commons. Roses are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and will be delivered December 13.

Please take time to support our gorgeous and talented guard girls. They really add sparkle to the show!

Your Color Guard Dance Reps,

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BAND CAMP 2011 NEWS!!

You're not seeing things – plans are already underway for next summer's Band Camp!!

It's never too early to mark your calendar, so here are some important dates to add:

Band Camp at Walton:

Monday, 7/11/11 – Friday, 7/15/11

Band Camp at La Grange College:

Sunday, 7/17/11 – Saturday, 7/23/11

Please note: In the unlikely event that the 2011-2012 Cobb County School Calendar is revised, we will notify you as soon as possible if Band Camp dates are affected.

Your Band Camp Directors,
Michele & Dean Morris
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NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM . . .

FRUIT SALE

The annual Walton Fruit Sale is underway with delicious oranges, pink grapefruit and tangelos available in 20 and 40-pound boxes. The fruit is high quality and makes a great holiday gift. Order forms and payments are due Friday, November 5. The fruit will be delivered to Walton on Friday, December 3, and students may pick up their orders on Saturday, December 4. Thanks to **Cheryl Bostater** and **Lori Leiper** for heading up this effort again this year. Student and adult volunteers will be needed to help with truck unloading on December 3 and distribution on December 4. Volunteers will be served pizza on Friday evening and doughnuts on Saturday morning.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

Single game tickets to Senior Night (our final Walton home football game) on November 5 are available for \$12 per ticket from **Paulette Smith**. Please contact Paulette at paulettes@mindspring.com or (770) 971-4267 to purchase reserved seating tickets within the band section. Thank you to Paulette for all her work this year on football tickets.

50/50 RAFFLE

Our 50/50 raffle ticket sellers have brought in over \$1,750 for the band so far and have sent four lucky winners home with over \$400 each. Our last 50/50 raffle of the year will be at the November 5th game. Who knows, maybe you will be the lucky winner! Thank you to **Susan and Joe Murphey** for organizing and running the 50/50 Raffle program this year.

SCRIP Gift Cards

The Walton Band gift card program is a great way to support the band and your student while buying things you need every day- like groceries. Gift cards are also great for buying the special things you need - like holiday gifts! **Diane Giordano** will be selling cards and taking orders at our monthly parent meetings. Stop by and see her before spending your money on every day and special occasion items.

See the weekly e-blast for SCRIP news on specials and new participating retailers. Any order placed in the band box (or to Diane) by 6:00 pm on Thursday evening will be filled and distributed by the following Thursday evening.

Remember, 90% of the gift card rebate goes directly into your student account! You will thank yourself later for planning your shopping. Current order forms are available on the band website at www.waltonband.org. Thanks to **Diane Giordano and Janet Taylor** for their great leadership of this program.

WFFF: Walton Family Feeding Frenzy!

The second successful WFFF of 2010 was held at Amore's Restaurant, a repeat supporter of the Walton Band Program. The food looked and tasted delicious! Thank you to all who joined us and thank you to Amore's for hosting and donating 15% of the night's proceeds to the Band. Watch the eblast for information about our next WFFF! This is a great time to share some fun with your band friends, meet some new ones, and take a night off from cooking! Thank you to **Karen Hallacy** for coordinating and negotiating the WFFF with our local restaurants.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

The first Electronics and Metals Recycling Day of 2010-11 was a success, with the band collecting a full trailer load of recyclables and raising over \$500! Thanks to **Tony Consolo** and **Bill Paule** for helping with this effort. If you didn't get a chance to participate this fall, we will host another Electronics and Metals Recycling on March 19, 2011, the same day as the Walton Band Garage Sale.



MORE RECYCLING

The Walton Band recycles unwanted working or broken cell phones, GPS devices, iPods, DVDs, PDAs, inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, video games and consoles, digital cameras and laptops. Boxes for these items are located in the band room at the front of the blue closets. 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. This fundraiser doesn't require you to buy anything! Last year, the band received over \$600 items recycled instead of thrown away. Thank you to **Gail Healey** for heading up this committee again this year.

Fundraising News continued...

ROCK-A-THON RECAP

We were "Rocking and Rolling" our way through the night at Walton during Rock-a-Thon 2010 on October 15! Check out www.rock-a-thon.com and www.waltonband.org for pictures of the event. The on-line Walton Band & Orchestra Sponsor's Directory will enable you to find and support businesses that support the Walton Band, and be sure to tell them you found them in the Walton Band & Orchestra Sponsor's Directory and thank them for supporting our great program.

Sponsorship sales contest winners for the girls are: 1st place – **Nikki Hallacy**; 2nd place – **Shannon Consolo**; 3rd place – **Hannah Single**. For the boys: 1st place – **Daniel Jacobs**, 2nd place – **Matthew Petersen**; 3rd place – **Matt Smith**. Congratulations and thank you to all students (and parents) who took time during a very busy marching band season to secure Rock-a-Thon sponsorships and qualify for the party by bringing in at least \$100 in advertisements and donations. Rock-a-Thon is one of our biggest fundraisers and a successful fundraiser helps to keep our band fees low for all students.

A HUGE Walton Band thank you goes to **Susan Corley** for chairing the Ninjas vs. Pirates Party. Susan spent many hours preparing for the party. We also want to thank all of the awesome volunteers who worked Rock-a-Thon set-up, shift 1, shift 2, both shifts and/or cleanup. Without our volunteers, we could never pull off an all-night lock-in party! Thank you all!

Our thanks also to **Valerie Kilpatrick** who represented our friends from the Orchestra side of the Walton Band & Orchestra Parent organization! Thank you, Valerie!

GARAGE SALE

The annual Walton Band Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2011! Mark your calendars and plan to be there for the chance to find some real bargains and unique collectables.

Johnson Office Square has generously donated office space again this year so will start having drop-off days as soon as we have the keys to the unit. Please save your pre-loved items to donate, and watch the e-blasts for upcoming announcements for collection dates times. We are also able to pick up large items, so contact Tony Consolo (404) 444-7671 if you would like to schedule a pick-up.

BAND PICTURES

All students who ordered individual and group photos should have brought them home by now. As always, they turned out beautifully. Thank you to **Julie Edwards** for making the whole process runs smoothly this year.

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Administrative Band News . . .

FALL MARCHING SEASON

It's hard to believe that the marching season is almost over! It seems like only yesterday that we were at work day in July preparing for band camp. Our hard working students have 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. As the season winds down, it is time for us to acknowledge some of the parent volunteers who played key roles in helping make the 2010 marching season such a great success.

Congratulations and a giant THANK YOU to **Tim Floyd**, Coordinator of the Performance Support Crews, and everyone who helped with props and equipment over the last 3+ months. This year's wonderful props, thirty-six clouds spread across the field in nine groups of four, greatly enhanced the overall effect of the marching show. The result of an extraordinary feat of logistics and creativity, this was truly a team effort, led by **Tim Floyd**, **Phil Hamilton**, artist supreme **Melissa Paule**, and many other able parent volunteers, who helped design, construct, re-design, re-construct, paint, repair, re-paint and maintain the props throughout the season. Then each time the students used the props during practices and performances, Tim, Phil and Melissa, along with **Gary West**, **Tony Consolo**, **Brian Loomis**, **Ken Stamm**, **Gary Smith**, **David Keith**, **Susan Cross**, **Mike Frey**, **Margaret Abrams**, **Nick Rogers**, **Dean Morris**, **Doug Price**, **Tom Single**, **Yvonne Single**, **Alan Abrams**, and other volunteers, helped unload, carry, assemble, disassemble, stack, cart and carefully store the props, culminating with the Band's performance at the BOA Super Regional competition at the Georgia Dome on October 30th. To everyone who helped with props this year, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Before and after each away game, exhibition and competition, parent roadies were responsible for loading and unloading the heavy instruments, props and other equipment onto the band's trucks and trailer. During each halftime show and marching performance, parents were on the sidelines in the Pit Crew, helping students move and position the stationary percussion instruments and equipment in an orderly and timely manner. Thanks to **Tim Floyd**, Roadie and Pit Crew Coordinator, and **Gary West**, **Tony Consolo**, **Brian Loomis**, **Phil Hamilton**, **David Keith**, **Mike Frey**,

Melissa Paule, **Alan Abrams**, **Gary Smith**, **Susan Cross**, **Dean Morris**, **Ken Stamm**, **Doug Price**, **Jim Alexander**, **Phil Mikul**, **Rick Gross**, **Chuck Moore**, **Deborah Bales**, **Jim Edwards**, **Flynn Larsen**, **Bob Skinner**, **Bill Friday**, and all others who assisted the Roadie Crew and the Pit Crew throughout the season.

Thanks to **Rick Gross** for capturing the marching performances on video, and to **Brian Loomis** for introducing the Marching Raider Band over the public address system before each half time show. Thanks to **Mary Fitzgerald** for helping us to get to know each other better by keeping parents supplied with name tags, and to **Anne Seral**, Parent PRIDE Committee Chair, and **Carole Price**, **Gloria Frey**, **Sandra Naidu**, and the other members of the Parent PRIDE Committee, for coordinating each of the wonderful tailgate parties following the home football games.

Thanks to **Carolyn Alexander**, Uniforms Committee chair, and the many parent helpers, including **Lara Rodgers**, **Janet Taylor**, **Paulette Smith**, **Kitty Kepner**, **Carole Liebman**, **Diane Giordano** and **Margaret Dewitt**, who helped organize, distribute, fit, plume, de-plume, collect, hang, count and otherwise assist our students before, during and after each marching performance, ensuring the students looked as good as they sounded! Kudos to **Janet Taylor**, **Dayle Alexander**, **Paulette Smith**, **Kitty Kepner**, **Priscilla MuDrow**, **Margaret Abrams**, **Susan Drechsel**, **Gloria Frey**, **Susan Corley**, **Kathy Stamm**, **Brian Loomis**, **Margaret Dewitt**, **Yvonne Single** and **Nilou Mandani**, for the many hours they spent laundering the band's marching uniforms in their homes.

A big thank you to **Annie** and **David Keith**, Refreshments Committee co-chairs, and **Beth Baird**, **Flynn Larsen**, **Lynn Durden**, **Lynn Wilkins**, **Charlie Brown**, **Karen Hallacy**, and all others who provided ice cold water and soft drinks during and after every marching performance, so that our students stayed well hydrated throughout the season.

Thanks to **Julie Fesefeldt**, First Aid Coordinator, and her helpers **Lynn Wilkins** and **Priscilla Hendry**, for providing medical assistance and TLC to our students during each game and performance, and for keeping the first aid kits well stocked with supplies. Thanks to **Mike Frey** for driving and coordinating the other drivers of the band's small truck, when we needed it to transport equipment, instruments and props to the parades, exhibitions and marching competitions.

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Administrative News continued . . .

Winter Concert Season

The winter concert season will be here soon, and with four ensembles performing, there are many ways you can help! On November 8th and 9th during auditions, the students will be fitted for their concert tuxedos and dresses. **Carolyn Alexander**, Uniform Committee Chair, and **Ivy Foo** and **Jay Patel** will be coordinating this effort, and they need several more parent volunteers. If you can help on either day, please email Ivy at cliftonivy@aol.com.

Following each of the upcoming holiday concerts and throughout the concert season, **Cynthia Eller** and **Lynn Wilkins** (lwilkinsrnc@yahoo.com), co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee, will be providing us with tasty treats and refreshments at after concert receptions. Whether it's baking a bunch of cookies or mixing and serving punch at the receptions, they can use your help!

Volunteers

Thanks and kudos to each parent volunteer for giving your time and energy to the band program. The students and directors could not do it without you! The winter concert season is fast approaching, and there is still time for you to join in the fun by getting involved! If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please let either of us know.

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8TH GRADE CORNER....

A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS!

To help you stay plugged in to the Walton Band program, two parent volunteers are serving as 8th Grade Liaisons: **Lara Rodgers** (squeakroddgers@bellsouth.net) for **Dodgen Middle School**, and **Susan Corley** (sakcorley@gmail.com) for **Dickerson Middle School**. If you are a private school student please contact our Band Representatives, Tom and Yvonne Single (heeby@bellsouth.net) if you have questions.

Here are some things to keep on your radar screen:

Hawaii 2011 Trip Information Meeting, December 6th, 7pm

Late January/Early February Rising 9th Grader Student and Parent Meeting for those interested in the Walton Band Program

Marching Band Rookie Week April 18-22 - Each afternoon 8th Graders will work with our student leaders and directors to learn some marching basics.

Summer 2011 Pre-Camp Week at Walton and Band Camp Week at LaGrange College

Based on the approved 2011-2012 school calendar, the two weeks of band camp will begin on July 11, 2011. Stay tuned for more details!

Thanksgiving Week 2011 The Walton Band will be marching in the Waikiki Holiday Parade in Honolulu, Hawaii! Stay tuned for information about the trip as it becomes available.

We hope that your student will decide to join the marching band next year! **Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have questions.**

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