



# WALTON BAND NOTES



Summer 2010

## President's Message

On behalf of the Walton Band family, we would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our Rookie students and their families, and also to welcome back all of our veteran students and families! Our directors have another fantastic marching show planned, there are ten football games and three contests on the calendar, as well as a great October trip to Florida being planned . . . sounds like another exciting year in the Walton Band program! Band Camp at Walton begins at 8am on Monday, Band Camp at LaGrange is only a week away, and just like that, the 2010-2011 marching season will be in full swing!

We don't have to tell you how fortunate our students are to be part of this nationally recognized music program, one of the finest band programs in the country. For those new to the program, the Walton High School Marching Band was awarded the **2009 John Philip Sousa Foundation Sudler Shield**, an international award recognizing high school marching bands of "world class excellence." On the concert band side, our Symphonic I Band was recently honored with an invitation to perform at the **2011 Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference** in Savannah, Georgia on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011! Thank you to **Mr. Mike Back**, Band Director, and **Mr. Jeff Pollock**, Associate Band Director, for keeping the bar set high, and for all the hard work that goes into offering our students these opportunities.

You should have received your final Band Camp packet in the mail recently, and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Mandatory Pre-Camp Meeting coming up on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in the Walton Theater. This meeting is mandatory for students and parents and marks the official kick-off of the 2010-2011 season. Doors will open at 6:30 pm so that you can arrive early, turn in your forms, make payments, etc. before the meeting begins at 7 pm. Not only will there be lots of information shared about the band program and upcoming Band Camp at LaGrange, but in addition, Mr. Back is planning on making a very special (and exciting!!) announcement that you will definitely want to be in attendance for!

With a total operating budget in excess of \$200K, and only approximately 10% of that coming from the county, we hope you understand how vitally important our fundraising efforts are. Many of them are a great opportunity to earn credit for your student's account, but all of them are critical to the success of our program. Please be sure you join us in as many of these as possible; by volunteering, by participating, and by encouraging your student. Working together, we can make the 2010-2011 year a record year for our fundraising team.

To our Rookie Parents (and students), we know that getting started can be a very overwhelming experience with all the information, calendars, and paperwork that's involved. We will be offering a Rookie Orientation Meeting in August that will allow you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. In the meantime, we invite you to meet with us after the conclusion of Thursday's Mandatory Meeting for a casual question and answer session that, we hope, will clear up any confusion or concern you have. Please plan on joining us for one, or both, of these opportunities.

We are excited about another outstanding Walton Band year full of life-changing experiences for all of our students, and we look forward to sharing it with all of you! Our directors have another incredible show planned for the marching band, so let's get started!

### Your Band Presidents,

Ken and Kathy Stamm

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## Band Camp 2010

Walton High School – July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

LaGrange College – July 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>



**Band Camp is almost here!**

The first week of Band Camp will begin on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., when the band will assemble at Walton High School to begin their preparations for the coming marching season.

The following week, Band Camp will begin on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, when students check-in at LaGrange College, and will conclude with the band's performance at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. The camp directors and chaperone team have worked hard making all of the necessary arrangements to ensure that every student has an amazing experience while in LaGrange.

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## Band Camp - Continued

**BAND CAMP PACKET** – Be sure you have received your Marching and Band Camp Packet, which should have arrived by mail in early July. This large envelope contains important forms and information about Band Camp, including when students should arrive in LaGrange, driving instructions, and what students should bring to camp. If you have not received this mailing, please contact one of the Band Camp Co-Directors right away!

**CAMP DEPOSITS** – By now you should have already submitted your camp commitment forms, permission forms, medical forms, and a copy of your medical insurance card. You also should have paid the scheduled installments of camp and marching fees by the due date listed on the commitment form. However, if you have a balance, the Mandatory Meeting on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> will be your final opportunity to make payment in order to allow your student's attendance at camp.

**MANDATORY MEETING** – Please be sure that you and your student attend the *Mandatory Meeting for parents and students, which will be held at Walton on the evening of Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

Doors will open early at 6:30 p.m. to allow adequate time for you to turn in your forms and make any final payments. Additionally, the camp directors will be available to answer any questions you might have. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Students will hear first hand from the student leaders about the ins and outs of band camp. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions as well. Also, you can drop off your camp donations in the designated boxes.

**ROOMMATES** – Band Camp roommate sign up forms should have been turned in before the end of the Spring Semester. The list of students' dormitory assignments will be posted in the Band Room on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PREPARING FOR CAMP** – Be sure to review the supply list included in the Band Camp packet, and make sure your student has all clothing and supplies needed for camp. DO NOT wait until the last minute to buy new shoes – new shoes need to be broken in!

**BAND CAMP IDOL COMPETITION** – The drama unfolds in July. *Who will be chosen as Walton's 2010 Band Camp Idol?* Last year's event was incredible and this year's event promises to be even more exciting. Students, please contact Mrs. Stamm ([thestammfam@aol.com](mailto:thestammfam@aol.com)) or Mr. Abrams ([alanabrams@mindspring.com](mailto:alanabrams@mindspring.com)) if you are interested in being a contestant!



*Who will be the new Band Camp Idol??*

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need parent volunteers to **HELP US LOAD TRUCKS AT WALTON ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE FOR LAGRANGE, THEN AGAIN ON SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>, IN LAGRANGE AT THE CONCLUSION OF CAMP, AND FINALLY BACK AT WALTON TO HELP UNLOAD THE TRUCKS UPON OUR RETURN.**

Please watch for specific times in upcoming band e-blasts.

Congratulations to the new Student Leadership Team and Drum Majors! We are looking forward to working with you at camp.

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have any questions about band camp or need any additional information.

### Your 2010 Band Camp Co-Directors,

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# ADMINISTRATIVE BAND NEWS

The Band Awards Banquet in May certainly was a wonderful way for all of us to celebrate the conclusion of another great year for our band program! A special thank you once again to the 2010 Banquet Committee of **Stephanie Gang, Terri Henry, Carolyn Roddy, Heidi Lipman, Pat Consolo** and **Sue Rogers** for the many hours they worked to insure that we all had a most enjoyable evening.

## Uniform Fittings

*We need several parent volunteers during the week of Band Camp at Walton* to help out with marching band *uniform fittings on Monday, July 12th, Tuesday, July 13th, and Wednesday, July 14th, each day between 4:30 to 6:30 pm.* If you are available to help out during any of these time slots, please contact **Carolyn Alexander** at [carolyn.alexander@comcast.net](mailto:carolyn.alexander@comcast.net).

## Calling all Volunteers

Attention parents! As students will soon be gearing up for the upcoming school year, it's time to ask what YOU can do for the Walton Band program! The Band's continuing success depends not only on our wonderful students and directors, but also on the enthusiasm of our parents and YOUR involvement. There are numerous available volunteer opportunities in our band program and we need your help! A volunteer sign-up form was included in the packets sent recently to all band and color guard students. Please review the form and don't be shy – no experience is needed for most of the volunteer opportunities. You will find the time you give to our program will be very rewarding, and you just might make some new friends, too! Please contact us if you are interested in chairing or serving on a committee, or if you just want to discuss the possibilities.

## **Your Administrative Vice Presidents,**

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# COLOR GUARD CORNER

Congratulations to all the new and returning guard students for a great practice week June 7<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>!

We have a great group of very talented girls this year! As always, for Band Camp at Walton we just need to remind everyone to put their hair up away from the face, wear dance attire, and athletic tennis shoes (not fashion tennis shoes). Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, no jewelry, white tape and a snack. See you then!

## **Your Color Guard Representatives,**

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# BAND REPRESENTATIVE NEWS

## JAZZ FESTIVAL, April 30

Another successful District Twelve Jazz Fest this year was due largely in part to the wonderful Walton Band volunteers who stepped in to help run the concession stands, work the reception desk, make Chick-fil-A runs, and clean up at the end. The following parents, led by chair **Janet Taylor**, made the day run smoothly: **Cathy and Rick Gross, Jeanne Weiland, Lisa Meredith, Kitty Kepner, Jay Patel, Flynn Larsen, Pat Consolo, Alice Kerber, Katharine Williams, Susan Petersen, Mike and Gloria Frey, Tami Salz, Karen Hallacy, Phil Hamilton, Gary Fortin, Janet Brani, Mary Fitzgerald, Angela and Dave Kardesh, Mary Ann Layman and Karen and Gary West**. Special thanks go to **DeLise McCorkle** who provided a delicious dinner for the directors and judges. Let's not forget to thank our awesome Jazz Fest director, **Jeff Pollock**, and **Jazz Band students** who spent the entire day helping set up the stage for every performance!

## 2010-2011 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to our new student leaders! After a leadership training process held over the spring months, these new leaders were announced at the Band Banquet on May 8.

Drum Majors: **Will Brani, Geana Gault, Megan Lindsay, Jacob West**

President: **Yuv Malhotra**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Kristin Bostater**

Flute Section Leader: **Gabby Bales** and Squad Leader **Ali Schoen**

Clarinet Section Leader: **Rachel Paule**; Squad Leaders **Kristen Bostater and Jenna Meredith**

Alto Sax Section Leader: **Andrew Hallacy**; Squad Leaders **Yuv Malhotra and Patrick Doyle**

Low Saxophone Section Leader: **Sam Kirsch**

Bass Clarinet Section Leader: **Claire Alexander**

Trumpet Section Leader: **Matt Williams**; Squad Leader **Jimmy Kepner**

Mellophone Section Leader: **Jordan Whiddon**; Squad Leaders **Kineta Naidu and Carly Woods**

Trombone Section Leader: **David Arbelaez**; Squad Leaders **Matt Petersen, Phillip Hamilton**

Baritone Section Leader: **Dayle Alexander**

Sousaphone Section Leader: **Jake Brewer**; Squad Leader **Matt Gama**

Battery Section Leader: **Chris Queen**; Squad Leaders **Charlie Seral and Matt Wessner**

Pit Section Leader: **Sarah Healey**

Guard Captain: **Stacy Politykina**

## CONGRATULATIONS 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS!

### Fall Guard Awards

First Year Member **Brianna Bouchard**

Most Improved **Dagny Holcomb**

Outstanding Performer **Jessica Metso**

Leadership **Victoria Rossi**

### Winter Guard Awards

First Year Member **Lucile Feron, Meg Kiely**

Most Improved **Madison Gibbs**

Outstanding Performer **Rachel Cooper**

Leadership **Elizabeth Pidgeon**

### Band Awards

Band Secretary **Rebecca Henry**

Class Secretaries **Caroline Hollar, Katie Worch, Lucy**

### Doughty

Rookie of the Year **Sean Lee**

Outstanding Marching Member **Gil Golan**

Leadership Award **Akansha Sharma, Katie Halligan**

Outstanding Musician **Lawton Willingham, Mitchell Frey**

Outstanding Band Member **Andrew Taylor**

### Scholarships

Burnowski/Brennan **Gil Golan, David O'Morrissey**

Robert J. Cowles **Lawton Willingham**

### Rehearsal Information

**Band Camp at Walton** will be held Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16 from 8am until 4pm. Attendance is required for all students. Students should arrive at school each morning in time to begin rehearsal promptly at 8 am. It is CRITICAL that your students eat a healthy breakfast and apply sunscreen BEFORE arriving each day. **Each student should also bring a water bottle labeled with their name and section.** Students are outdoors for much of the day and hydration is a MUST! We will have water on hand to refill the students' bottles as needed. Students will also have a break for lunch each day for approximately one hour and they are free to leave campus for lunch. Students may also bring their lunches and remain at Walton.

**Post-Camp** The Band will also rehearse at Walton on Tuesday, July 27, Thursday, July 29, and Tuesday, August 3, from 6 pm until 9 pm. Please refer to your fall marching band calendar for the schedule of rehearsals once school begins. Note that the first Saturday rehearsal occurs on August 7. Attendance is required at all rehearsals-be sure to mark your calendars!

## Band Rep News Continued

### Want to get more involved?

We are looking for a parent or two to help with monitoring the parking lot before rehearsals. The Parking Lot Sentries help blockade PRIDE Field (Walton's lower parking lot near the stadium) prior to band rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday afternoons and on some Saturdays. Please contact us if you are interested!

Feel free to contact us at anytime to offer your help as a chaperone or committee volunteer. If you are new to the program, you will quickly see that there are MANY volunteer roles the band booster group helps to fill! It is a fun way to get a close up view of the band in action!

### Database

Finally, 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 e-newsletter and the e-Blast.

### **Your Band Representatives,**

Tom and Yvonne Single  
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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Participation in the Walton Band fundraising efforts is vital to the success of our award winning program. The Walton Band offers a very large, comprehensive band program that provides

many opportunities for our kids. *Cobb County provides funds for a small portion of the total expense, and the Band Boosters coordinate fundraising efforts to supplement these funds.*

The Band Directors prioritize needs such as performance expenses, instrument purchases, instrument repairs, sheet music, copyright fees, uniforms, and operating costs of the trucks to name a few. *Please support our fundraising efforts by volunteering for one or more of them.* It is a great way to get involved and chances are you'll develop a few friendships along the way!

### SEASON FOOTBALL TICKETS

Come sit with other Walton Band parents in Raider Valley right next to the band! Order forms were included in the band camp packets that were mailed to your home. The August 1<sup>st</sup> date to claim your reserved seats from last year is fast approaching. After August 1<sup>st</sup>, seating requests will be honored in order of the date the ticket order form is received. Thank you to **Paulette Smith** for coordinating the football tickets. Paulette can be reached at (770)971-4267 with any questions.

### BAND FOOTBALL DINNER

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Our annual football dinner will be that evening from 5-7 pm in the Commons at Walton High School. This year's dinner will be catered by Williamson Brothers BBQ and includes your choice of pulled pork, pulled chicken or beef brisket, as well as coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, cookies and a drink. The cost will be \$8 per person, but if you purchase season football tickets, your dinner is included in the package price. Look for an informational flyer/reservation form in an upcoming e-blast. Thank you to **René Moase** and **Peg Weihsmann** for heading up this event. René can be reached at (770)579-5105 while Peg can be reached at (770)565-0538 if you have any questions.

### PICTURES

The date for the Walton Marching Raider Band group and individual pictures is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. These pictures make a wonderful keepsake. The full band picture that is submitted to the yearbook will be taken at 9:00 am. Leader and sectional group pictures will be taken immediately after the full band picture, and individual pictures will follow all group pictures. If the photographer is not able to finish all of the individual pictures due to our departure for the Georgia Dome later that day, we will schedule a make-up date. Thank you to **Julie Edwards** for coordinating our band pictures. If you have questions, Julie can be reached at (770) 565-8127.

### 50/50 RAFFLES

The Walton Band will conduct 50/50 raffles at home games this fall. The tickets are sold before the game and during the first half of the game. A winning raffle ticket will be drawn during the third quarter and 50% of the cash collected goes to the winner, and the other 50% goes to the Band! Look for the band parents in the black and white striped shirts selling tickets. Thanks to **Joe and Susan Murphey** for heading up the raffle fundraiser. The Murpheys can be reached at (770) 509-1341 with any questions.

### ROCK-A-THON

We always kick off the new school year with our largest fundraiser of the year! Rock-a-Thon begins Thursday, July 15, so get on your mark, get set, GO! Rock-a-Thon packets will be ready to be picked up at the mandatory meeting. *Rock-a-Thon accounts for approximately 30% of our fundraising budget and it's the best opportunity to earn credit for your student's account* while promoting and supporting our band program. Thank you to **Susan Corley** for chairing this event. Susan's can be reached at (770) 955-1421.

## Fundraising Update continued

### 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 (to the right of the tall blue cabinets) 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 \$500 for recycling your throw away items last year. Thank you to **Gail Healey** for chairing the recycling again this year. Please call **Gail Healey** at (770) 579-3014 with any questions.

### SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Scrip Is Fundraising While You Shop®. The Scrip program allows Walton Band families and friends to purchase gift cards for everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas, and entertainment while earning a percentage of each dollar back in revenue to the band program. The cash rebates range from 1.5% to 50% and are split evenly between the band general fund and your student's account. Weekly orders and sales will begin in August. Order forms are available on the band website, [www.waltonband.org](http://www.waltonband.org). Thank you to **Janet Taylor** and **Diane Giordano** for chairing this program. Until the Scrip program is transitioned to Janet and Diane, please contact Pat Consolo at (770) 594-9676 or [pat.consolo@lmco.com](mailto:pat.consolo@lmco.com) for any additional information.

### SPIRIT WEAR

Show your support for the Walton Band by wearing Walton blue! Our experienced SpiritWear co-chairs, **Janet Brani** and **K.A. Brewer**, will once again offer a variety of high quality t-shirts, poly-dry polo shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, pajama pants, garment bags and other Walton Band logo items that appeal to students and parents. Many of the items may be personalized with embroidery (this is certainly a plus when looking for a garment bag in a sea of 200 garment bags). SpiritWear will be sold at the monthly Monday parent meetings. For more information, please contact Janet Brani at (678) 236-0806.

### WALTON FAMILY FEEDING FRENZY

Anyone who eats dinner can support the Walton Band with this monthly fundraiser. Join your family, friends, and other Walton Band students and parents for dinner at a selected restaurant. Order from the menu, eat in or take out, and present your Walton Family Feeding Frenzy flyer with your payment. How easy is that? The restaurant will then rebate a percentage of the daily proceeds back to the band. Look for flyers attached to the weekly e-blasts for when and where this very social fundraiser will be held. If you are interested in coordinating this fundraiser, please contact one of our co-financial vice presidents listed below.

### **Your Financial Vice Presidents,**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 12-16 BAND CAMP AT WALTON, 8AM – 4PM

JULY 12, 13, 14 UNIFORM FITTING 4:30-6:30PM

*July 15*

### **MANDATORY PRE-CAMP MEETING, 7pm**

JULY 16 TRUCK LOADING

JULY 18 – 24 BAND CAMP AT LAGRANGE COLLEGE

JULY 24 BAND CAMP ENDS, PERFORMANCE AT 11 AM  
TRUCK LOADING IN LAGRANGE  
TRUCK UNLOADING BACK AT WALTON

JULY 27, 29, AUG 3 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 6-9PM

AUGUST 5 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

AUGUST 7 FULL DAY REHEARSAL, 9AM-8PM

AUGUST 9 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 4-6PM

AUGUST 10, 12 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 5-8PM

AUGUST 16 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 4-6PM

AUGUST 17, 19 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 5-8PM

AUGUST 20 DRESS REHEARSAL - WALTON 8PM

AUGUST 21 MARCHING BAND PICTURES, 9AM

AUGUST 21 WALTON VS. BROOKWOOD,  
GEORGIA DOME 2:30PM

AUGUST 23 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 4-6PM

AUGUST 24, 26 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 5-8PM

AUGUST 30 FULL BAND REHEARSAL, 4-6PM

### **Band Camp at Walton checklist**

- ✓ Hydrate!
- ✓ Eat a healthy breakfast
- ✓ Apply sunscreen
- ✓ Bring a hat/visor
- ✓ Bring a water bottle labeled with your name
- ✓ Arrive before 8am
- ✓ Don't forget your instrument!