



# WALTON BAND NOTES



January 2011

## A message from your Co-Presidents . . . .

Happy New Year! We hope you all have enjoyed a safe and restful break for the holidays and we welcome you to a new season in the Walton Band program!

The semester is off to a great start and, as always, includes a full and busy calendar of events. The Symphonic I Band continues to prepare for their January 28<sup>th</sup> performance in Savannah at the Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference. It really is an honor for this group to be performing and we hope that you will consider scooting to Savannah for what is sure to be a fantastic performance by Walton's top concert band.

Planning this mini-trip to Savannah is an "extra" task that our Band Reps, **Tom and Yvonne Single**, graciously agreed to plan and manage even though they already have their hands full as they work on the 2011 Hawaii trip. We are very grateful for their willingness to tackle this project and we know that our students will have a safe and memorable experience. Thank you, Tom and Yvonne!

The girls in Walton's Winter Guard have been hard at work since just after marching season ended and all of their hard work is certainly paying off – their show is fantastic! We hope you will find an opportunity to see them perform so you can appreciate all the talent that these young ladies have to share. They will be right around the corner at Harrison High School for their first competition on January 29<sup>th</sup> and we hope that many of you will be able to trek over to Harrison to support them. Good luck, girls!

As always, the fundraising team has a packed calendar for the spring and they are hard at work planning our 19<sup>th</sup> annual Garage Sale, Spring Concert, 4<sup>th</sup> annual Walton Band Golf Challenge and 6<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of East Cobb as well as continuing to manage all of their team's ongoing fundraising efforts. Wow. We know

you join us in thanking **Tony & Pat Consolo** and **Bill & Melissa Paule**, the incredibly dedicated team of parents who work so hard to make everything we do possible.

Each year in January, a Nominating Committee is formed to assemble a slate of officers for the following year's Band Board. This year, **Rick Gross**, will chair this committee and will head up the effort to recruit a slate of officers for the 2011-2012 Walton Band Board. The proposed group will be published in the February newsletter, formal elections will be held at the March Parent Meeting, and the new board will be installed at the April Parent Meeting just before they begin their term of service on April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate someone for a specific position, please contact Rick Gross.

As you read through this newsletter, you will learn more about all of the ways that your help is needed as we pull together to support our students and our program's fundraising goals. If you haven't already found the place where your talents are best utilized, please let us know, but don't think that we don't need you! Whether you have four hours a week or one hour a month, we value your help and look forward to working together with you!

Thank you for all the ways you continue to support the Walton Band, have a wonderful month of January, and we hope to see you at our next Parent Meeting on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>!

Your Band Presidents,

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## **NEWS FROM YOUR BAND REPRESENTATIVES ...**

### **Student Bravos**

A number of our band students deserve kudos for their achievement and success in music endeavors outside the Walton Band program, congratulations to the following students!

Governor's Honors Program Music Semi-Finalists  
**Michael Wang, Carolyn Weihsmann, Tom Layman**

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra  
**Doyuen Kim, Elwin Martin, Sarah Abrams, Gunwoo Kim**

Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony  
**Scott Park, Michael Wang, Sean Lee**

Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra  
**Geana Gault**

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra  
**Scott Park, Kevin Chiou, Sean Lee**

Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra  
**Scott Park**

### **G.M.E.A. District 12 Honor Band**

G.M.E.A. District 12 Honor Band auditions were held on December 11 at Allatoona High School in northwest Cobb County. Congratulations to the following students for their selection to Honor Band! This year's Honor Band rehearsals will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Kennesaw Mountain High School with the Honor Band Performance to follow on Sunday, February 6, at KMHS.

**Sarah Abrams, Miyeon Bae, Doyuen Kim, Michael Wang, Tomo Kaketani, Shirley Wang, Annie Lee, Jason Hu, Phillip Kim, Sabrina Russell, Gil Goldshlager, Geana Gault, Mary Katherine Kelley, Esther Kim, Kevin Chiou, Scott Park, Jonathan Ebhogiaye, Alana Rodgers, Akash Doshi, Jay Lee, Katie Larkin, Rachael Skinner, Meredith Freeman, Kelly Huban, Torey Edwards, Kristen Bostater, Hannah Single, Carolyn Weihsmann, Tom Layman, Dixon Pendergrass, Will Brani, Michael Foo, Jimmy Kepner, Elwin Martin, Jeffrey Xu, Brock McCorkle, Sean Lee, Ashley Grooms, Brendan Larkin, Sean Bales,**

**Nikki Hallacy, Matt Williams, Patrick Weiland, Harper Morris, Markus Minton, Chris Lee, Kishan Patel, Christy McDougall, Shannon Consolo, Gabe Golan, Lauren Floyd**

### **G.M.E.A. All State Jazz Band**

Congratulations to **Dixon Pendergrass** who was selected as the All-State baritone saxophone player for the second time in his high school career! Dixon will perform with the All State Jazz Band at the GMEA Conference in Savannah on January 29.

### **G.M.E.A. All State Band Qualifiers**

The following students qualified for the second round of All State auditions held in Houston County on January 8. Congratulations!

**Sarah Abrams, Miyeon Bae, Meredith Freeman, Gil Goldshlager, Ashley Grooms, Nikki Hallacy, Kelly Huban, Tomo Kaketani, Doyeun Kim, Annie Lee, Sean Lee, Brock McCorkle, Elayne Smith, Michael Wang, Shirley Wang, Jeffrey Xu, Claire Alexander, Kristen Bostater, Will Brani, Kevin Chiou, Shannon Consolo, Jonathan Ebhogiaye, Torey Edwards, Lauren Floyd, Michael Foo, Geana Gault, Gabe Golan, Andrew Hallacy, Mary Catherine Kelley, Jimmy Kepner, Esther Kim, Tom Layman, Chris Lee, Elwin Martin, Christy McDougall, Markus Minton, Scott Park, Kishan Patel, Dixon Pendergrass, Hannah Single, Emily Wang, Matt Williams.**

### **Festival Clinics**

Concert I and Concert II Bands will hold their Pre-Festival and Concert on Monday, February 28. The Symphonic Bands will follow with an all day clinic and evening concert on Saturday, February 12.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Saturday, Feb. 12, Sym I and II parents needed to help serve snacks and lunch. Michele Morris and Peg Weihsmann will be coordinating the food for the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Michele at (678) 560-0151 or [mich2000@bellsouth.net](mailto:mich2000@bellsouth.net)

Monday, Feb. 28, Concert I and II parents are needed to coordinate and help serve pizza to students after rehearsal and before their evening concert. If you are able to help, contact Yvonne Single (770) 587-5791 or [heeby@bellsouth.net](mailto:heeby@bellsouth.net).

## Symphonic I Trip to Savannah

The students and directors have been working very hard to prepare for their upcoming performance at the Georgia Music Educators Association In Service Conference. It is a tremendous honor to have been selected to perform at this event! Students will travel down to Savannah on Friday morning, January 28, to rehearse and prepare for the performance at 8:30pm that evening. The conference is at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island across the river from historic downtown Savannah. Family and friends are invited to attend this performance (there is no admission fee).

Students and staff will be accompanied by eight parent chaperones: Rick and Cathy Gross, Carolyn Alexander, Melissa Paule, Karen Hallacy, Tim Floyd and Tom and Yvonne Single. Thank you in advance for helping plan and support Symphonic I on this wonderful performance opportunity!



## 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,

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## **NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM . . .**

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walton Band Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm for the Walton Band's 19<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale! We need your help to make this the best sale yet so please volunteer to work on a committee, help pick up donations, price items, set-up for the sale, work the day of the sale, and/or clean-up after the sale. Please plan on giving a few (or more) hours of your time to this fun and worthwhile event.

Our Johnson's Square Office Park storage location is quickly filling up with donations for the garage sale. **Tony Consolo** is leading us in the collection, pricing, moving, and stocking more than two gyms full of "treasures" for the greater Atlanta area to shop.

Contact **Tony** at [tony.l.consolo@lmco.com](mailto:tony.l.consolo@lmco.com) if you would like to help or if you need to schedule a pick-up for large items. Smaller donations may be dropped off on January 15 and 22, February 12 and 19, or March 5 and 12 at Johnson Square Office Park, 1501 Johnson Ferry Road. The entrance to Johnson Square Office Park is just north of Target on Johnson Ferry Road. Turn left into the complex and follow the Walton Band signs.

### Walton Band's Recycling Program



Our recycling efforts are paying off nicely this year!

The Walton Band will hold another **Metal and Electronic Recycling Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>**, concurrent with the Garage Sale, in the D lot at Walton. More details will follow.

Don't forget that we recycle printer cartridges, PDA's, old laptops, cell phones, digital cameras and gaming stations (X-Box, PS1, PS2, etc). Boxes for these items are located in the band room and front office. We also **recycle aluminum cans and papers**. There are receptacles for these items located at the rear of the school near the baseball field. If you have any questions, call **Gail Healey** (770) 579-3014.

## Fundraising News Continued...



The Taste of East Cobb committee, led by **Alan & Margaret Abrams** and **Richard & Lara Rodgers**, has already started planning to make the Walton Band's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of East Cobb the biggest and best one yet! This year's event will move back to the newly renovated Merchant's Walk for a day of fine food, arts, crafts, games and great jazz music! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.


This is a huge fundraiser for our band program, and like any other fundraiser, we need everyone's help! Whether you can help for one hour or twenty hours, please contact Margaret Abrams at [alanrabrabs@mindspring.com](mailto:alanrabrabs@mindspring.com) to be part of this year's Taste of East Cobb team!

### 2011 Walton Band Golf Challenge

Plans are underway for the 4th Annual Walton Band Golf Challenge to be scheduled this spring. Now is the time to start thinking about the foursome you would like to golf with this year. Please contact **Bill Paule** at [wbpaule@yahoo.com](mailto:wbpaul@ yahoo.com) or **Don Hallacy** at [dhallacy@bellsouth.net](mailto:dhallacy@bellsouth.net) for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

### Scrip Gift Card Program:

**Gift Cards that give back and the easiest way to build your Student Account!**

Our Scrip program continues to work with retailers to make high demand gift cards available. As of January 1, 2011, the much requested Target  gift card has finally been added to the program! Look to the weekly e-blasts for the latest information regarding this program. The rebate percentage split between the band and student account remains 10% to the band and 90% to your student's account! For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card with a 10% rebate, you pay \$100 for the gift cards and the 10% rebate is split \$9 to your student account and \$1 to the band. You essentially get a \$100 gift card for \$91!!

During the spring semester, inventory sales and Scrip Gift Card orders will be taken once a week on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Walton Lobby. Completed order forms and payments (check payable to WBOP) may also be deposited in the band box by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays. Orders dropped off on Tuesday will be available for pick up the following Tuesday in the Walton lobby from 7 to 8 pm.

Questions about the Scrip program should be directed to **Janet Taylor** at [cabtaylor@yahoo.com](mailto:cabtaylor@yahoo.com) or **Diane Giordano** at [dgio224@bellsouth.net](mailto:dgio224@bellsouth.net). If you need an order form, print one from the web site at [waltonband.org](http://waltonband.org) or from the weekly eblast. If you'd like to see a list of all participating retailers, please visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Any retailer listed at glscrip.com may be added to your order form in the blank spaces on the second page.

### WFFF - Walton Family Feeding Frenzy

Our next Feeding Frenzy will be **Wednesday, January 26** at Longhorn Steakhouse on Lower Roswell Road from 5-9 pm. A flyer is required for the band to receive credit and is attached to the weekly eblast.

Thanks to each and every person who makes time to volunteer for the Walton Band; we couldn't accomplish our financial goals without you!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE BAND NEWS...

The winter concert season formally debuted with terrific performances by each of the four concert bands at the 2010 Winter Holiday Concerts in early December. The music was wonderful and the students looked great in their concert uniforms. Kudos and thanks to **Carolyn Alexander, Ivy Foo, Jay Patel, Lara Rodgers** and the other members of the concert uniform team for the many hours spent distributing shirts, repairing tuxedos, and fitting concert dresses.

Many other volunteers also helped make the holiday concerts very enjoyable evenings. Thanks to **Lara Rodgers** and **Beth McGuire** for helping to decorate the theater, and to **Beth McGuire** for also coordinating production of the concert programs. We would also like to thank **Cynthia Eller** and **Lynn Wilkins** and members of their Hospitality Committee for organizing two very enjoyable receptions, where we enjoyed refreshments and delicious baked goods donated by a number of parents, capping off two great evenings!

If you missed out on helping out during the fall, there are still many opportunities for you to get involved and join in the fun throughout the rest of the year. Please contact either of us if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, and please continue to come out in support of our students – it means everything to them!

Your Co-Administrative Vice Presidents,

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## COLOR GUARD CORNER....

The Winter Guard season is in full swing and everyone is very excited!

Our theme this year is "Gargoyles". The music is very spiritual and the feel is "Meditational". Naturally, the girls look great! The change in the level of their skill and creativity from the start of band camp until now is beyond amazing! They are professionals!

The Walton Winter Guard has their first competition on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, at Harrison High School. Everyone is invited to come out, enjoy the show and support the girls!!

Your Color Guard Representatives,

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The Walton Raider Marching Band will return to Honolulu next fall!

The band has been invited to participate in the Waikiki Holiday Parade which commemorates Pearl Harbor Survivors and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We will leave for Hawaii on Monday, November 21, and arrive back in Atlanta on Monday, November 28, 2011.

The estimated cost of this exciting trip is \$2,700 per student and includes round-trip airfare, lodging (at the beautiful Hilton Hawaiian Village Resort in Waikiki!), all local transportation, numerous activities and most meals. The itinerary will include a tour of Pearl Harbor, a tribute performance by the Walton Band at the USS Battleship Missouri, participation in the Waikiki Holiday Parade down Kalakaua Avenue, and numerous activities including the Dole Pineapple Plantation, the Polynesian Cultural Center, a hike up Diamond Head, and lots of beach fun!

**Trip Agreements are due on January 21 along with the first trip payment of \$360. Be sure reserve your spot on the trip!**

Please contact your Hawaii Trip Directors, **Tom and Yvonne Single**, at (770) 587-5791 or [heeby@bellsouth.net](mailto:heeby@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CORNER: A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

**Rookie Parent Meeting (aka Very Important Information Session for Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Their Parents Who Want to Know More About Joining the WONDERFUL Walton Band Program including the Color Guard Dance Company) will be held later in the spring.**

Be on the lookout for this great opportunity to learn about our program. You will hear from the band directors, students and parents and be able to see for yourself what an exciting and rewarding experience the Walton Band program can be for you!

If you are considering marching with the band in the fall, please save these important dates on your calendar:



**Rookie Week at Walton: April 18-22**

**Band Camp at Walton:  
July 11-15 (Mandatory Attendance)**

**Band Camp at LaGrange College:  
July 17-23 (Mandatory Attendance)**

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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## STUDENT ACCOUNT REMINDER

Many of the fundraisers offered by the Walton Band give our students an opportunity to build their student accounts to help off-set some band-related expenses. Rock-a-Thon ad sales (after the first \$100 ad sale), Fruit Sales, and Scrip Gift Card purchases all earn credit for your student account.

To obtain the current balance in your student's account, you can e-mail Pat Consolo at [pat.consolo@lmco.com](mailto:pat.consolo@lmco.com). Thank you to Pat for doing an outstanding job keeping track of hundreds of transactions and for all the time it takes to manage this database of information!

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