



WALTON BAND NOTES



October 2011

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy October! Its marching band competition season and the forecast for the month is sunny with a chance of trophies! Our Marching Raider Band gets right down to business on October 1st when they travel to Milton High School to participate in the White Columns Invitational. On October 10th, the Marching Raider Band will proudly participate in the Cobb-Marietta Marching Band Exhibition at McEachern High School. Then on October 15th, they will compete in the Eagle's Nest Invitational at Collins Hill High School, and will wrap up the competition season down at the Georgia Dome for the Bands of America Super Regional Championship on October 29th! All of these events are in addition to the weekly rehearsal schedule and Friday night football games, easily making October the most exciting (and busiest) month of the year!

We take a break from our established "Friday Night Lights" routine on October 7th, when the Walton Raiders have a "bye" week. There are no band events scheduled for that weekend, so we all have a little down time to look forward to. Hopefully, our students will use this weekend as a good opportunity to slow down, catch up, and get some well-deserved rest!

Once we are past the Bands of America competition on October 29th, life will change dramatically for our band students as everything winds down. To the new families and students that are experiencing all of this for the first time, hang in there! To all parents, as we head into this exciting month, please continue to support and encourage your student, and don't miss the numerous opportunities that remain to share these exciting activities with them. The Cobb County Exhibition held at McEachern High School is open to the public and so are all three of the band's competitions. Come and be part of all the action, and if you can, jump in and volunteer, too!

The crowd that gathers at the top of P.R.I.D.E. Field at the end of rehearsals is getting bigger and bigger all the time, and is a great way to cheer for you student and appreciate first-hand how much progress they make each and every rehearsal. Believe it or not, there are only about twelve rehearsals left on the calendar until the BOA Super Regional Competition on October 29th!

We weren't kidding when we told you that it takes all of our combined efforts to keep this Walton Band machine running, and we are deeply grateful for the resounding

support you have shown. You have volunteered to chaperone rehearsals and football games, provide first aid, serve refreshments, sell raffle tickets, launder uniforms, serve BBQ, join the VIP team (Very Important Plumers), walk in parades, serve lunches and dinners, move tarps, and a zillion other tasks, none of which we could do without you THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Don't let the date fool you; no matter what time of year it is, there are always plenty of ways for you to jump in and get involved. It's never too late to come join in the fun and experience the satisfaction of making a contribution to our nationally recognized music program.

Our next Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 7 pm in the band room. We hope to see you there!

We hope you enjoy every moment of your October!

Your Band Presidents,

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NEWS FROM THE BAND REPRESENTATIVES

October is a BUSY month for our band! We look forward to exciting competitions at the White Columns Invitational at Milton High School on October 1 and the Eagle's Nest Invitational at Collins Hill on October 15. At the end of the month, on Saturday, October 29, the band will compete in the Atlanta Super Regional of the Bands of America. Be sure to mark your calendars for all of these dates! Our students and staff have been working so hard since mid-summer – now it's time to watch them shine! Performance times and schedule information will be shared through the e-blast as it becomes available.

THANK YOU to the many parents who have been helping out to chaperone rehearsals and events! It has been wonderful to meet so many new volunteers. Thank you to everyone generously donating their time to support the band!

WEEKLY BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to these star marching band students!

Week of September 2

Rookie of the Week – William Yao
Veteran of the Week – Sean Bales
Leader of the Week – Janette di Monda
Guard Girl of the Week – Amy Margolin
Percussionist of the Week – Steven Hendry

Week of September 9

Rookie of the Week – Katherine Roddy
Veteran of the Week – Rachael Skinner
Leader of the Week – Connor Kitchings
Guard Girl of the Week – Haley Clemans
Percussionist of the Week – Emily Eller

Week of September 16

Rookie of the Week – Andrew Hendry
Veteran of the Week – Braxton Friday
Leader of the Week – Rachel Cooper
Guard Girl of the Week – Christian Brown
Percussionist of the Week – Brandon Kothe

Week of September 23

Rookie of the Week – Jack Layman
Veteran of the Week – Cullen Lilley
Leader of the Week – Dani Moase
Guard Girl of the Week – Ashlee Stoddard
Percussionist of the Week – Sorden Hiraoka

CUP AND SNACK DONATIONS

Thank you for making donations to our snack and cup supplies!! The band uses MANY cups for water at rehearsals, home football games and travelling events. If you have chaperoned one of these, you know what we mean! The students are also greatly appreciative of the snacks supplied. Typically, they get a snack on the bus ride home from our “away” events. Thank you for your generosity!!!

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. Thank you!

EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT

Friday, September 30 was an exciting night for about one hundred 8th graders from Dickerson and Dodgen Middle schools as well as some private schools. They joined our Marching Raiders for the pre-game meeting and marched into the stadium as part of the band. The 8th graders got a chance to show off their musical skills playing the Walton Fight song! Thank you for giving the students and their parents a warm welcome that evening! We hope to see many of them next year in the ranks of the Walton Band!!

EAST COBBER PARADE

Thank you to **Julie Edwards**, Parade Coordinator, for pulling together the volunteer crew that supported our band for the annual march in the East Cobber Parade on Saturday September 10th. And a big thank you goes out to the following parent volunteers: Debbie Cook, Tonya Bethly, Susan Corley, Candy Margolin, Trish Moseley, Karen Hallacy, Paul Frickey, Gayle Voss, and Susan Cross. Beth Baird and Margaret Abrams coordinated water stations at the start and end of the parade. Thank you to all!!

COBB MARCHING EXHIBITION

Monday night, October 10, our Marching Raiders will participate in the Cobb Exhibition at McEachern High School. The event is an annual showcase of all the marching programs in Cobb County. Our students enjoy showing off their performance as well as seeing all the other different shows and styles. Tentative performance time for our band is 8:45pm. If you decide to make the trip to McEachern, please allow plenty of time to park and find seating. It is generally pretty crowded, but definitely worth the effort! At the end of the evening, we will see the Georgia Tech Band in exhibition.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact Chaperone Coordinator **Gloria Frey** at bandvolunteers@gmail.com if you would like to be added to our chaperone volunteer database. Also, we are looking for volunteers for the Homecoming Parade on October 21 (contact **Julie Edwards** at juliebedwards@bellsouth.net) and for Senior Night on October 28 (contact **Sue Rogers** at sue.c.rogers@talk21.com).

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

What a treat to have you join us for 8th Grade Night on September 30! Thank you for coming and we hope you had a great night!

The month of October is a busy one for the Marching Band. We perform at the home and away games in the stands and on the field at halftime. We have several marching competitions on our schedule beginning with the White Columns Invitational at Milton High School on October 1, followed by the Eagle's Nest Invitational at Collins Hill High School on October 15. At the end of the month, we invite you to join us down at the Georgia Dome for our biggest marching competition, the Atlanta Super Regional of the Bands of America on Saturday, October 29. About 40 bands from all over the southeast will be in competition. It is an incredible event and the highlight of our marching competition season!

To help you stay plugged in to the Walton Band program, several parent volunteers will be serving as 8th Grade Liaisons: **Paul Frickey** (fricfam@comcast.net), **Carol Hendry** (cmomhendry@aol.com) and **Lara Rodgers** (squeakroddgers@bellsouth.net). If you are a private school student please contact our Band Representatives, **Tom and Yvonne Single** at (heeby@bellsouth.net).

Here are some things to keep on your radar screen:

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

Marching Band Rookie Week Late April 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 Dates to be announced.

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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NEWS FROM THE FUNDRAISING TEAM . . .

Football Tickets

Single game tickets to the remaining Walton home football games are still available for \$12 per ticket from **Ann and Tim Willingham**. You won't want to miss either of our last two games in Raider Valley – Homecoming and Senior Night! Please contact Ann or Tim at (770) 973-8698 to purchase reserved seating within the band section. A big thank you goes out to Ann and Tim for serving as the chairs this football season.

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 run smoothly this year.

50/50 Raffle

Our first 50/50 raffle winner took home over \$500 in cash. Will you be our next big winner? Look for the 50/50 ticket sellers in the referee shirts at all home games and make sure to try your luck. Tickets are available for \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 and 12 tickets for \$10.

Typically, the more raffle ticket sellers we have, the bigger the jackpot. If you could help sell tickets at the games, please contact our 50/50 Raffle chairs **Susan Murphey** at skmurphey@att.net or **Joe Murphey** at joe@murpheyslawfirm.com. This volunteer position requires a very small time commitment, only an hour or two, at a home football game.

SpiritWear

Be sure to get your Walton Band SpiritWear for the competition season. It really inspires the students when they are able to see a "sea" of Walton blue in the stands during their performance! Blue Walton Band t-shirts are available cash and carry every Tuesday during the last hour of practice. Special order blue Walton Band poly-dri polo shirts are also available by printing out a Spirit Wear order form (available at www.waltonband.org), attaching a check, and dropping the order form off in the band box or with the SpiritWear sales people on Tuesday evening. If you have any questions about SpiritWear, please contact **Susan Corley** at sakcorley@gmail.com.

Scrip Gift Cards

If you aren't using gift cards to make purchases where you *already* shop, you are paying too much! With the 90/10 rebate split, the purchase of a \$100 gift card with a 10% rebate means you get a \$100 gift card to one of your

favorite retailers, \$9 goes into your student account and \$1 goes to the Band general fund. That sure helps to pay those band fees! It isn't too soon to start making Scrip purchases for your holiday travel and gift giving.

Now that the last part of practice occurs in the dark, the Scrip sales people can be found selling gift cards from inventory and taking orders for specialty gift cards in the front lobby of Walton from 7 – 8 pm every Tuesday evening beginning on October 10th. Visit www.waltonband.org to find the latest order forms, print them out, and drop your order forms off with **Diane Giordano and Kirsten Svenson** or place your completed order form and payment (check payable to WBOP) in the Band Box by the end of practice on Tuesday evenings. Your gift cards will be available for pick-up by the following Tuesday. **Diane, Kirsten, and Janet Taylor** are doing an incredible job of bringing this win-win fundraiser to the Walton Band families.

Annual Walton Band Fruit Sale

The annual Walton Band Fruit Sale will kick off during the second week in October 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. Packets detailing important information and dates will be sent home with students in October. Order forms and payments should be returned by Friday, November 4 and the fruit will be delivered to Walton on Friday, December 2nd. Thanks to **Lori Leiper and Karen Huban** for heading up this important fundraiser.

WFFF: Walton Family Feeding Frenzy

The first WFFF of 2011 was a big success! Chili's is a supporter of the Walton Band Program and, given the crowds at the WFFF, the Walton Band Program is a big supporter of Chili's. The WFFF dinners are a great time to share some fun with your band friends, support our supporters, and take a night off from cooking. Our next WFFF should be announced soon in an upcoming e-blast. Hope to see you there and please offer flyers to your friends and neighbors! Many thanks to **Charlie Brown** for coordinating the feeding frenzy this year. We can't wait to find out where October's WFFF is!

Recycling

The Walton Band is going green! Well, not completely. . . we will remain Walton Blue, but go green in spirit as we recycle your throwaways! Bring your newspapers and aluminum cans to the receptacles located at the rear of the school near the portable classrooms and Parking Lot D. The Band also recycles printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops and PDAs. Boxes for these items are located in the Band Room. Recycling is a fundraiser that is looking

for a chair. If you can spare an hour or two each week, at your convenience, to gather up the recyclables from the band room and the front office, sort them, and package them for shipment to the Cartridges for Kids recycling company, please e-mail Pat Consolo at pat.consolo@lmco.com. Our last recycling chairperson liked the position so much she kept it for three years until her daughter graduated out of the program!

Electronics & Metal Recycling Day

We will be holding our first Electronics and Metal Recycling day of the year from 9:00 to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 23rd in Parking Lot D above P.R.I.D.E. Field. Drop off your broken or unwanted electronics and metal items and then stay and watch the band rehearse. A small donation of \$10 per car is requested. There is a mandatory \$20 fee per TV and a \$10 fee per computer monitor that is dropped off. Everything else is included in the suggested \$10 donation per carload. Look for a detailed flyer in an upcoming e-blast. Any questions may be addressed to Tony Consolo at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com.

Pancake Breakfast

In conjunction with the all-day rehearsal and the Electronics and Metal Recycling Day, the Walton Band will host the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes will be flying across the cafeteria as professional pancake flippers take over the commons to serve an all you care to eat flapjack, sausage and orange juice breakfast! Keep your eyes out for a flyer with more details in an upcoming e-blast.

Garage Sale 2011

It is not too early to start thinking about Garage Sale 2012, which is slated for March 17, 2012. We are currently working on locating storage for your donations and hope to have that locked down very soon. If you have some storage space, or know of space that can be donated, please contact **Tony Consolo** at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com. Keep your eye on the e-blasts for Garage Sale updates and as soon as the storage is firmed up, we will begin holding donation/pick-up days! So, start gathering your treasures, start advising your neighbors to gather their treasures, and start thinking Tax Deduction 2011!

If you volunteered with us for Garage Sale last year, you know how much fun this event is to work, so please consider helping out again this year. If you are new to the Walton Band Program, or did not volunteer last year, join us this year and see how much fun this event is. Contact Garage Sale Chair Tony Consolo at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com to sign up.

Speaking of volunteers, Team Garage Sale 2012 is in need of a publicity chair. Before our previous publicity chair, **Rene' Moase**, moved on to co-chair pricing with **Donna Rosseland**, she created a complete file of publicity instructions, contacts, e-mails and telephone numbers of all previous publicity contacts at all of the local newspapers, magazines, and web sites. The homework, is done, all we need is one able minded parent to step into this slot. This is an easy, fun way to get involved in the garage sale without doing any lifting. Please contact Tony Consolo if you can help.

Band Football Dinner

The annual Band Football Dinner is a great tradition at Walton High School. Thank you to **Peg Weihsmann** and **Jenny Seitter** for co-chairing the delicious dinner this year. Over 200 Walton band students, family members and friends enjoyed Williamson Brothers BBQ before heading into the stadium for the first home game. Thank you to **Margaret Abrams, Pat Consolo, Debbie Cook, Susan Corley, Al Fosha, Kathleen Fosha, Edie Kitchings, Nancy Liu, Amy Margolin, Jeff Margolin, Mary Bryant Mason, Michele Morris, Kristine Smith, Kirsten Svenson, Fran Vookles, and Mitzi Underwood** for volunteering.

Rock-a-Thon Recap

On Friday September 23, 2011, the halls of Hogwarts (aka Walton) were hopping with first, second, third year students and prefects. There was magic in the air and mysterious potions and concoctions in the great hall for all to enjoy. The students tried their skills on several new additions to Rock-a-Thon such as the Hamster Ball, Quidditch and Dance Central. The inflatables were once again a crowd favorite - first for jumping, sliding and jousting and later for a convenient napping zone. Make sure to check out www.rock-a-thon.com and www.waltonband.org for pictures of the event.

Once again Rock-a-Thon was a success with outstanding student participation. While the final numbers are still coming in, we are close to our goal of \$30,000 with over 70 percent of our students qualifying. Congratulations to the freshman class with a whopping 86 percent qualifying! Sponsorship sales contest winners for the girls are: 1st place – **Nikki Hallacy**; 2nd place – **Hannah Single**; 3rd place – **Shannon Consolo**. For the boys: 1st place – **Daniel Jacobs**; 2nd place – **Andrew Hendry**; 3rd place – **Noah Underwood**. 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 to qualify for the party.

This party would not have happened without the help of scores of parents who volunteered hours and hours for

preparation, set-up, chaperoning, and clean-up of the event. It is not easy to stay up all night with a group of energetic students. Thanks to **Margaret Abrams, Jaymini Amin, Kathy and Dale Aspy, Andrea Back, Julie Burrall, Pat and Tony Consolo, Susan and Bob Corley, Susan Cross, Rhonda Davidson, Suellen Dennis, Tim Floyd, Kathleen Fosha, Mike Frey, Karen Hallacy, Karen Huban, Carol and Quentin Hendry, Becky Lawson, Carole Leibman, Nancy Liu, Mary Bryant Mason, Barbara and Mike McLoughlin, Michele and Dean Morris, Trish Moseley, Eileen O'Laughlin, Laura Rodgers, Sue and Nick Rogers, Patricia Rossman, Yvonne Single, Kathy and Ken Stamm, Mitzi Underwood**, and anyone we may have missed, but truly appreciate!

A huge Walton Band thank you goes to **Susan Corley** and **Carol Hendry** for chairing the Harry Potter party. Out thanks also go to **Michele Brodsky** who represented our friends from the Orchestra side of the Walton Band and Orchestra Parent organization. Michele's team of volunteers did a beautiful job with decorations, turning the commons into Hogwarts!

What's next? As soon as the Walton Band & Orchestra Sponsor's Directory is published, make sure to support to business that support the Walton Band. Be sure to tell them you found them in the Sponsor's Directory and thank them for supporting our great program.

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REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WALTON BAND SPONSORS!!!!

ADMINISTRATIVE BAND NEWS

Throughout the marching season, parent volunteers will play key roles in helping our students succeed. A team of dedicated moms each week will be assisting students with their uniforms, and several times during the season will launder uniforms in their homes; a different group of men and women will be loading and unloading our trucks for each away game, competition and performance, and will help students move their instruments, props and equipment on and off the field during each performance; another group of parents will be providing the students with cold water and beverages during games and after each performance. Volunteers like these are critical to the band's success, and we need your help!

UNIFORMS

We want to thank our Uniform Committee Chairperson, **Lara Rodgers**, and the volunteer parent helpers who are working before, during and after each marching performance to ensure that our band students look great in their uniforms! Special thanks to those parents who have spent time laundering the uniforms in their homes, including **Margaret Abrams, Michelle Aiken, Carolyn Alexander, Julie Burrall, Debbie Cook, Adriana Curry, Suellen Dennis, Margaret Dewitt, Susan Drechsel, Sonya Dudziak, Linda Floyd, Gloria Frey, Laura Hatcher, Laura Hollar, Kathy Kennedy, Edie Kitchings, Nilou Madani, Barb McLoughlin, Barb Misel, Priscilla Mudrow, Jay Patel, Marion Richardson, Ann Rockwell, Sue Rogers, Kirsten Svenson, Janet Taylor, Mitzi Underwood and Denia Williams.**

ROADIES and PIT CREW

Before and after each away game and marching performance, parent roadies are responsible for loading and unloading the heavy instruments and other equipment onto Big Blue, our rolling storage facility (semi-trailer), and onto the Band's small white truck. During every halftime show and marching competition, several parents will be on the sidelines in the Pit Crew assisting students in moving and positioning the stationary percussion instruments and props in an orderly and timely manner. Thanks to **Tim Floyd**, Roadie Crew and Pit Crew coordinator, and to **Ken Stamm, Tony Consolo, Gary West, Mike Frey, Tim Huban, Tim Willingham, Brian Loomis, Gary Smith, Dean Morris, Phil Mikul, Susan Cross, Alan Abrams, Barb Misel, Bill Friday, Caroline Friday, Glen Giordano, John Underwood, Claudia Castillo, Quentin Hendry, Al Fosha, Paul Frickey, Maidie Golan, Tom Weihsmann, Bob Corley, Steve Layman, John Cardwell, and all others** who are assisting the Roadie Crew and the Pit Crew.

PROPS

Certain parents have been spending time recently creating the props that our students will be using in the upcoming marching competitions. Kudos to **Tim Floyd**, Special Projects Coordinator, and to **Melissa Paule, Tony Consolo, Brian Loomis, Gary West, Ken Stamm, David Keith, Susan Cross, Janet Taylor, Quentin Hendry, and all other volunteers** who are working on this important project.

STADIUM REFRESHMENTS

Our stadium Refreshment Committee is responsible for making sure our students stay hydrated during the games, parades and competitions, by providing a variety of cold

soft drinks and water at convenient locations at the events. This requires significant planning and preparation, and a lot of physical effort on performance days. Thanks to **David & Annie Keith** and **Beth Baird**, the Refreshment Committee's co-chairs, and to **all others** who are helping with refreshments.

FIRST AID

Thanks to **Lynn Boyle**, First Aid Coordinator, for offering first aid and TLC to our students at each game, parade and competition this year.

PARENT PRIDE

After every home football game, parents organize our post-game tailgate celebrations under the tower at Pride Field, setting up the tables and providing lemonade, water, and when the weather turns colder, hot chocolate! Thanks to **Lorna Chastain**, the Parent PRIDE Committee's lead co-chair, and to **Gloria Frey, Kim Newsome** and **Sheryl Davis** for coordinating these highly enjoyable events.

AUDIO and VISUAL

Thanks to **David Keith** and **Stephanie Loomis** for assisting the directors by managing the audio and video recording of each marching performance, and to **Brian Loomis** for sharing his voice over the public address system in introducing the Marching Raiders at the start of each half-time show.

NAME TAGS

Thanks to **Mary Fitzgerald** for coordinating parents' name tags once again this year.

The band's continuing success is the result of the efforts and skills of our students and directors, as well as the enthusiasm and support of our parents, including all of the hard working volunteers listed above. If you are interested in getting more involved, or if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please let either of us know.

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2011 HAWAII TRIP

Aloha!

52 days until we take off for Honolulu! Read on for some updates about the trip...

\$\$\$ The **LAST** payment (combined trip and Band Fees) is due on October 14. **All students must be paid in full by October 14.** If you would like an update on any outstanding balance, please contact Pat Consolo at pat.consolo@lmco.com. Remember that Student Account funds may be used for Trip Payments.

Payments can be returned to the Band Box or mailed to:

Pat Consolo, 4811 Fernie Court, Marietta, GA 30068. You may also use Google Checkout through the link on the Walton Band website. The password is PRIDE.

Roommates: Sign up was successfully completed last week. Thank you students and parents for the follow up!

Flights: We are travelling in two groups to Hawaii, one direct flight departing Atlanta at approximately 11am on Monday, November 21, and one connecting through Salt Lake City departing Atlanta at approximately 8am. Everyone will be on the direct flight unless you already know that you are not! The largest portion of our seats is on the direct flight so we solicited 2 chaperones and 8 students to travel on the connecting flight. Both groups will arrive in Hawaii about the same time. The connecting group leaves a little later on Sunday evening and will be able to drink in a couple more hours of the Polynesian sun!

Trip Itinerary: Leave Atlanta on Monday, November 21, and depart Honolulu on Sunday, November 27, 2011. The trip cost 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. On Tuesday, we'll spend the day on the windward side of Oahu at the Secret Island. Wednesday's itinerary takes us to the Dole Pineapple Plantation, along the North Shore and to the Polynesian Cultural Center, a showcase of Polynesian cultures and villages. On Friday during the day, we will tour Pearl Harbor and perform alongside the USS Battleship Missouri. The evening will find us marching down torch-lit Kalakaua Avenue in the Waikiki Holiday Parade. We'll wrap up the week with a hike up Diamond Head, the site

of an inactive volcano, for some incredible views of Waikiki, Honolulu and the Pacific. Stay tuned for more details (Thanksgiving Day plans are still in the works!).

SAVE the DATE!! A Mandatory Trip Meeting for students and parents will be held on Thursday evening, **November 3**, following the Band Parent Meeting. A packet of information and forms will be distributed as we get closer to November 3.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have specific questions and concerns. Trip chaperones **Ken and Kathy Stamm, Alan and Margaret Abrams, Tony and Pat Consolo, Lisa Cooper, Mike Frey,** Tom and I are working hard to put all the details in place. It will be a wonderful adventure!

Your Hawaii Trip Directors,

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COLOR GUARD CORNER

The marching season is in full swing and October brings competition month! The girls have worked so hard and they're looking forward to stepping up to the new challenges. What an exciting show!

Watch for information coming out in a few weeks for the annual Rose Sale. The Color Guard Rose Sale is the perfect way to say "I appreciate you", "I love you", or "You're just plain special" so take advantage of this special opportunity to support our Color Guard!

Thanks to all of last month's volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!!



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