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# WALTON BAND NOTES



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September 2011

## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the most exciting time of the year to be part of the Walton Band program with guaranteed non-stop action for the next couple of months! The students' enthusiasm and excitement is a strong reminder of what an incredible group of young people and families we are sharing this adventure with. Our awesome students and band directors have been working very hard since the first day of Band Camp at Walton back in July, and the "Concrete Canyons" show gets better and better with each rehearsal.

We hope you were able to attend the band's dress rehearsal performance and ice cream social on August 19<sup>th</sup>. What a proud moment for every parent as our students marched in to Raider Valley in full uniform for the very first time! Congratulations, moms and dads!

An awful lot of dedicated parents have worked very hard to get our band to this point in time, beginning this summer at Band Camp in LaGrange, Georgia. Huge thanks go to our Camp Directors, **Dean and Michele Morris** and **Mike and Gloria Frey**, and all of the wonderful chaperones who gave up a week of their summer vacation to take care of our students. What a great start to the season! We would also like to thank our band directors and the top-notch team of instructors they assembled to ensure that camp was an incredible learning experience for all of our musicians. Thank you, all!!

Throughout the months of September and October, you'll have many opportunities to see the band and color guard perform – every Friday night at football games, marching band competitions, the Cobb-Marietta Marching Band Exhibition, and even a couple of parades. We know you will want to be there for as many of these performances as possible, cheering on all of our students and sharing the marching band magic with them. You are also welcome to stop by during any rehearsal – just come on back to P.R.I.D.E. Field and if the band isn't there, they will be in the stadium. If you arrive thirty minutes or so before the rehearsal is scheduled to end, you'll be able to watch the band's last run-through of the evening, say hello to some fellow band parents, and support your student (and all of our students!).

Not only are all of these events great opportunities for you to support and cheer for your student, but they are also opportunities for you to get involved in supporting the efforts of the Walton Band Boosters. Two of our biggest fundraisers are held during the fall, Rock-a-Thon

and Fruit Sale, and you can read more about these efforts in the Fundraising section of this newsletter. There are so many ways that you can help, and regardless of how much or how little time you have, we need your talents and treasure your involvement. If you aren't sure what the best fit is for you, just ask! We'll be happy to help you find it!

Your Band Presidents,

**Ken and Kathy Stamm**

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***A Special Note For Our Freshman Families*** - This is such an exciting time in your students' lives, and in your family's story! At half-time, there is nothing like watching our students performing as a cohesive unit, and combining music, movement, and color for everyone to enjoy. Then you will see them in the stands, dancing and cheering, playing their repertoire of "stands tunes", always ready to play the Walton Fight Song when the Raiders score.

At competitions, they will shine their brightest with P.R.I.D.E. on the line as the crowd cheers for them and another extraordinary performance is added to the long history of the Walton Band Program. There is so much you can do to show your support for your student. First of all, come out and watch and cheer. There are single-game tickets remaining in the band parent section so you can sit with the band parents at football games. Second, wear your Walton Band SpiritWear. You can purchase SpiritWear at the monthly Band Parent Meetings, or on Tuesdays during the last hour of band rehearsal. Third, find a place to volunteer. This is the very best way for you to become involved in your student's high school life, a choice you won't regret. Not only will you get to meet their friends and other band parents, but you will find that your band connection offers all of you a very special way to share the four quick years of high school.

Please feel free to contact us, or any board member, if you have any questions, concerns, or just need to talk to someone who can relate to all the changes and challenges that you and your student are experiencing . . . we are all here to help – and we want to!

Ken and Kathy ☺

## **NEWS FROM THE BAND REPRESENTATIVES**

### **THANK YOU, CHAPERONES!**

Our teams of chaperones have been hard at work since mid-summer! **THANK YOU** to the many parents who chaperoned at our summer rehearsals, Band Camp at Walton and at the after school rehearsals so far!! Thanks also to the teams of chaperones who watched over the students during the all day rehearsal on August 27. With your help, our students are very well-cared for during rehearsal breaks and when they need first aid. Chaperone Coordinator, **Gloria Frey**, has done a fabulous job organizing all the shifts and supplies. Thanks also to **Lynn Boyle**. As our First Aid Coordinator, she keeps the first aid kit stocked and ready for any bumps and bruises or aches and pains. **Susan Cross and Tony Consolo**, our Parking Lot Sentries, have done a wonderful job blocking off the lower parking lot near the stadium, aka P.R.I.D.E. Field, for band rehearsals. **Thank you!**

The Corky Kell Classic on August 20 was our first band “away” event for the season. Thank you to all the chaperones who accompanied the students!

**It is still not too late to add your name to the list of chaperone volunteers for practices at Walton or for football games, competitions and parades. Please contact Chaperone Coordinator Gloria Frey at [bandvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:bandvolunteers@gmail.com).**

### **CORRECTION**

**Dani Moase** is serving as the Secretary/Treasurer for the band this year. The names were reported incorrectly last month. We apologize, Dani!

### **BAND CAMP STUDENT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the conclusion of Band Camp in Lagrange!

Outstanding Rookie Winds – Natalie West  
Outstanding Rookie Percussion – Mac McComb  
Outstanding Rookie Guard – Tatiana Dobretsova

Outstanding Veteran Winds – Josh Larsen  
Outstanding Veteran Percussion – Katy Loomis  
Outstanding Veteran Guard – Annika Carter

Most Improved Winds – Daniel Jacobs  
Most Improved Percussion – Nolan Rodack  
Most Improved Guard – Hannah Byce

Outstanding Leader – Jess Edwards

## **WEEKLY BAND AWARDS**

Congratulations to these star marching band students!

### **Week of August 20**

Rookie of the Week – Gina Kim  
Veteran of the Week – Meredith Freeman  
Leader of the Week – Zack Davidson  
Guard Girl of the Week – Veronica Khoury  
Percussionist of the Week – Navid Mikailizadeh

### **ROOKIE PARENTS Q&A, September 12**

Now that our marching season is underway, you may find that many of your questions have been answered or you may have even MORE questions. We are offering an informal Q & A session for Rookie Parents to follow the upcoming Band Parent Meeting on Monday evening, September 12. Plan to stay after the meeting and bring any questions you might have.

### **DONATIONS WANTED: CUPS for Rehearsals AND SNACKS for Away Games**

Please consider picking up an extra package or two of 9 oz. paper cups to donate to the band. We use MANY cups for water at band rehearsals; your donations will replenish our supply. Also, please consider donating individually packaged snack size cookies, chips, and candy. We use these during away football games and trips. The students are very appreciative of the goodies for the ride home to Walton. Any donations can be dropped off in the band room or given to a chaperone at practice. Thank you in advance!

### **EIGHTH GRADE NIGHT**

Eighth grade students from Dodgen, Dickerson and local private schools will be joining the Walton Band at the home football game September 30 against Lassiter. Come cheer on these future Marching Walton Raiders!

### **EAST COBBER PARADE**

On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, our Marching Raiders will make their way down Johnson Ferry Road as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual East Cobber Parade. The parade begins at 10am at Mt. Bethel Elementary and ends at the Olde Towne Shopping Center. Plan to come watch this fun community event!

Following the parade, the band will have a rehearsal at Walton from 1:30 pm to 8 pm with a dinner break from 5 to 6.

## 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!

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## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CORNER...A SPECIAL SECTION FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Welcome to the Walton Band Program! If you don't already have a student in the Walton Band, this is probably your first band newsletter! We hope that you enjoy reading about all of the wonderful activities that are going on at Walton. The purpose of the section is to keep you informed about all of the events that affect your eighth grader as they get ready to enter the high school band program next year.

**Eighth graders are invited to attend the home football game against Lassiter on Friday, September 30.** The eighth grade students will march into the stadium with our Marching Raider Band and play in the stands alongside them during the game. They will even get a chance to play by themselves during the second quarter while the high school band warms up for their half time show! Please plan to attend the game and be sure to bring your camera! Your middle school director will be sharing more information shortly.

After winter break we will host a Rising Ninth Grade Student and Parent Meeting to introduce you to the Walton Band program. Also, we host a Rookie Week in the late spring to introduce marching band to interested students. Stay tuned for more information! **Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time, though, if you have questions.** We hope that your student will decide to join the marching band next year! See you on September 30!

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

### IMPORTANCE OF FUNDRAISING

In order to support our nationally recognized music program, it is important for all Walton Band families to participate in our fundraising efforts. The Walton Band offers a very large, comprehensive band program with many great 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. For example, money earned from fundraisers is used to offset the cost of music, music arranging, drill writing, copyright approval, competition registration fees, specialty instruction, uniform repair, uniform cleaning, instrument repair, medical supplies, and expenses to transport Big Blue (and all the equipment) to and from games and competitions. As you can see, everyone's participation in our fundraising efforts is vital to the program. Some of our near-term fundraisers are:

### ROCK-A-THON

This year's Rock-a-Thon party takes place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, with check-in beginning at 11:00 pm. The theme voted by the band and orchestra students is Harry Potter! A favorite part of each year's party is the FOOD! The party begins with dinner items and ends with breakfast items. Rock-a-Thon operates solely on donations from local businesses and from parents. A suggested donation is \$10 per student, but please feel free to give any amount that you are comfortable giving! We will be collecting donations at the September Parent Meeting, or you can always make a contribution using the band box. Just be sure to mark your envelope "Rock-a-Thon Food Donation." Thank you!

It takes enough food to feed an army and we need an army of volunteers to chaperone or to help in many different ways to guarantee the success of this event. It is great fun and you'll have a ball no matter how long you can stay. If you can't chaperone the party, keep in mind that baked cookies, cupcakes, cheesecakes, etc. are always appreciated by the kids. We also need people to pick up food on Friday. If you're not a night owl, please consider helping on the Saturday morning clean-up crew beginning at 5:00 am. Please contact Susan Corley at [sakcorley@gmail.com](mailto:sakcorley@gmail.com) to volunteer and THANKS! A big shout out goes to **Susan Corley** and **Carol Hendry** for leading the effort to bring you the best Rock-a-Thon party EVER!

Rock-A-Thon.com is where you'll find all the information you need to fill your student account! If you are not sure how to get started, the party blog contains valuable selling

tips to help you on your way. Just visit the website at [www.rock-a-thon.com](http://www.rock-a-thon.com) and click on the "Party Blog" link.

Email questions to [help@rock-a-thon.com](mailto:help@rock-a-thon.com) and e-mail artwork to [ads@rock-a-thon.com](mailto:ads@rock-a-thon.com).

## **SPIRITWEAR**

Have you seen the new additions to the SpiritWear product line? **Jean Marie Schiraldi** and **Susan Corley** worked all summer to bring you a variety of high quality t-shirts, poly-dri shirts, sweatshirts, flannel pajama bottoms, car magnets, ball caps, stadium cushions, yard signs and more that you can display or wear to you're your Walton Band PRIDE. Many items can be personalized. These items make great gifts and serve as nice mementos. SpiritWear is available for purchase at the monthly Monday Band Parent meetings and on Tuesday evenings at the top of the practice field. Thank you to **Tony Consolo, Bob Corley, Carol Hendry, Quentin Henry, Nancy Liu, Lisa Moore, and Lara Rodgers** for their help selling SpiritWear. For more information on SpiritWear, you can contact **Susan Corley** via email at [sakcorley@gmail.com](mailto:sakcorley@gmail.com).

## **BAND FOOTBALL DINNER**

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 16<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 is a catered Williamson Brothers BBQ, which includes your choice of pulled pork or pulled chicken, buns, cole slaw, baked beans, cookies and a drink. The cost will be \$8 per person, but if you purchased season football tickets, your dinner is included. Order forms for this event can be downloaded from the [www.waltonband.org](http://www.waltonband.org) site. Complete the order form and place it in the band box. Thank you to **Peg Weihsmann** and **Jenny Seitter** for heading up this event. Please contact Peg at [tawptw@bellsouth.net](mailto:tawptw@bellsouth.net) with any questions regarding the BBQ Dinner.

## **FOOTBALL TICKETS**

Many thanks go out to **Ann and Tim Willingham** for coordinating the sales of football season tickets. Season tickets are still available at \$65 for admission to all four home games as well as the BBQ Dinner. If you can't make all the home games, or want to bring a guest to a game, single game tickets are available within the band's reserved band section for \$12 each. Please contact Ann or Tim at (770) 973-8698.

## **50/50 RAFFLES**

The Walton Band conducts 50/50 raffles at home football games. The tickets are sold before the game and also during the first half of the game. Raffle tickets are \$2

each, 3 for \$5, or an arm's length (12 tickets) for \$10. The proceeds are split 50% to the band and 50% to one lucky winner. The winning ticket will be drawn during the third quarter and the winner goes home with a check that night! If you want to join the fun and sell tickets during the games, please contact **Susan or Joe Murphey** at [skmurphey@att.net](mailto:skmurphey@att.net). If you aren't able to sell tickets, be sure to look for the men and women in the black and white striped shirts selling them! Your odds of winning are much better than the Georgia Lottery!

## **SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Buy gift cards to use at the places where you already shop and raise money for the band -and- your student's band account! Last year, Walton Band parents purchased over \$250,000 in gift cards and earned almost \$15,000 for their student accounts. How does this work? For each gift card that you purchase, the band receives an instant "rebate" for the % amount shown on the order form (varies by retailer). A portion of the rebate (90%) is then credited to your student's band account (which you can use toward his/her band expenses). During marching season, orders are taken every week. It's so easy! Just place your completed order form and payment (check payable to WBOP) in the band box **by the end of practice on Tuesday** and your cards will be available by the following Tuesday for pick-up. The band carries a small inventory of our most popular gift cards. If you forget to order, no problem! The on-hand inventory cards include Chepe's, Chili's, CVS, Home Depot, iTunes, Kroger, Longhorn, Panera Bread, Publix, Starbucks, and Whole Foods. Cards can be purchased at the monthly Band Parent Meetings and during the last hour of Tuesday's practices. Thank you to **Janet Taylor, Diane Giordano, and Kirsten Svenson** for working so hard on this fundraiser that benefits YOU and the band!

## **BAND PICTURES**

Thanks so much to **Julie Edwards** for arranging and organizing the band picture session on August 20<sup>th</sup>. All of the kids looked great in their uniforms! Pictures will be distributed as soon as they are available.

## **RECYCLING**

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 in the 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. Please contact **Pat Consolo** at [pat.consolo@lmco.com](mailto:pat.consolo@lmco.com) with any questions.

## BAND LUNCHESES

Providing lunches to the students during Band Camp at Walton Week is certainly more of a service to our students and parents than it is a fundraiser. Thank you to the following women for giving up their time over the summer to coordinate, set-up, serve, and clean-up the lunch area during the Band Camp at Walton week: **Beth Baird, Pat Consolo, Susan Corley, Carol Hendry, Annie Keith, Barb Misel, Lara Rodgers and Sue Rogers.**

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BAND SPONSORS!!!!**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BAND NEWS**

### COMMITTEES

During marching season, band and color guard students will be really busy, and so will their parents! Please join us in thanking each of the following parents for volunteering to chair these important administrative committees during 2011-2012:

**Audio Visual** - David Keith and Stephanie Loomis

**Awards Banquet** - Sue Rogers (Lead Chair), Pat Consolo, Suellen Dennis, Lynne Durden and Kathy Singer

**Band Camp** – Mike & Gloria Frey

**Concerts** - Lara Rodgers (Programs) and Cynthia Eller & Lynn Boyle (Hospitality)

**First Aid** - Lynn Boyle

**Legal Advisor** - Judy Croy and Carolyn Roddy

**Name Tags** - Mary Fitzgerald

**PA Announcer** - Brian Loomis

**Parent PRIDE** - Lorna Chastain (Lead Chair), Gloria Frey, Sheryl Davis and Kim Newsome

**Roadies and Performance Support Crews** – Tim Floyd

**Special Projects** – Tim Floyd

**Stadium Refreshments** – David & Annie Keith and Beth Baird

**Trucks** - Mike Frey

**Uniforms** - Lara Rodgers (Lead Chair), Ivy Foo and Jay Patel

Each of these committees can use your help, so please get involved!

### PARENT P.R.I.D.E.

Over the next few months, the students in the marching band and color guard will be exhibiting their **PRIDE** (**P**roficiency **R**eliability **I**ntegrity **D**iscipline **E**xcellence) during every Walton football game, competition, parade, exhibition and performance. Please come to as many of these events as you can, wear your SpiritWear, and cheer loudly! When our students see and hear their families' support, it really boosts their confidence and improves their performance. Coming together in support of the Marching Raiders is a lot of fun, and is a great way to get to know your fellow band parents. The Parent PRIDE Committee adds to the excitement by coordinating parent spirit at the games and marching performances. Following each home football game, be sure to join us on P.R.I.D.E. Field for the post-game tailgate parties coordinated by the Parent PRIDE Committee, where band and guard students and their families will gather together for dessert, beverages, fun and friendship, while we all wait for the parking lot traffic to clear. Let's make 2011-2012 the best Parent PRIDE year yet!

### UNIFORMS

Our students looked as great as they sounded during their performances at the dress rehearsal and opening game at the Georgia Dome! Kudos and thank you to **Lara Rodgers**, Uniform Committee Chairperson, and to each of the following hardworking parent volunteers, who helped with fittings during the summer and/or assisted students before, during and after the dress rehearsal and the opening game: **Margaret Abrams, Beth Baird, Bev Cox, Susan Corley, Susan Cross, Adriana Curry, Margaret Dewitt, Suellen Dennis, Lynne Durden, Sonya Dudziak, Mimi Erickson, Mary Fitzgerald, Linda Floyd, Carol Hendry, Laura Hollar, Edie Kitchings, Becky Lawson, Barb McLaughlin, Jay Patel, Ji Eun Park, Marion Richardson, Sue Rogers, Jean Marie Schiraldi, Paulette Smith, Kristen Svenson, Janet Taylor and Peg Weihsmann** Thank you ladies for a truly outstanding effort!

As a reminder, here are the procedures to help our students care for their marching uniforms:

- 1) The jackets and bibbers (pants) are kept on racks at school, and will be distributed to the students prior to each game or performance. Before each event, the Band Directors will give the students a

time to report to the band room for the *Uniform Call* (usually 20-30 minutes before the start of the band meeting) to dress for the performance. All students will be expected to report to the band room at the time of *Uniform Call*, and will be expected to be in uniform prior to the start of the meeting.

- 2) Students should arrive at school for games and other marching performances dressed in a plain black t-shirt (no logos except for Walton Band), shorts, black socks (which rise 6" or more above the ankle) and their marching shoes. They should also bring with them their shako, black gloves, and their garment bag (for away games and competitions).
- 3) During the *Uniform Call*, students will retrieve their jackets and bibbers from the uniform racks, which will be located either in the theater or the band room, and will be arranged by section. Each student has been assigned a unique uniform set (jacket and bibber), and will be responsible for keeping his/her set together. Each uniform set has a hanger with the student's name, section and uniform assignments. Students will be responsible for their hangers, and must place them back on the proper rack after they get dressed.
- 4) Prior to each event, there will be Uniform Committee members stationed by the racks as well as in the uniform room, to help students with their uniforms and assist with any other last minute details. Students can purchase additional black socks (\$3), gloves (\$3) or black cotton t-shirt (\$5) from the Uniform Room, if he or she loses an item or does not have the proper attire. For away games, exhibitions and competitions, students will dress in their bibbers, keeping their jackets on the hangers, which they will bring with them on the buses in their garment bags. Following each away event, students should put their jackets back on their hangers in their garment bags for the bus ride back to school.
- 5) After all home and away games and performances, students must return to the band room immediately to store their instruments and hang up their uniforms on the appropriate rack for their section, before they can be dismissed. Students will not be allowed to linger in the band room after performances in their uniforms.

All students will be expected to take good care of their uniforms, hanging them properly on their assigned hanger so that they air out and maintain the presses. Students have been shown how to properly hang their jacket and bibber, and they will be expected to do this after each performance. It is never acceptable for students to throw

uniform pieces over the racks, hang them sloppily, or hang them on the rack inside their garment bags - the garment bags will go home with the students after each event. It will be the students' responsibility to ensure their assigned uniform jackets and bibbers are hung together on the correct hangers, and are placed on the correct racks for their respective sections. Uniform Committee members will be on hand before and after all games and performances to monitor uniform care and assist the students as required.

## **ROADIES & PERFORMANCE SUPPORT**

Before and after each road game, marching exhibition and competition, parent volunteer roadies will help our students load and unload instruments, props and equipment onto Big Blue, our semi-trailer, as well as our white box truck. Proper loading involves a lot of heavy lifting and is truly a team operation. During every halftime show, marching exhibition and competition, parent volunteers also assist the students in moving and positioning the stationary percussion instruments and props in an orderly and timely manner. It is fun work and a great way to be a part of the show! If you are interested in being a member of the Roadie Crew, Pit Crew and/or Prop Crew, please contact **Tim Floyd** (timothy.floyd@gtri.gatech.edu) for the details, or just come down to the field a few minutes before halftime or before or after practice.

## **BAND CAMP 2011 WRAP UP**

Congratulations to the 2011 Camp Co-Directors **Dean & Michele Morris** and **Mike & Gloria Frey**, as well as the band directors, instructors, many dedicated parent volunteers, and of course our students, who combined to make Band Camp at LaGrange a tremendous success once again this year. Our students worked extremely hard throughout the week, and really made great progress in learning the music and marching drills. Despite all of the hard work, everyone still had time to have a lot of (mandatory!) fun. Congratulations to **Maddie Corley**, winner of the fifth annual *Band Camp Idol* competition, which was an enjoyable evening for all involved. Each of the talented student contestants wowed us all with very creative and entertaining performances, and received especially warm support and appreciation from their fellow students in the audience. It was one of many examples witnessed throughout the week of the talent and great character comprising our Marching Raiders!

## **VOLUNTEERS**

The Walton Band's continuing success depends not only on the hard work and skills of our students and directors, but also on the enthusiasm of our parents and YOUR involvement. There are numerous volunteer

opportunities, and *we need your help!* In most cases no prior experience is needed. You will find that the time you give to the band program will be very rewarding, and you just might make some new friends too!

If you are interested in volunteering but did not turn in a volunteer form, or if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities, please let either of us know.

Together, let's help the directors, staff and students make this a really terrific marching season!

Your Administrative Co-Vice Presidents,

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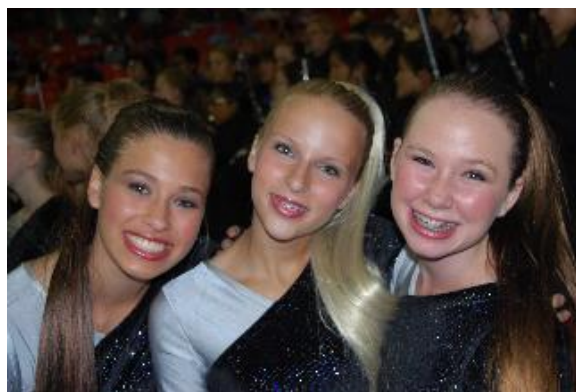
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## COLOR GUARD CORNER

The girls kicked off the new season with a fantastic performance in the Georgia Dome. It's so rewarding to see their hard work pay off with such a wonderful show. And the excitement of Friday night football is underway. The show will change almost week to week as we continue to learn new work and perfect the old. You won't want to miss a single game! October is competition month and we need to be ready!!

Just a reminder - brief meetings are held at the end of every practice so make sure you talk to your daughters about what lies ahead. We will definitely email you any important parent information but the girls themselves are your best source for the latest and greatest. :) Even though fall is around the corner (and hopefully cooler temperatures!) the girls still need take care of themselves and drink lots of water.

Many thanks to the volunteers last month. The program wouldn't be successful without you, and the girls love having you around!!



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## 2011 HAWAII TRIP

Aloha! Only 71 days until we take off for Honolulu!

**\$\$\$** The last two payments (combined trip and band fees) are due on September 16 and 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](mailto:pat.consolo@lmco.com). Remember that Student Account credit 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".

**Parent Pride Trip:** Unfortunately, the Parent Pride Trip was cancelled in August. Several families had to drop out due to unforeseen circumstances, and the group trip is longer financially feasible. A big thank you goes to **Karen and Tim Huban** for seeing us through this process.

**Tentative Trip Itinerary:** Leave Atlanta on Monday, November 21, and depart Honolulu on Sunday, November 27, 2011. The estimated 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. 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 for the students including the Dole Pineapple Plantation, the Polynesian Cultural Center, a hike up Diamond Head, and lots of beach fun.

**Roommate, Flight, and Bus Sign-ups** for the trip will take place shortly. Students will be housed four to a room. We have begun collecting information needed for air ticketing. Please forward your child's full legal name as it appears on his/her photo ID, frequent flyer number for Delta Airlines, date of birth, age at the time of the trip, and any special dietary needs as soon as possible to us at [heeby@bellsouth.net](mailto:heeby@bellsouth.net). Please contact us if you have any questions about the process.

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