


WALTON BAND NOTES



January 2012

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Walton Band Families and Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed a safe and restful break for the holidays and we welcome you to a new season, and another exciting year, in the Walton Band program!

The spring semester is off to a great start and, like all semesters in the Walton Band program, includes a busy calendar of events. Both the Symphonic and Concert Bands are already working on their programs for the District 12 Band Festival held at the end of March. Walton's Jazz Band will begin rehearsing soon and the Walton Percussion Ensemble is ready to kick into gear, too. The girls in Walton's Winter Guard have been rehearsing since the end of marching season as they prepare for their first contest at the end of this month.

We hope you will be able to find an opportunity during their season to attend one (or more!) of the Winter Guard's contests . . . to cheer them on, naturally, but also to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the beauty and skill of what they do. Your first chance will be the *Arts in Motion* Color Guard contest at Harrison High School on January 28th. With some tough competition in their Scholastic A Class, it would be wonderful to have our "sea of blue" in the bleachers at Harrison cheering them on.

As always, the fundraising team has a packed calendar for the spring, and they are hard at work planning the Walton Band's 20th Annual Garage Sale, our annual Spring Concert, and the 7th Annual Taste of East Cobb. These fundraisers are in addition to managing all of their ongoing fundraising efforts, wow! We know you join us in thanking **Tony & Pat Consolo** and **Bob & Susan Corley** for their year-round commitment to our band program and students.

Each January, a Nominating Committee is formed to assemble a slate of officers for the following year's Band Board. This year's committee has been assembled and will be meeting throughout the month to recruit a slate of officers to serve on the 2012-2013 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 Band Parent Meeting in time to begin their term of service on April 15th. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to nominate someone for a specific position, please contact either one of us.

November's trip to Hawaii was an incredible and memorable experience for our students. There were many wonderful activities and plenty of beach fun, but certainly the performance on the pier of the USS Missouri and the moving wreath-laying at the Pearl Harbor Memorial were the highlights of the week and memories that will stay with our students throughout their lifetime. Thank you to **Tom and Yvonne Single**, Hawaii Trip Directors, for working hard to ensure a safe and successful trip for our students!

While we are on the subject of wonderful band parents, we would like to mention a few whose efforts are primarily "behind the scenes," but are extremely important and most definitely do not go unnoticed. First off, a giant thank you to **Pat Consolo** who has handled band fee and trip payments as well as student accounts for the past few years. This responsibility has been in addition to her fundraising duties which, this year, included the addition of the very popular away game dinners. **Tim Floyd** has been formatting the monthly newsletter and has a great template established for anyone looking to take over this responsibility (hint hint!). The Walton Band website is a work in progress, but has become a tool that we can rely on for updated information. Thank you to **Peter Yund** for his devotion to our website maintenance, and for ensuring that all of the information is accurate and up-to-date. Many of you visit the band website to access the wonderful pictures of our students that are made available to all of us. **Peter Yund** and **Karen Hallacy**, our unofficial band photographers, offer us a wide variety of photos to choose from and are great about covering all of the events. Thank you to all of these great parents!

As you read through the rest of this newsletter, you will hear even more about all of the ways that your help is needed this spring 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, just let us know.

The January Band Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17th at 7 pm in the band room. We hope to see you there!

Your Band Presidents,

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NEWS FROM THE BAND REPRESENTATIVES . . .

STUDENT BRAVOS

A number of our band students deserve kudos for their achievement and success in music endeavors outside the Walton band!

Congratulations to the following students!

Governor's Honors Program Music Semi-Finalists:

**Sarah Abrams, Kelly Huban, Phillip Kim,
Alana Rodgers**

Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra:

Sarah Abrams, Christina Voss

Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony:

Michael Wang, Brendan Larkin, Markus Minton

Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra:

Markus Minton

Emory Youth Symphony Orchestra:

Brendan Larkin

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 3rd and 4th at Kennesaw Mountain High School with the Honor Band Performance to follow on Sunday, February 5 at KMHS.

Jeffrey Xu	Kelly Huban	Jason Hu
Daniel Lord	Jay Lee	Jack Layman
Meredith Freeman	Ashley Chang	Andrew Hendry
Eric Kim	William Yao	Rachael Skinner
Annie Lee	Jeesoo Koo	Alex Bettadapur
Akash Doshi	Kirin Bettadapur	Shirley Wang
Elizabeth Frickey	Alana Rodgers	Elayne Smith
Katie Larkin	Caroline Durden	Markus Minton
Nikki Hallacy	Miyeon Bae	Sean Lee
Ashley Grooms	Sarah Abrams	Brendan Larkin
Connor Back	Sarah Hudadoff	

G.M.E.A. ALL STATE JAZZ BAND

Congratulations to Dixon Pendergrass who was selected as the All-State baritone saxophone player for the THIRD time in his high school career! Walton Orchestra student Andrew Sommer was also chosen. Dixon and Andrew will perform with the All State Jazz Band at the GMEA Conference in Savannah.

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 7. Congratulations!

Sarah Abrams	Andrew Hendry	Sean Lee
Connor Back	Jason Hu	Daniel Lord
Miyeon Bae	Kelly Huban	Brock McCorkle
Alex Bettadapur	Sarah Hudadoff	Markus Minton
Kirin Bettadapur	Eric Kim	Alana Rodgers
Ashley Chang	Jeesoo Koo	Sabrina Russell
Walter Cook	Brendan Larkin	Michael Wang
Akash Doshi	Jack Layman	Shirley Wang
Meredith Freeman	Tom Layman	Jeffrey Xu
Elizabeth Frickey	Annie Lee	William Yao
Nikki Hallacy	Jay Lee	

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were selected to participate in All State!

9th -10th Grade Band

Akash Doshi
Eric Kim
Jeesoo Koo
Jack Layman
William Yao

11th -12th Band

Brendan Larkin
Sean Lee
Michael Wang

11th -12th Orchestra

Markus Minton

FESTIVAL CLINICS

The Symphonic Bands will participate in an all day clinic and evening concert on Saturday, March 10. Concert I and Concert II Bands will follow with their Pre-Festival and Concert on Monday, March 12.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, March 10, 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

Monday, March 12, Concert I and II parents to coordinate and help serve pizza to students after rehearsal and before their evening concert. Contact Yvonne Single 770-587-5791 or heeb@bellsouth.net.

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

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 (squeakrogers@bellsouth.net). You may have met one of these parents at the Dickerson or Dodgen Winter Concert Receptions. If you are a private school student please contact our Band Representatives, Tom and Yvonne Single (heeby@bellsouth.net).

Here are some things to keep on your radar screen:

Rising 9th Grader Parent/Student Information Meeting, details TBA soon!

Marching Band Rookie Week April 23-27. Each afternoon 8th Graders will work with our student leaders and directors to learn some marching basics. This week is a great introduction to marching band. Plan to come for all or some of the week.

Band Camp Week at Walton July 23-27

Band Camp Week at LaGrange College July 29-August 4

Both weeks of camp are mandatory for students participating in marching band. Be sure to save these dates on your calendar!

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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FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS...

Bookmiser/Band Fundraising Opportunity

The Band has been presented with a fundraising opportunity to team up with Bookmiser for our required reading materials for Walton High School classes. This fundraiser would offer a 10% discount to Walton families when they purchase a book from Bookmiser and would also give an additional 10% of the sales price to the Walton Band. Like all fundraisers, this needs a chairperson! The time commitment is low, the hours are flexible, and the time span of the fundraiser is short. Please contact Pat Consolo at (770) 265-7880 or pat.consolo@lmco.com if you can help coordinate this effort.

20th Annual Walton Band Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17, from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm for the Walton Band's 20th 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. A team of dedicated volunteers have already begun collecting, sorting, pricing and storing more than two gyms full of "treasures." If you are available to help with sorting and pricing the goods on Tuesday, January 17th from 1:00-3:30 pm, please contact **Donna Rosseland** at atlantamom@hotmail.com or just drop in! If you would like to help, or if you need to schedule a pick-up for large items, please contact **Tony Consolo** at tony.l.consolo@lmco.com. Smaller donations may be dropped off on January 14 and 21, February 11 and 18, or March 3 and 10 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

Our recycling efforts are paying off nicely this year! The Walton Band will hold another Metal and Electronic Recycling Day on March 20th, 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 Pat Consolo (770) 265-7880.

Taste of East Cobb

The Taste of East Cobb committee, led by **Alan & Margaret Abrams, Mark & Lynne Durden** and **Tim & Karen Huban** has already started planning to make the Walton Band's 7th Annual Taste of East Cobb even bigger and better than last year! The excitement is building for our biggest band fundraiser of the year! This year's event will again take place in 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 5th. 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 alanrabrams@mindspring.com to be part of this year's Taste of East Cobb team!

Scrip Gift Card Program

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

Use gift cards to do your regular shopping and you will see your student account grow every month. At least five band families have paid their entire band camp fee by using gift cards. The rebate percentage split between the band and student account is 80% to your student's account and 20% to the band (to cover shipping and administrative costs) general fund. For example, if you purchase a \$100 gift card with a 10% rebate, you receive a gift card loaded with \$100 AND \$8 goes into your student account!

During the spring semester, our dedicated Scrip team, consisting of **Diane Giordano, Kirsten Svenson, and Janet Taylor**, will sell on-hand gift cards from inventory and take orders every week from 7:00 – 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 or Diane Giordano at dgio224@bellsouth.net. If you need an order form, print one from the web site at waltonband.org. If you'd like to see a list of all participating retailers, please visit 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 18th**. Please look for the location announcement and further information in an upcoming e-blast. The flyer will be posted on the web site at www.waltonband.org once details are finalized.

Fruit Sale

Thank you to **Lori Leiper** and **Karen Huban** for co-chairing the successful Band & Orchestra Fruit Sale this year. Due to the football team's continued success on the field, the band had a last minute reschedule of the delivery of the fruit to the school. Under Lori and Karen's leadership, it all went off without a hitch! Congratulations to **Reid Mikul!** In addition to being one of our top sellers, Reid won the drawing for the iPad 2! **Savannah Newsome, Maddie Corley, and Britt MuDrow** were our top three sellers with sales totaling \$2,177 and student account earnings totaling \$212. Great job!

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 began in early December with terrific performances by each of the four concert bands at the 2011 Winter Holiday Concerts. The music was wonderful and the students looked great in their concert uniforms. Kudos and thanks to **Lara Rodgers, Ivy Foo, Jay Patel**, and the other members of the concert uniform team for the many hours they spent distributing shirts, repairing tuxedos and fitting concert dresses.

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

If you were unable to help out during the fall, there are still many opportunities for you to join in the fun during the rest of the year by getting involved with the band. Feel free to 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 Administrative Co-Vice Presidents,

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COLOR GUARD CORNER

Hello and Happy New Year!

Walton Winter Guard is in full swing! We'd like to congratulate and welcome the following students who were chosen as this year's Winter Guard managers:

Patrick Weiland
Carolyn Weishmann
Zack Davidson
Janette diMonda
Mary DeWitt
Brianna Bouchard
Will Rossman
Brandon Kothe
Laurie McGillis
Ben Taylor
Reid Mikul

This year's show is loosely based on Excalibur, King Arthur's sword, and **The Lady of the Lake**. The girls (along with the help of the managers) spent the first weekend of January painting the show tarp and they're hard at work preparing for their first competition at Harrison HS on January 28th.

The remaining competitions are:

- February 11 at Kell HS
- February 25 at South Forsyth HS
- March 3-4 at East Coweta HS
(WGI Atlanta Regional Competition)
- March 17 at Forsyth Central HS
- March 30-31 in Chattanooga, TN at the
SAPA Championships

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Please join us!

January Band Parent Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th

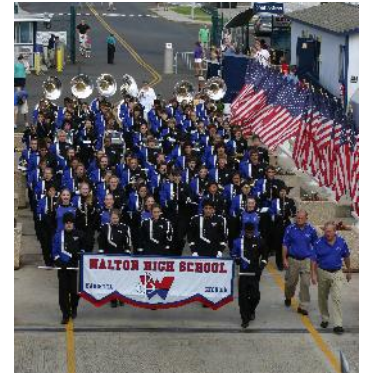
Walton Band Room

7 pm



2011 HAWAII TRIP

We begin our final newsletter installment about the Hawaii Trip with many thanks. It is no easy feat to move 95 band students along with their luggage and band equipment from Atlanta to Honolulu and back again. Chaperones **Ken and Kathy Stamm, Alan and Margaret Abrams, Tony and Pat Consolo, Lisa Cooper,** and **Mike Frey** were up to the challenge and did a wonderful job! We also



had some parents who went above and beyond the call of duty even though they were not on the trip with us. **Lara Rodgers** was a HUGE help in organizing the uniforms for transport. **Tim Floyd** was invaluable in his guidance as we readied the equipment for the trip. And **Gary West** drove the band equipment truck to and from the airport on departure and arrival days.

The students did a wonderful job representing Walton in their performance at the USS Missouri and in the Waikiki Holiday Parade. One of the highlights of the trip was meeting Jake Peppers, founder of the parade, at the Missouri. Be sure to check out all the photos from the trip on the band website. It was truly a week of incredible memories.

The trip would not have been possible without the support and guidance of our directors, staff and administration. Thank you to all and aloha!



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