

Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We are already into the month of July and just a few short days away from beginning the practice season. Save this newsletter, as it contains vital dates and times of upcoming required events.

I have had calls from several people stating they have not received the newsletter. As way of information, a newsletter is sent monthly beginning July and should arrive to you around the 20th of each month. If you miss one, be sure to contact Cynthia Brooks, editor, to ensure we have a current, accurate address.

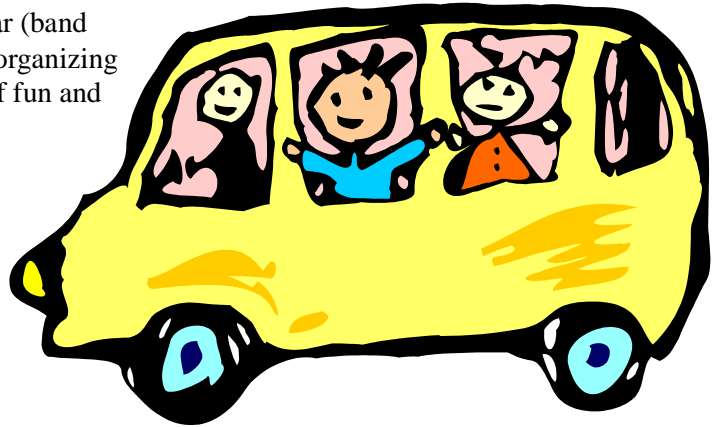
GOOD NEWS!!! You also have another source for obtaining the newsletter information. Beginning immediately, the newsletter can be accessed on the website. This access will be invaluable if you every miss receiving one (or just misplace it). A big THANKS to Ron Lewis, our webmaster, for making this possible.

Sincerely,
Teresa Montgomery
President 2003/2004

Chaperone Planning

Hello from your new Head Chaperones! Debbie and I have traveled with the band on many trips, both near (football games) and far (band competitions). Now we are entrusted with gathering and organizing chaperones for this upcoming year. These kids are a lot of fun and sometimes entertaining. (Just ask them to sing!) We'd love to add you to our group of volunteers.

You can download a copy of the Chaperone Volunteer Form from the band website. Fill it out and return it to the bandroom or to one of us. If you have questions, contact Debbie Rose 882-9694 or Loren Foster 885-0743.



Thanks for your support,

Debbie Rose & Loren Foster
Head Chaperones



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

KHAKI SHORTS

Please remember to buy your khaki shorts for the first few football games.

FLIP FOLDERS

It will be great if all wind players can have a music flip folder for band camp and for the football season for all stand music. We will have flip-folder size music for camp available.

HAWAII TRIP MEETING

Monday, August 18th
7PM in the Auditorium

Representatives from Gateway Music Festivals will be here to discuss details about our Hawaii Trip Thanksgiving week 2004!! Trip payments will begin soon after this meeting (probably in September). The estimated cost right now is between \$1,500 and \$1,800. Trip includes 5 nights, air transportation, ground transportation, hotel, all meals except lunches, performances at Thanksgiving Day Parade, U.S.S. Arizona Memorial and possible U.S.S. Missouri (plus sightseeing tours and other activities).



\$ Treasurer's Box \$

Band Fees for the 2003-2004 School Year

Marching-\$300 plus fair share credit hours equal to \$200 or a cash equivalent

Concert Only-\$245 plus fair share credit hours equal to \$200 or a cash equivalent

Guard Only-\$270 plus fair share credit hours equal to \$100 or a cash equivalent

Jazz Only-\$150



The cash portion of your student's dues is currently due. Final payment is due at uniform fitting (July 21-24, 2003). Parents, please plan to accompany your student to uniform fitting to complete financial obligations. A 20% penalty will be applied to the unpaid fees if not received by September 1st. Students who are exempt from school fees based on their family income are also exempt from band dues, but not from fair share hours. Half of the fair share portion is due by the end of the first semester and the second half by the end of March, 2004.

If your student rents a band instrument, rental fees of \$45 are due for each semester the instrument is used. All percussion/pit students pay a rental fee of \$45 for each of the three semesters (\$135 total). Rent for the summer semester is due now.

According to the Grissom Band Student Handbook:

"NO UNIFORM WILL BE ASSIGNED UNTIL ALL DUES ARE PAID OR A PROMISSORY NOTE IS SIGNED ARRANGING FOR PAYMENT OVER TIME."

All checks are to be made out to Grissom Band Parents Association (GBPA). Please include the student's name (especially if the name differs from the parents') and purpose on the check. Since a large portion of our expenses for the band are incurred during marching season, prompt payment of your dues is important and allows for sufficient funds to cover our expenses. Thank you.

Payments may be placed in the treasurer's box located in the bandroom or brought to any Band Parents meeting.

Payments may also be mailed to :

Grissom Band Parents Association

P. O. Box 4335

Huntsville, AL 35815

Please feel free to contact Julie Ashcraft or Kathy Francica with any questions. We'll do our best to answer them!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Uniform Fittings

Fees are due at the time of uniform fitting. Parents, come with your child to the fitting. Have a check in hand and be ready to fill out a few forms, too! Please note that the June newsletter had the uniform fitting listed for the week of July 28th. This was a mistake. Please revise your calendars to reflect the dates which follow:

Monday, July 21	Seniors	6PM - 7PM
	Juniors	7PM - 8PM
Tuesday, July 22	Sophomores	6PM - 8PM
	Guard	6PM - 7PM (shoe fitting only)
Wednesday, July 23	Freshman (last names A-M) 6PM - 8PM	
Thursday, July 24	Freshman (last names N-Z) 6PM - 8PM	

Camp Schedule		
Percussion Camp	July 14-18	8AM-12PM 1-4PM
Color Guard Camp (Front Line)	July 21-23	July 21-22: 1-3PM July 23: 6-8PM
Make-Up Rookie Camp (New Band Members)	July 21 & 22	8AM-12PM
Band Pre-Camp (ALL Members)	July 23-25	8AM-12PM
Band Camp (ALL Members)	July 28-Aug 1	8AM-12PM 1:30-4PM 6-9PM

Band Calendar 2003-2004

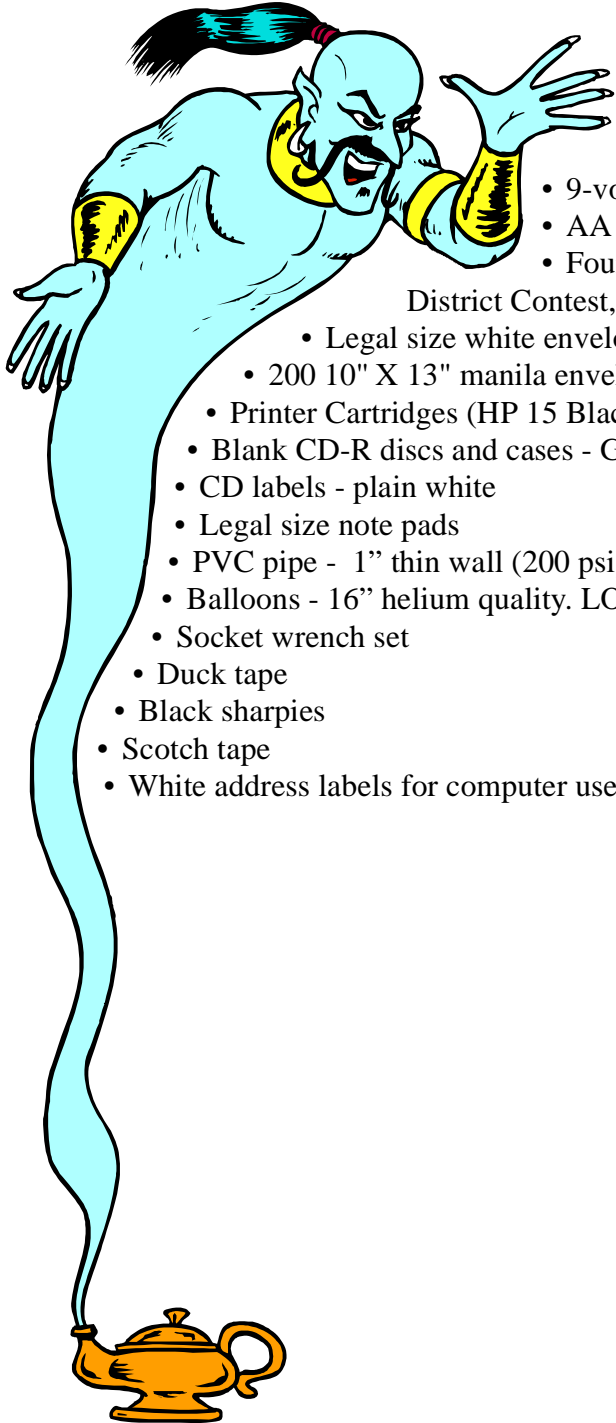
Please refer to the web site for the 2003-2004 Band Calendar of events, which includes rehearsals, football games, competitions, concerts, trips, etc. All of the events posted are required attendance for all members. We will hand out copies of this schedule during band camp and when school starts. Refer to the online handbook for information concerning rehearsal/performance attendance: <http://www.grissomband.org/handbook.pdf>.

Complete Summer Band Schedule: <http://www.grissomband.org/cal.html#june>

WISH LIST

The following is a list of needs for the band office throughout the year. We are trying to cut our costs for supplies and miscellaneous items from our budget. If any of you feel so inclined to donate any of these items to the band it will be greatly appreciated. We use these items throughout the year, so anytime you can get them to us would be great!!


Thank you!!!



- Twelve dozen No. 2 pencils (just for Band Camp)
- Copier paper - letter and legal size
- Staples
- Paper clips
- 9-volt batteries
- AA batteries
- Four Motorola (or similar) 2-Way radios with headsets (for trips, District Contest, Jazz Festival)
- Legal size white envelopes
- 200 10" X 13" manila envelopes and the next size larger
- Printer Cartridges (HP 15 Black and Canon BC 02 Black)
- Blank CD-R discs and cases - Good Quality
- CD labels - plain white
- Legal size note pads
- PVC pipe - 1" thin wall (200 psi) LOTS!!!! 5ft. or 10ft.
- Balloons - 16" helium quality. LOTS!!! Any color.
- Socket wrench set
- Duck tape
- Black sharpies
- Scotch tape
- White address labels for computer use

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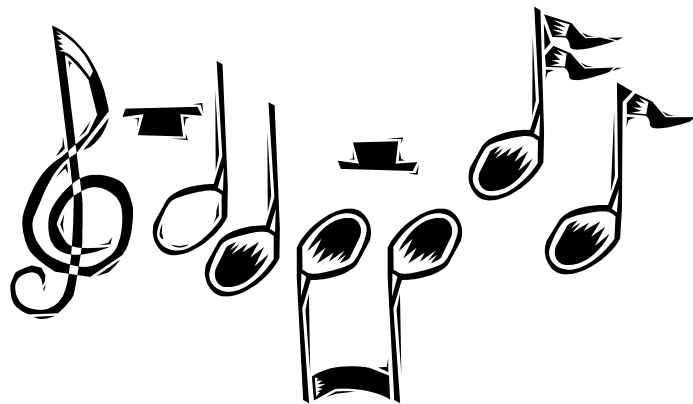
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MEETING
MONDAY
AUGUST 25
7PM - BANDROOM
See you there!**



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