

# Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

September 2003

Editors - Cynthia Brooks & Mitzi Crawford



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We have made it through another month and things are just clicking along. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had our first marching performance wearing our uniforms and our first concert performance with the Max Hammond Memorial Concert.

Our first marching competition will be **Saturday, September 27, 2003**, in Columbia, TN. I urge you to attend if at all possible. It is an amazing experience to see our young people perform, as well as watching the performances of other bands. During a competition, they turn on something extra in their delivery. It's an amazing thing to see.

If you attended our first band parents meeting, you know the over riding theme was "We Want You". We need volunteers in *every* capacity. Please don't think that you don't have enough time to make it worth our while. Whether you can give a single hour or multiple hours, you are needed. If you see us rolling out stadium cushions, don't be bashful, jump right in and help. If you see us handing out hat plumes or water, don't be bashful, jump right in and help. It is a great way to get to know the kids as well as the other parents and while it may be hard to believe, we actually do have fun working.

Just a reminder, in accordance with our by-laws, all fees must be paid and up to date (or payment arrangements made) before your student(s) will be allowed to participate in any off-campus band activity. This includes ball games, marching competitions, etc. Be sure to read the treasurer's section regarding payments.

I urge you to read the newsletter thoroughly each month. It contains vital information about your student's activities as well as general information and needs for the band. Our students work hard and it is up to the parents to offer support, guidance, and leadership in any way possible. We are looking forward to another great year for our band program!

Sincerely,  
Teresa Montgomery  
President 2003/2004

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## \$ Treasurer's Box \$

Thank you, thank you to everyone who has paid all their dues and fees! If you are unsure about the status of your student's account, please contact Julie Ashcraft and she can instantly tell you what has been paid and what, if anything, is owed. Many people have been relying on their children to know what is due and have been SURPRISED!! Call or email Julie, just to double-check. She's happy to help!



Many thanks to those who worked the "VIPERS" fund-raiser. Over \$1,800 in credit was distributed among the workers, with some families earning close to \$200 in credit! Way to go! Next fundraising opportunity is fruit sales, beginning in November. Plan to sign up early!

Just a reminder, the Fair Share requirements are: Marching \$200; Concert Only \$200; Guard Only \$100; fee exempt \$200. Remember: first half of Fair Share is due **December 19**; second half is due **March 31, 2004** (or before Senior Trip).

If your student rents an instrument from the band or uses the band's equipment as part of the pit or percussion section, your \$45 rental fee for fall semester is due now.

We will soon have our Hawaii 2004 Special Treasurer in place and first payments will be due (check the website for registration form). All payments must be in the form of a check or money order. **NO CASH!!**

### **\*\* IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\***

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO STUDENT CAN TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITH THE BAND UNLESS HIS/HER ACCOUNT IS PAID UP TO DATE. ALL OUTSTANDING DEBTS MUST BE SATISFIED BEFORE ANY TRIP PAYMENTS OR CREDITS CAN BE APPLIED.**

As always....

1. Make checks payable to **Grissom Band Parent Association** -or **GBPA**- and put purpose of check and student's name (especially if you don't share the same last name) in the note section. Then, do one of the following:
2. Place fee (or have your reliable student do it) in the Treasurer's Box located in the Band Room, right outside the Director's office.

*or*

Mail payment to:

*Grissom Band Parent Association*

*P. O. Box 4335*

*Huntsville, Al. 35815*

*or*

Pay fees at the Band Parents Meeting (4th Monday of each month @ 7:00).

**Julie Ashcraft**

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**Kathy Francica**

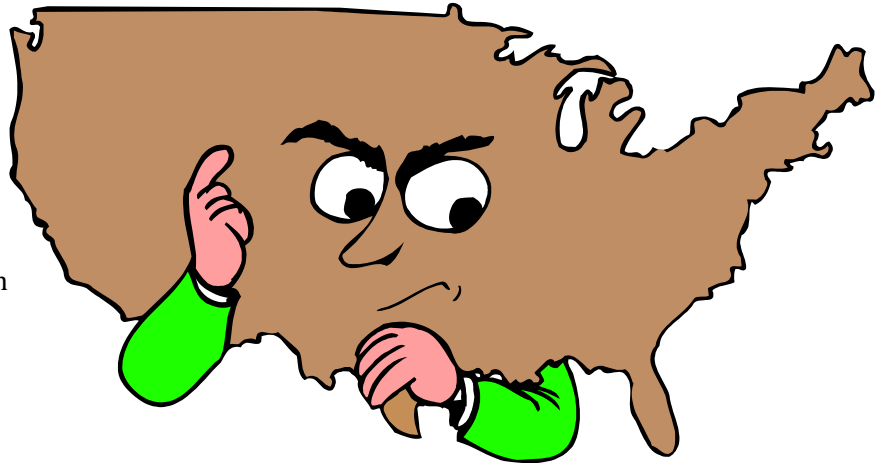
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## So....How Do I Get From Here to There?

Here are the directions to our out-of-town Football Games and Marching Contests for the 2003 season.

Hope to see you all there, filling up the stands with Grissom Orange! Go Tigers!!!!



### **Decatur and Austin Games September 19 and October 17**

*Ogle Stadium in Decatur, Alabama  
1011 Prospect Drive S.E.  
Decatur, AL 35601  
(256) 552-3011*

- Take Memorial Parkway North.
- Take I-565 West (turns into Hwy 20).
- Take Hwy 31 South towards Decatur.
- Go across the bridge and go ~10 traffic lights.
- You will see Delano Park on the left; turn left onto Prospect Drive.
- Go through one red light. You will see the school on the right.
- Go down the paved road to the right before you get to the school. Ogle Stadium is behind the school.

### **Columbia Invitational Marching Contest September 27**

*Lindsey Nelson Stadium  
Columbia Central High School  
Columbia, TN*

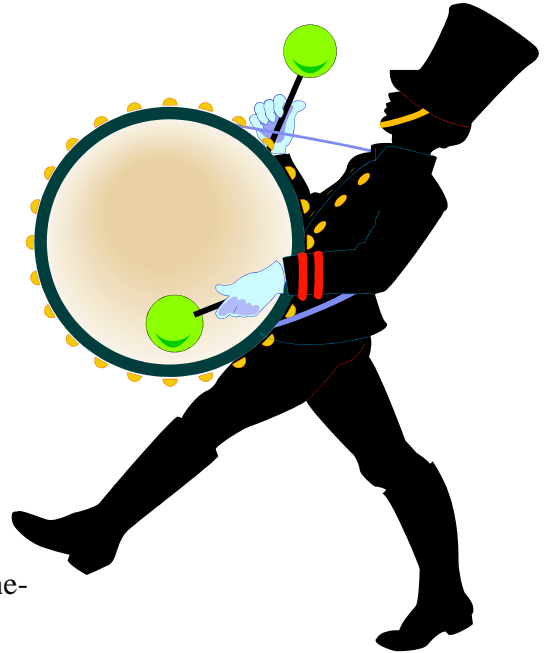
- Take Memorial Parkway North.
- Take I-565 West.
- Take I-65 North.
- At exit 37, turn RIGHT onto Ramp.
- Turn LEFT (North-West) onto SR-50 [Jim McCord Hwy].
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-50 [New Lewisburg Hwy]. Approx. 9 miles.
- Turn LEFT to stay on SR-50 [New Lewisburg Hwy].
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-50 [E Campbell Blvd].
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-50 [E James Campbell Blvd].
- Keep STRAIGHT onto SR-50 [S James Campbell Blvd].
- Bear RIGHT (North) onto SR-50 [W James Campbell Blvd].
- Turn LEFT (West) onto Lion Pkwy [New Experiment Ln].
- Follow signs to Columbia Central High School.
- There will be an admission charge to the contest.

## **Shades Valley Game**

**October 3**

*Shades Valley High School  
6100 Old Leeds Road  
Irondale, AL 35210  
(205) 379-5350*

- Take Memorial Parkway North.
- Take I-565 West.
- Take I-65 South towards Birmingham.
- Take I-59/I-20 East towards Gadsden/Atlanta.
- Take I-20 East towards Atlanta.
- Heading East on I-20 towards Atlanta.
- Take the Old Leeds Road exit (#135) off I-20 East.
- At the top of the ramp, turn right.
- You will come almost immediately to a stop sign; turn right again onto Old Leeds Road. You will see the school less than one-fourth mile on the right.



## **Lake Martin Invitation Marching Contest**

**October 4**

*Charles E. Bailey Sportsplex  
Alex City Parks & Recreation  
Alexander City, AL 35011-0552  
(256) 329-6736*

- Take Memorial Parkway North.
- Take I-565 West.
- Take I-65 South towards Birmingham.
- Take I-459 East to Hwy 280.
- Take Hwy 280 E to Alexander City.
- There will be an admission charge to the contest.

**Marching Contest Itineraries  
will be posted on the web and handed out in class the week of  
each contest. We will not receive schedules for each until then.**

## Marching Season Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsal Schedule		
<b>Percussion</b>	<i>Monday</i>	4-7PM
	<i>Tuesday</i>	7:30-9PM
	<i>Thursday</i>	6-9PM
<b>Color Guard</b>	<i>Monday</i>	6-9PM
	<i>Tuesday</i>	7:30-9PM
	<i>Thursday</i>	6-9PM
<b>Woodwinds/ Brass</b>	<i>Tuesday</i>	6-9PM
	<i>Thursday</i>	6-9PM

*Remember! After the marching contests (fall break), marching rehearsals will be only the day before each game from 3:25-4:30, immediately after school. No other marching band rehearsals will be scheduled.*



### Thank You!!!

The GHS Band Parents would like to thank the following businesses in our community for their continued generous support of our program:

- Advance Auto
- Rosie's
- Kroger
- Staples
- Bruno's (Bailey Cove)
- Rolo's
- Publix

## Grissom Tigers 2003 Football Schedule

Sept. 19	Friday	Decatur	Away
Sept. 26	Friday	Huntsville	MF
Oct. 3	Friday	Shades Valley	Away
Oct. 10	Friday	Minor	MF
Oct. 17	Friday	Austin	Away
Oct. 23	Thursday	Bob Jones (HC)	MF
Oct. 31	Friday	Johnson	MF

### Other Dates to Remember September/October

Sept. 22    Band Parents Meeting  
Grissom Auditorium @ 7PM

Sept. 27    Marching Contest  
Columbia, TN. All day.

Oct. 4        Marching Contest  
Alexander, AL. Overnight Trip.

Oct. 6-10    Fall Break

Oct. 25       Homecoming Dance

Oct. 27       Band Parents Meeting  
Grissom Auditorium @ 7PM

## From the Chaperones . . . .

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a chaperone for the band, we have had a tremendous response this year.

I would also like to give a big thanks to the following people for making cookies and brownies for the football team and band for the trip to Montgomery:

**Karen Allison**  
**Barbara DeFalco**  
**Sharon Suever**  
**Joyce Amos**  
**Nan Kirk**  
**Nancy Harris**  
**Teresa Montgomery**  
**Kristi Fugit**  
**Tiffeny Hubbard**  
**Debbie Rose**  
**Vicki Brooks**



## And please don't forget....

All students must have a 2003-2004 Huntsville City Schools Field Trip Medical Release Form in order to travel with the band. We still need these forms for the following band students:

Chris Branch	Robert Breen-Kirchmyer
Cheryl Carmack	Josh Courtney
Tom Fessenden	Jonathan Firman
Laurie Gluck	Patti Groves
Nick Hall	Tim Hilborn
Kari Hummel	Robert Jones
Steven Lewallen	Holli McCluney
Brandon Moody	Erik Reimers
Tommy Smith	Matt Sturgis
Daniel Thompson	Justin Walczyk
Josh Wilson	Shannon Wright

These forms must be notarized and returned to the band room ASAP. The forms are available on the band web site.

Thanks for your support,  
**Loren Foster and Debbie Rose**  
Head Chaperones





## Fund-Raising News

Be sure to check the website ([www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org)) often. This is the best way for you to keep up with new developments in this area!

### Coming Attractions:

- Deadline for the next Scrip Order: Monday 9/22 (at band parent meeting)
- P..... Charity Sale - Saturday 9/27
- Rechargeable "grocery" Gift Cards available ANYTIME!

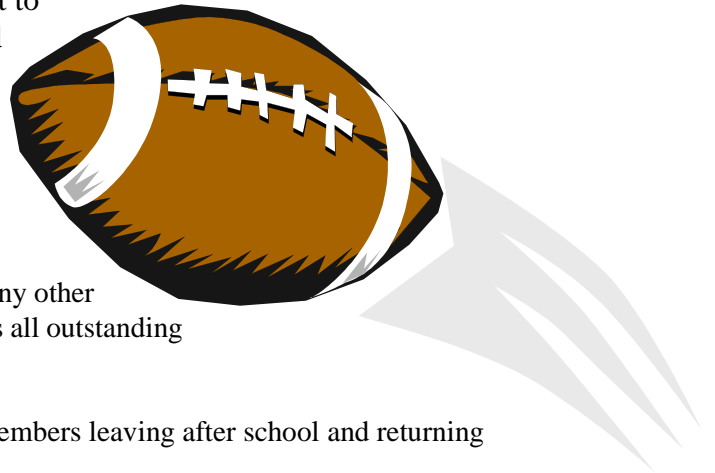
## Catch These Reminders for Out of Town Football Games

For all out of town football games, we hire a police officer to sit in the parking lot to watch our vehicles. The cost is \$2.00 per car. If you will be chaperoning or a student leaving their car in the parking lot until we return, please pay the \$2.00 the day we depart. Only vehicles in the South parking lot by the band room will be watched. There will be an envelope next to the director's office to sign your name, give your \$2.00, and get a parking ticket to put in your car window.

Both Marching Contests are *required attendance* for all marching band members. The calendar was posted in late June on the web site and was passed out a band camp.

NO student will travel to football games, marching contests, or any other band activity unless all band fees are made current. This includes all outstanding debt.

All out of town football games will involve all marching band members leaving after school and returning between 10:30- and 11:30pm.



## Hey, how do I become a GHS BPA Newsletter Contributor???

If you have information that you feel would be valuable to your fellow band parents, please submit it for publication in the Newsletter. All we ask is that you send it no later than the Friday following the board meeting (which is always on the second Monday of the month).

Email Mitzi ([mitzi.crawford@adtran.com](mailto:mitzi.crawford@adtran.com)) and Cynthia ([brooks1981@knology.net](mailto:brooks1981@knology.net)) with your "scoop"!

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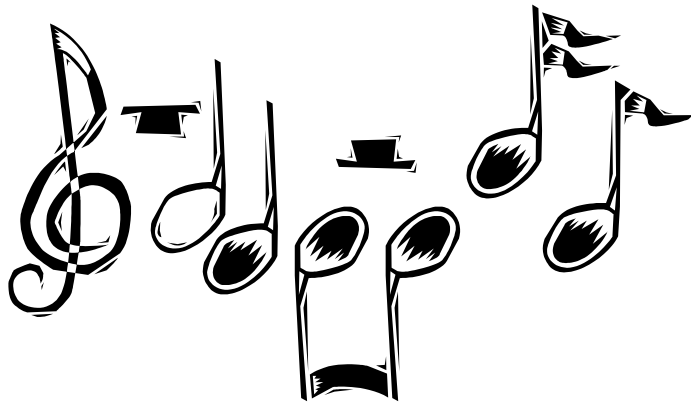
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**BAND PARENTS  
MEETING  
MONDAY  
September 22  
7PM - BANDROOM  
See you there!**



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