

# Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

January 2004

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you!!!! I can't say this enough to all of you that answered the call to assist with the fruit sales. While there is still a need for additional people to help with administration, many of the areas have been covered by you wonderful folks!

In our last newsletter, we had stated that we would be dropping the nuts and honey beginning in January. Jennifer Todd has volunteered to be responsible for these items (inventory, invoicing, etc) for the remainder of the season so we will be able to offer these items through our last sale in April.

Be sure to read the newsletter for vital upcoming events for your student. They have a busy few months ahead of them.

We will soon begin the process of selecting a nominating committee for officers for the 2004-2005 year. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or as an officer next year please contact one of the directors or any of the officers for consideration.

Again, thank you for your continued support and assistance in keeping the band program to the high standards we have come to expect for our children.

Sincerely,  
Teresa Montgomery  
President 2003/2004

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## \$ TREASURER'S BOX \$

THREE IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

### 1. NO MORE CASH!

Due to the theft of a substantial amount of cash from the treasurer's box in the band room, **we will no longer be accepting cash in the treasurer's box.** We have taken measures to prevent any future thefts, but the only way to truly protect your money is to have all payments made **by check.** Please take the time to write a check for any amount over \$4.00 and remind your band student not to put cash in the box, as well. Help us to keep your money safe. **WRITE A CHECK!**



### 2. PAY YOUR FAIR SHARE OR YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE!!

Many families have not paid their **Fair Share** for the first semester. It was due in December. Students may want to travel with the band to the many performance opportunities coming up (State Competition, Senior Trip to D.C., Essentially Ellington in NYC, HAWAII, etc.). Please bear in mind that *all fees and dues must be paid in full before any student can travel with the band. Any payments made must be used to bring a student's account up to date before money can be applied to ANY TRIP.*

### 3. SENIOR AND SENIOR PARENTS! DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS WONDERFUL, EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS YOUR LAST GRISSOM BAND TRIP!

Seniors will be traveling to Washington, D. C. by Amtrak train and then spending 4 days touring our nation's capital. It promises to be an outstanding experience, as well as one last time to be with their closest friends before they leave us for college and beyond. The cost will be approximately \$500. \$250 is due NOW, with the remaining payments being due **Feb. 1 (\$150), and Mar. 1 (balance).** *Send your check in now to hold your spot on the Amtrak/Grissom Express!!*

Want to earn some money/hours for Fair Share or any of our great travel and performance opportunities? Contact Dave Parkhill to help at the fruit sale! Workers are needed and hours are still available. Also, watch for other Fair Share opportunities this spring! If you have earned enough Fair Share to cover the trip or a portion of the trip, please notify Julie Ashcraft so that Fair Share can be applied to the trip costs.

**Call or email either of us if we can help you in any way!!**

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

### Symphonic/Concert Band Camp - January 29-31

Plans are progressing and looking great for this years Symphonic/Concert Band Camp! Our faculty for the camp this year is from Southern Mississippi University. They are bringing three of their band directors and all of their applied music faculty or doctoral students. This will be the first time we have had one University bring their entire staff, which is very cool.

We will also have Mr. Lynn Klock from the University of Massachusetts as our guest saxophonist soloist with all three bands, which will be very exciting. The students will participate in long rehearsals, master-classes, recitals, and a concert on **Saturday at 2:00PM.**

This weekend has proven to be one of the most exciting and rewarding activities for Grissom Band students. We will get several weeks worth of work done in this one three-day clinic. All of these activities for the weekend are required for all members of the band. A full schedule will be handed out the week of the camp. Listed below is a tentative schedule:



### Tentative Camp Schedule

<b>Thursday, January 29th</b>	3:30-5:30 - Full band rehearsals 5:30-6:15 - Catered dinner 6:30-8:30 - Full band rehearsals
<b>Friday, January 30th</b> (Students excused from classes for rehearsals during the school day)	3:30-5:15 - Master-classes Part 1 5:30-6:15 - POT-LUCK DINNER <i>Don't miss this!!! All families involved.</i> 6:30-9:00 - Concert/Recital by students and faculty
<b>Saturday, January 31st</b>	8:30-10:30 - Master-classes Part 2 9:00-10:00 - Parent session with guest conductors. <i>Very informative meeting about music after high school. Scholarship information. Please plan on attending.</i> 12:00 - lunch on your own/change clothes for concert 1:30 - warm-up for concert. Wear nice clothes 2:00- Concert

### Symphonic/Concert Band Rehearsal Schedule

<b>Symphonic Band I</b>	Tues & Thurs - 3:30-5:30PM
<b>Symphonic Band II</b>	Mon - 3:30-5:30PM Thurs - 6:30-8:30PMPM
<b>Concert Band</b>	Wed - 3:30-5:30PM



## Hawaii Extended Registration

Gateway has extended our registration deadline to **January 27th**. We have approximately 110 students signed up as of January 14th and only 2 chaperones. We are in desperate need of more chaperones. If you have signed up for the adult tag-a-long trip and wish to be considered as a chaperone, please contact the band directors immediately. We cannot travel if we do not have enough chaperones. This is a state law.

Extended night in Hawaii for same price!!!! WOW! We just spoke with Gateway Tours and they are beginning the process of acquiring an air consolidator for our flight schedules to Hawaii in November. They let us know that we can stay an extra night in Hawaii for the same price sooo, we will leave on

**Tuesday, November 23rd** and return on **Monday, November 29th**. We get a MUCH better airfare rate if we return on Monday instead of Sunday. This will mean we may have to fly out of Atlanta so we will have to take busses. More info later.

## Senior Washington DC Trip

A handout was given to all seniors who signed up to go to Washington on **January 13th** concerning their trip payments and their fair-share obligations. There are many who still owe their initial trip payment (due in late November) and their fair-share from last semester as well as this semester. **NO STUDENT TRAVELS WITH THE BAND WITHOUT ALL FEES AND FAIR-SHARE PAID IN FULL!** Please take care of this immediately. We owe hotel deposits and Amtrak full cost by **February 2nd**. All travelers should have paid \$250.00 by now on their trip cost. This does not include their fair-share responsibility. Trip payment schedule was listed in the December newsletter (and again in this edition) and is posted in the band room.

## Pre-District Concert

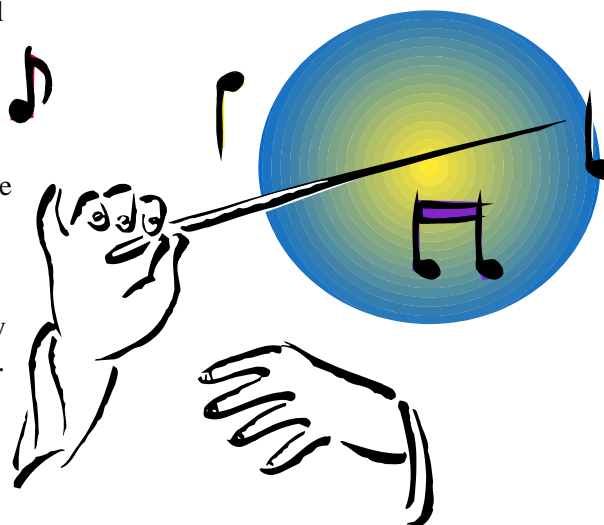
Once again this year we will hold a Pre-District Concert on **Tuesday, February 17th** beginning at 6:30PM. We will have NINE bands performing that evening. All our middle schools will be here. Each band will perform two pieces from their District Contest program. We hope the concert will conclude by 9:00PM so please plan on staying and listening to all the hard work all the students have put in.

## District Contest

District contest will be held at Grissom again this year. We will need many adult and student help for this. The dates are **February 19-21**. We will begin on Thursday and Friday around 12:30PM and Saturday at 8:00AM. We will have sign-up sheets with times at the band parent meeting. Grissom Band performance times will be announced once we receive the full schedule.

## State Contest

State contest this year may be in Huntsville or Madison County on **Saturday, March 13th** instead of the week of March 15-19. Please add this date to your calendars and arrange to be here that Saturday. This will save the band about \$4,000.00 in transportation.



## SCRIP NEWS

We closed out 2003 with excellent participation in our Scrip (Gift Certificate) program! Special thanks to all of you who bought Scrip! Several families tried Scrip for the first time! If you have questions regarding Scrip, just let the Parkers know: **883-4622** or **parker23@knology.net**.

The deadlines for placing the next few Scrip orders are:

**Monday, January 26** (Band Parent Meeting)

**Thursday, February 5**

We will adjust the ordering schedules as needed, based on participation. Check the website main webpage at [www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org) for the next order deadline. For your convenience, you may either drop off your order (be sure to include payment) in the band box or at the "scrip table" at any band parent meeting or concert. Most orders can be turned around within about a week. We have new order forms/magazines available. The LOCAL restaurants and stores are now listed on the new order forms. Be sure to pick yours up at either the band parent meeting or at Winter Band Camp.

## CONCERT NEWS

There will be two concerts during Winter Band Camp that parents and friends are warmly invited to attend. On **Friday, January 30**, at about 6:30 PM (immediately after the potluck dinner for Grissom band members and their families) there will be a recital featuring the professional talents of the camp clinicians as well as solos and ensembles by members of our bands. This is always a very entertaining concert, and there will be NO admission charged. The next day, **January 31**, at 2:00 PM, the three Grissom bands will perform music they have worked on during the camp. Again, there is no charge for this concert.

On **February 17th** the Second Annual Pre-District Concert will be held in the Grissom auditorium featuring the talents of the three Grissom bands as well as the middle school bands from the Grissom area (e.g., Challenger, Mountain Gap, Whitesburg.) The bands will be playing selections that they are preparing for District Contest. This concert begins at 6:30PM and it is free, too!

Please come enjoy all this wonderful music!

**Nan Kirk and Monica Geis**

## PREPARING FOR CONCERT SEASON...

I would like to give a heartfelt Thank You to all of the great volunteers that helped with everything from plumes to fitting. We had more volunteers this year than ever, and so many for the first time. I can never thank you enough for your help during marching season. You really made the games run smoothly. There is just not enough room to thank all of you by name!

It's getting time now to change gears and get ready for concert season. If you would like to help put the kids' marching gear away and get the concert apparel out, please give me a call! We can work most nights or maybe a weekend day. There is always a place for you, just call 880-3669.

Thanks Again,  
**Tiffeny Hubbard**



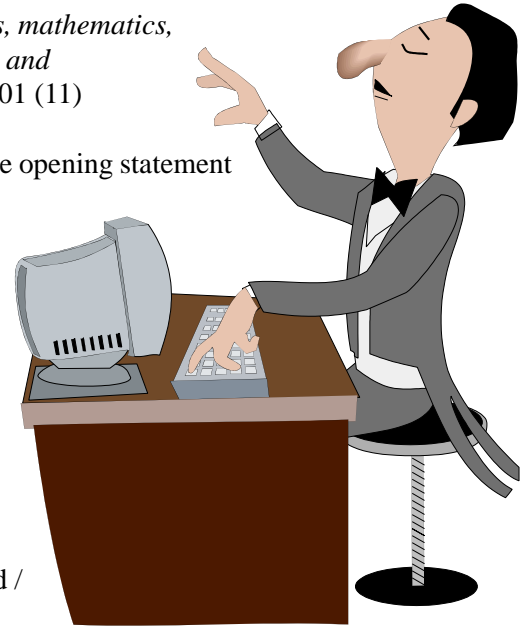
## SUPPORT FOR MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

*“The nation’s top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st century.”*— “The Changing Workplace is Changing Our View of Education.” Business Week, October 1996.

*“The term ‘core academic subjects’ means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography.”* — No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, Title IX, Part A, Sec. 9101 (11)

*“Every student in the nation should have an education in the arts.”* This is the opening statement of “The Value and Quality of Arts Education: A Statement of Principles,” a document from the nation’s ten most important educational organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the National Parent Teacher Association, and the National School Boards Association

Please go to this website <http://www.supportmusic.com>. Join and see how you can help keep music in the schools in Alabama. With the upcoming Legislative session, we cannot afford to lose what we have. We need to let our legislators and those “in charge” know how important music is to our young people in their overall education. This website will give facts concerning support for music education. Please help by phoning, e-mail, and / or writing to those in Montgomery who need to understand the facts.



This legislative session is going to be a “biggie” so please keep attuned to what is going on.

Thanks for your help and realization that music education is a basic fundamental in the overall development of people in society.

## I wish I may, I wish I might....

Let’s support our band program by providing these much needed supplies! All donations can be dropped off in the bandroom. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



- Copier paper (both letter and legal sizes)
- Color Copier paper (for concert programs)
- Legal Size (no. 10) white envelopes
- White Address labels (Avery # 5160) for computer use
- 9 volt batteries
- AA batteries
- Printer Cartridges
  - HP 15 Black
  - Canon BC 02 Black
- Blank CD-R discs and cases (good quality)
- CD Labels - plain white
- Balloons (16 inch helium quality, any color)
- Duct tape
- Black Sharpies

## RUMMAGE SALE TIME IS NEAR!

It's time again for the annual Rummage sale. So if your closets and garages are busting at the seams OR if you'd just like to thin out some of those items that you haven't used in a long time....why not make a **Tax Deductible** donation to the BPA and let your left overs become someone else's treasures? Remember! This is a Fair Share Opportunity!!

**Rummage Sale Date: Saturday March 13th 7AM-12PM.  
(Set up Friday 2-9PM)**

**Thank you!!  
Colleen Toth  
Rummage Sale Chairperson**

## SYMPHONIC/CONCERT CAMP -- JANUARY 29-31

It is time for Symphonic/Concert Camp **January 29-31!** We want to thank everyone who signed up to help. The response was wonderful!! The dinner Thursday evening for students, clinicians and directors will be catered by Olive Garden. We will begin serving at 5:30.

Friday evening, **January 30**, is a Pot Luck dinner in the Commons. The dinner is for all the students and their families, our guest clinicians and directors. Each student is asked to bring a dish as assigned by sections. Your dish needs to be on the serving tables by 5:00 and we will begin serving about 5:30. Please be sure to make your dish large enough to serve your family and at least four other people. Remember we are serving several guests as well as our band family. Make sure to mark your dishes carefully and please bring appropriate serving utensils. Each student needs to bring their assigned dish even if their family is unable to attend.

The following is a list of the assigned dishes:

MEAT: Percussion and Trombones

SIDES: Flutes and Double Reeds

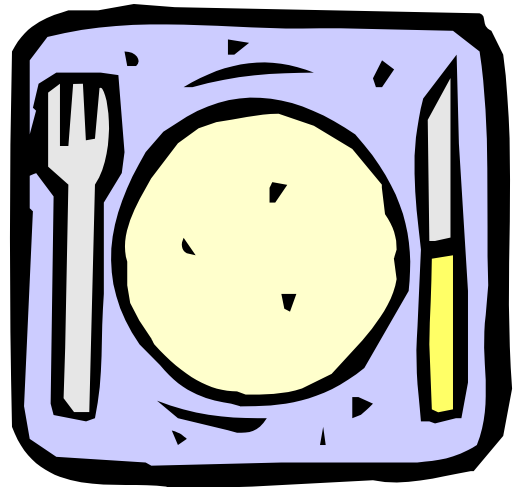
VEGETABLES: Saxophones

SALADS: Trumpets, Horns and Tubas

DESSERTS: Clarinets and Baritones

If you signed up to help with the hospitality committee and have not been contacted yet, we will be calling soon. We are still calling people to help with District Competition which is **February 19-21**.

If you have not had the opportunity to sign up to help and would like to do so please call **Janet Wade at 880-8116**.



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MONDAY  
January 26  
7PM - Auditorium  
See you there!**



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**JANUARY NEWSLETTER**



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