

Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

March 2004

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

We just finished state competition. What a wonderful job! Congratulations to the students and directors for a lot of hard work. Just a few quick notes -

- **VIPERS** - We once again are working the Vipers merchandising stands. Please contact Jennifer Todd (see her article inside) if you are interested in working. Thanks Jennifer for stepping up to handle the scheduling!
- **REMINDER** - Be sure your fair share, dues and rentals are paid. These must be paid to allow your child participate in any trip. If you have questions regarding your account status please contact Julie Ashcraft. She will be happy to provide this information to you.
- **BAND PARENT'S MEETING** - Due to spring break, the band parent's meeting will be held Monday, March 29th @ 7:00pm.

Please take a moment to read the newsletter. It contains important information for the remainder of the year as well as for the upcoming summer!

Thanks to all,
Teresa Montgomery
President 2003/2004

HELP WANTED

The *Newsletter's Dynamic Duo* (aka Cynthia and myself) will NOT be reuniting for the next school year. Although we have earnestly tried to convince Cynthia to continue on with this assignment, she for *some reason* has decided that the job isn't nearly as appealing to her now that her son is graduating (go figure). :o)

However, if YOU are interested in joining the Newsletter Team, please email or call me! This is a fun and easy way to get involved and stay informed!!

Thanks so much!
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MARCH 31, 2004 - ALL REMAINING FAIR SHARE, DUES, AND RENTAL FEES ARE DUE NOW!! YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MARCH 31st!

The **band banquet** plans are very exciting - and very hush hush! The banquet is a wonderful culmination to a challenging, successful, and FUN year. It is a "*don't miss*" event. Parents! Your student's ticket is already paid for, if you have paid your band fees. You will be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for your other family members. If you have accumulated FAIR SHARE credits and would like to use them to pay for your other tickets, let us know!



***** PLEASE, PLEASE BE AWARE....** In order for your student to attend the band banquet, you must have paid all DUES, FEES, FAIR SHARE, INSTRUMENT RENTALS, AND ANY BACK FEES OWED. Your student's account must be PAID IN FULL in order for him/her to attend the banquet. If you are unsure about your account, call or email Julie Ashcraft.

Earning FAIR SHARE credit? Tell us where you'd like to apply that credit! If we don't hear from you, we will apply any unused FAIR SHARE credit to any balance you owe.

If your student is a graduating senior, FAIR SHARE credit may only be applied to a younger sibling's account. Excess credit will go into the band general fund.

Renting an instrument from the band? Spring instrument rental of \$45 is due now!

Another FAIR SHARE opportunity is coming! The VIPERS open their season on March 27. Many band parents paid for part or all of their dues by working at VIPERS games last year! Contact Jennifer Todd.

As always...

Make checks payable to **Grissom Band Parent Association** -or **GBPA**- and put purpose of check and student's name in the note section. Then do one of the following:

Place fee 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

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

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

State Contest

Congratulations to all three Symphonic and Concert Bands for receiving straight superior ratings at State Contest on March 13th at Huntsville High School. We are very proud of this accomplishment and the hard work leading up to these performances.

All-State in Auburn

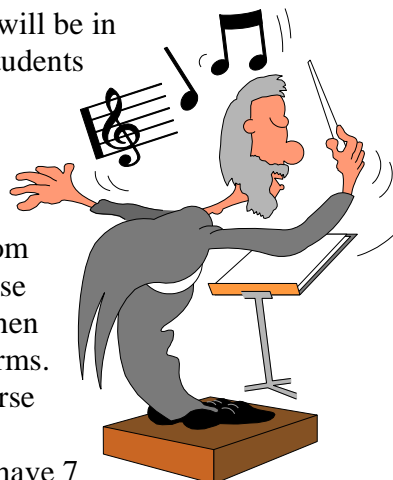
Congratulations to the following students for being a member of one of the Alabama All-State Bands. The festival will be held at Auburn University April 22-24. The cost of this trip for transportation and hotel is \$140.00. You will not travel to this event if you have any outstanding debt to the Grissom Band. Please check with Mr. Julie Ashcraft for your account status. Checks are due April 12th made out to Grissom Band.

Melody Hovik - Matthew Parker - Keara Dowling - Courtney White - Erica Foster - Susan Wilson - Karen Branick - David Potter - Matthew Wilson - Stuart Ivey - James Ashcraft - Karen Kirk - Derek Fenstermacher - Andrew Noble

2004-2005 Registration Information

The task of registering for the 2004-2005 school year is upon us. The following course numbers are what you will use for all of your band classes next year. Students will register and sign up for the band class

they "think" they will be in after auditions. Students interested in Jazz Band should sign up for Stage Band and get the audition music from Mr. Vernon. Please be very careful when filling out these forms. Make sure all course numbers are very accurate and you have 7 classes. Your registration will be put at the bottom of the stack if it has mistakes so check it carefully. All of the math classes have changed course titles this year so make sure you sign up for the math class that your teacher suggests. We will sign the band student registration forms on Tuesday, March 30th in class. The forms are due to your homeroom teachers by April 1st. Be diligent about what you sign up for and DO NOT overload yourselves. It is you who will have to do all the extra work if you sign up for too much and get caught in a bind. Be smart about it.



Band Course Numbers are given in the table, below. Notice the course names are different in the handbook than what we call the bands.

Our Name	Handbook Name	Number
Concert Band	Intermediate Band	1101
Symphonic Band II	Concert Band	1104 (DO NOT USE 1105)
Symphonic Band I	Advanced Band	1102
Jazz Band	Stage Band	1103
Color Guard (non-playing)	Flag/Rifle	1107
*Instrumental Ensemble	Instrumental Ensemble	1106
*Limited enrollment. No percussionists allowed.		

DIRECTOR'S NOTES (CONTINUED)

Spring Concerts

The annual Band Spring Concert will be Friday, April 16th at 7:30 pm. All three bands will perform. The Jazz Band Spring Concert will be Sunday, May 9th at 2:30pm. Please plan on attending these concerts to hear all new music from all of the bands.

Jazz Festival

Grissom's Jazz Festival is on this year for Saturday, April 17th! We have 8 bands registered so far and hope to have a total of ten. The festival begins around 12:00pm and concludes with the final concert at 6:15pm featuring the Grissom "A" Jazz Band and the UAH's Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Don Bowyer. We are excited that this event is happening this year and we hope you will come out and hear bands during the day and free of charge and back for the final concert awards ceremony for \$5.00 general admission. We will be asking for help with registering bands in the lobby, similar to District Contest and for the concert that evening. Jazz Band Parents are asked to help with this event. Thank you in advance for volunteering your time!

Auditions for Fall Semester

Auditions for fall semester band will be held during your band class on April 26-30th. Music was passed out before spring break.

Band Banquet

Friday, April 30th at the VBC North Hall at 6:30pm. The seniors have been working hard preparing for the banquet this year and we hope you all make plans to attend. All band students get in free if you do not have any outstanding debts to the Grissom Band. Please check with Mrs. Julie Ashcraft for your account status. This is always a fun time and a great closing to a great year of hard work and superior performances.

VIPERS

Hello...it's that time of year again...already! We'll be providing the souvenir sales personnel again this year for the VIPERS games. It requires six people per game, about five to five-and-a-half hours per game. Last year we hit the \$5/hour mark as planned. I will be the scheduler for that effort again this year. My name is Jennifer Todd and you can reach me at 656-3802(C) or 650-0870(H), or by email at

jennifer.todd@redstone.army.mil (preferred way...easier to track responses). I ask for eight people to sign up for each game (name, phone number and email). The first six are signed up to work, the next two are substitutes. The substitutes are very important people -- alot of them got to work last year.

Summertime plans are very changeable and so the subs got to work at least half the time. Thanks so very much for all of your support. I look forward to working with you.

Blessings!

Jennifer Todd

HAWAII NEWS!!

Over 120 kids, parents, and chaperones signed up for Hawaii! We are still waiting on final numbers for the costs from Gateway. Please keep those monthly checks coming in! Statements were available at the last bandparents meeting and those not picked up were mailed.

Everyone going on the Hawaii trip should have received a statement at the meeting or by mail. If you didn't, please contact Jim & Sheila Kirsch to check on your student's account. Also, several questions have come up regarding the amount due box. These statements only reflect the payments due as of the statement date.

A zero balance does NOT mean you have paid for the entire trip. It simply means you have paid all of the monthly payments due to this point. We would also like to remind everyone that all band fees, Fair Share, rentals, etc must be paid before your student will be allowed to travel with the band.

ALOHA!

Jim & Sheila Kirsch
Hawaii Treasurer

HOSPITALITY

We are getting so close to the end of another great band year!!! Where has the time gone? I want to thank all the parents for all the help and support they have given to the hospitality committee. Symphonic Camp went very well! We couldn't have done it without parents who are willing to go above and beyond the call of duty. All the food was wonderful! We really need to put together a cookbook! Setting up and cleaning up for both dinners went very well thanks to the many hands who came so willingly and worked so hard.

District Competition also went well because of the great parents we have. We received many compliments both from the adjudicators and the visiting directors on the great food and the willingness of our parents to help whenever possible. I especially want to thank Doris Lewis who has been my right hand for the passed two years. She has been so willing to help with whatever I have asked her to do (as long as I didn't ask her to sew anything). I really appreciate all the time she has given to help make Symphonic Camp and District Competition a success. Again, thank you to all the parents who helped put these two events together! I appreciated it so much.

Janet Wade
Hospitality Chairman

BAND BANQUET

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 30 and make plans to attend the Band Banquet at 6:30 P.M. in the VBC North Hall. We will be highlighting the hard work and achievements of all our students, honoring the seniors and presenting awards. In addition to the senior awards, all freshmen and sophomores will receive their band letters. This is an event you won't want to miss! Only students whose band account is paid in full will be eligible to attend the banquet. The cost of the student ticket is included in the band fees. Guests will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in April at a cost of \$22.00 per ticket.

The meal choices are: prime rib with roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, au jus and horseradish sauce, tossed salad, rolls, and choice of dessert; honey dijon chicken with rice pilaf, steamed vegetables, tossed salad, rolls and choice of dessert. Watch for a postcard in early April, make your reservations and meal choices and return the postcard with your check to the treasurer's box by Friday, April 23rd.

Thanks!
Kathy Branick

SPRING AND SUMMER 2004 DATES TO REMEMBER

All dates listed below are required for all members of the Grissom Band program.

What	Who	When	Where	Time
Spring Concert	All band members	April 16 th	Auditorium	7:30pm
Jazz Festival	Jazz Band Members	April 17 th	Auditorium	All Day
All-State Band Festival	Members who made it	April 22-24	Auburn	All Days
Band Auditions	YOU	April 26-30	Your Band Class	
Band Banquet	YOU	April 30	VBC North Hall	6:30pm
Percussion Clinics	All percussionists	May 3-7	GHS Band room	5:00-7:00pm
Leadership Clinics	All interested students	May 3 & 4	GHS Band room	3:30-5:00
Jazz Band Spring Concert	Jazz Band Members	May 9 th	Auditorium	2:30-4:30
Color Guard Clinic/Auditions	All Prospective members	May 10-14	GHS Band room	3:30-5:30pm
Drum Major Tryouts	All interested students	May 18 th	GHS Band room	1:30-?
Guard Captain Tryouts	All interested members	May 19 th	GHS Band room	1:30-?
Graduation	All underclassmen	May 20 th	VBC Arena	7:30-9:00pm
Rookie Camp	Leadership	May 24-28	GHS Band room	8am-12pm
Percussion Weekly Clinics	Thursdays beginning	June 3-July 29	GHS Band room	6-9pm
Percussion Weekend Clinic	Thursday, Friday, Sat.	June 24-26	24 th -6-9pm/25 th -5-9pm/26 th -2-7pm	
Color Guard Camp	All guard members	June 7-11	GHS Band room	8-11am/12-3pm
Spirit Camp	Band Captains & Drum Majors	June 29-July 3	Jacksonville State Univ.	
Color Guard Camp	All guard members	July 5-9	GHS Band room	8-11am/12-3pm
Percussion Camp	All percussion members	July 19-23	8AM - 12PM and 1PM - 5PM	
Color Guard Camp	Sabres/Rifles	TBA	GHS Band room	8-11am/12-3pm
Band Pre-Camp	ALL BAND MEMBERS	July 28-30	GHS Band room	8am-12pm
Band Camp	ALL BAND MEMBERS	Aug. 2-6	8-12/1:30-4:00/6-9pm	
TBA Dates				
Color Guard A.M rehearsals	All Guard members	TBA	GHS parking lot	6-8am
School Starts		August 9		

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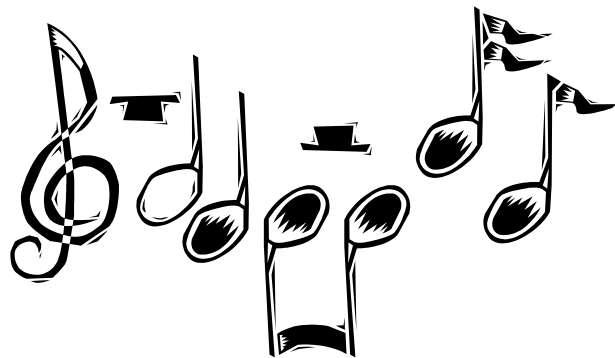
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MEETING
MONDAY
March 29
7PM - Auditorium
See you there!**



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