

# Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

April 2004

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

I would like to issue a special "thank you" to all the parents that answered the volunteer call at meetings and in the newsletters for help with the banquet. It takes a lot of parents and students working together to make the banquet successful year after year. This banquet is sure to be a treat for all with many happy memories for our departing seniors and students.

Just a few reminders:

**VIPERS** - Our contact is Jennifer Todd to schedule times to work if you are interested.

**REMINDER** - Be sure your fair share, dues and rentals are paid. These must be paid to allow your child participate in any trip or band activity. 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** - Our last band parent's meeting for the 2003/2004 school year will be Monday, April 26th. Officers will be elected for next year. Please be sure to attend.

I encourage you to 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

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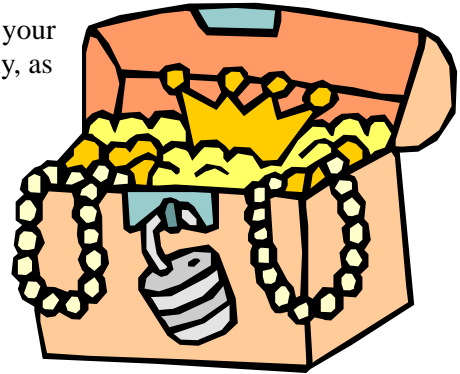
## **\$ TREASURER'S BOX \$**

Statements have been sent out to those still owing dues or fees. Thank you for your prompt response. If you have not yet cleared your account, please do so quickly, as we need to close out the books for this school year.

**Thank you!!**

### **Credit for Scrip and FAIR SHARE events (Vipers)**

Credits will continue to be posted throughout the summer and will be applied to your student's account. Any credit in your student's account after **March 31** of this year will automatically roll over to next school year, which, according to the "band calendar", begins on **May 24** -egad!- with Rookie Camp!



### **Parents of Seniors!**

Any credits in your senior's account can only be applied to the account of a younger sibling in the band, according to the Band Bylaws. Any extra credits will go to help our wonderful yet needy band program. As always, we thank you for passing on the gift of music to those you leave behind!

### **Continue To Use Scrip And Kroger Cards Through The Summer!!**

For shopping and eating in all the same places you usually would, you earn Money for your student's account and you help support the Band! The Kroger Card is an especially good deal because grocery expenditures tend to add up. It is easier to use than a check or credit card and you'll watch the credits accrue in your student's account! Get some friends or family members who shop at Kroger to use the card and soon you'll be drowning in credits!

### **Thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you thank you!**

Many thanks to all the wonderful parents who have worked so hard, sacrificed so much, volunteered countless hours, and got all those dues and fees paid on time! You make this Band program possible. Remember, we do it all for our kids.

### **You are the BEST!**

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

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

### AUDITION INFORMATION

Auditions for current Grissom Band students will take place **April 26-30** during your band class. The audition music was handed out before Spring Break so you have had plenty of time to work on it. Your audition will consist of the audition music your chromatic scale as low and as high as you can play it plus sight reading.

Auditions for current 8th graders will take place the first two weeks of May during your band class. Most of you have had the audition material since last fall. The audition material is taken from the Alabama Junior High All-State material. Please check the website for requirements. <http://www.grissomband.org> Click on Freshmen Info.

Auditions for Jazz Band are posted on the website as well. Please be sure to read and print out all audition requirements. All music and sound files you will need are posted. These are password protected so you will need the following to access all files.

**Username: student**

**Password: swing**

All of this material is to be recorded onto a cassette or CD and turned in to Mr. Vernon at Grissom by the last day of school on **May 20th**. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Audition results for Symphonic and Concert Bands will be posted the week of Rookie Camp, **May 24-28** on the band room door. The jazz band audition results will be posted on the door the same week.

If you have not signed up for Band or Jazz Band, we can fix your schedule once auditions are finished. **THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM**. We understand that some people may not have pre-registered but have changed their mind. We always have some that do this. Just let us know!

### JAZZ BANDS SPRING CONCERT

The Jazz Bands Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, **May 9th**. Since this is Mother's Day, all mothers will get in **FREE!!!** Both "A" and "B" Jazz Bands will perform along with some small instrumental ensembles. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. Please come out and hear some great jazz music.

### PERCUSSION CLINICS

There are 2 percussion clinics available in April for our percussion students to take advantage of.

Austin High School in Decatur will be hosting a percussion clinic on Friday, May 7 during the school day.

This clinic will feature Thom Hannum, director of Star of Indiana Drum

Corps. Cost is \$15 for registration

payable at the clinic. If your son/daughter is interested, please have them see one of the directors.

The other clinic will be after school on Monday, May 10 from 3:30-5:30. Jeff Queen for Blast will be at GHS after school to conduct a clinic. There will be no admission charge. All percussion students are strongly encouraged to attend.



### CALENDAR FOR END OF YEAR AND SUMMER

Please put all dates pertinent from now until Band Camp 2004. Include these dates too please.

**September 25th** - Marching Contest

**October 2nd** - Marching Contest

**October 16th** - GRISSOM BAND/PARENT SPONSORED CONTEST AT MILTON FRANK STADIUM

### ROOKIE CAMP FOR 8TH GRADERS

Rookie Camp for all incoming 8th graders and first year Grissom marchers is scheduled for May 24-18 from 8am-12pm in the band room at Grissom. Please be sure to wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. We will be working outside in the sun so bring water and sunscreen and hats as needed. Everyone will need to bring a Medical Form filled out and notarized on May 24th before you can attend Rookie Camp. A blank Medical Form is enclosed in this newsletter and one can be downloaded from the website. <http://www.grissomband.org> Click on Forms.

All Grissom Band Leadership is required to be here this week to teach. You too will need a new Medical Form filled out and notarized.

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTES (CONTINUED)**

### **UNIFORM TURN-IN**

All Grissom Band uniform and all accessories (cummerbund, bowtie, pearls, etc.) were due **April 5th**. Volunteers were here to collect and sign back in the Grissom Band owned uniforms. Please check around your house for a uniform or uniform part. If these are not returned to the band room, your grades will be held. We have a list of those who have not returned them yet so please take care of this immediately. "A" Jazz Band members will turn your tuxedos back in after the jazz festival.

### **SUMMER BAND UNIFORM**

All marching band students will need to purchase a pair of khaki shorts to wear with your band T-shirt for the first few football games in the fall. All band members are required to wear **WHITE TENNIS SHOES** for all marching band rehearsals. These do not have to be the \$100 tennis shoes just mainly white in color. This makes it easier for us to fix alignment problems and makes all feet uniform. You will also wear these shoes with your khaki shorts and T-shirt for football games.

### **BAND HANDBOOK**

Please check out the Band Handbook posted on the web as a PDF file. There is LOTS of information about the band program and many questions can be answered by reading through this 19 page document. Print it out for reference.

### **GRISSOM HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENT/PARENT SPONSORED MARCHING BAND CONTEST!!**

Yeah!! We will be hosting the first annual marching contest sponsored by GHS Band/Band Parents!! The date for this event is Saturday, October 16th at Milton Frank Stadium. We will need lots of help in the undertaking in lots of different areas. We will have sign up sheets at the April BPA meeting. This will be great fund raiser, plus giving us an opportunity to have lots of fun together. If you have ever been to a marching contest with us before, we're sure you noticed the number of people working. Hopefully you noticed that they always had a smile on their face, the best sign that they were confident they were doing something worthwhile for their children. There were also lots of students working and having a ball!!

Listed below are some of the jobs where we will need help. Some will occur mainly before the contest takes place, while others will be during and/or after the actual event. This is not listed in any particular order, nor is it an all

inclusive list. Please feel free to add to this list in any area you see fit.

**Facilities-** Maintenance and repairs; parking lot, gate, warm up areas, clinic facility, setup and cleanup, etc.

**Food Services-** Vendor negotiations, donations, procurement of food items and supplies, cooking equipment (will not use anything in Milton Frank concessions), scheduling of workers, etc.

**Programs-** Selling ads, collecting and organizing all materials to be printed in program (info from bands, judges' vitas, etc.), printing, distribution, etc.

**Awards-** Soliciting businesses to donate trophies and prize \$\$, helping design and order trophies/ plaques etc.

**Security-** public safety in all areas, helping map areas for police or school security, plans for safe handling and transporting of all money from concessions, gate etc.

**Field work and press box work-** securing flatbed trailers and tractors, lining field, maintaining performance schedule, etc., supplies and refreshments for judges, securing announcer, etc

**Public Relations-** Getting the community involved in the overall program, publicity for event with TV, radio and print media, inviting dignitaries to award trophies (Mayor, School Superintendent etc.), etc.

### **SMART MUSIC SOFTWARE**

Hopefully all of you who purchased the Smart Music software program are enjoying practicing and learning all the possibilities. We are still learning new things it can do everyday. This program has a tuner, metronome, over 50,000 exercises with background accompaniments, 20,000+ instrumental and vocal accompaniments. All of these can be tailored to the individual so he/she can get the most out of it. If you have not ordered this program it is not too late. Please contact Mr. Connell or Mr. Vernon for more information. You can also go to this website:

[www.smartmusic.com](http://www.smartmusic.com)

## STADIUM SET UP

Marching season is on its way around again. Last season we went through over 250 cases of water. SO if you see a good deal on cases of water please begin sending them in again. Last year we marched with over 200 students that equals about 1 case per student. IF everyone could send in at least 1 case for their student Marching we'd be looking good for the start of this season.

Thanks!  
Colleen Toth

## RUMMAGE SALE

I would like to thank the 20+ families that donated items to our sale. And a HUGE THANKS to the family that donated the Boat and Trailer and the family that sent ALL the Beanie Babies. What we had left over as "orphans" were donated to Huntsville Hospital Children's unit for children recovering in that unit. We were able to auction the boat and trailer off. I want to give a HUGE thanks to the ladies and students who help with set up on Friday night, and for those who worked on Saturday. We had a good turn out for both help and customers. In the end we made over \$1800.00 for the band program. I know that weekend was an insanely busy one with State and fruit sales also occurring at the same time. So I thank all of you for your support!!!

Colleen Toth

## FRUIT SALES

Another successful year of selling Citrus Fruit has come to a close! We would like to give a very special "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped with this project, whether you actually worked at the sales site or worked "behind the scene" to make it a success!

Julie and Kathy, you two have done a great job as treasurers! Thank you for all those trips to the sales site and all the prep/follow-up work you have done, as well as working at the sales! We appreciate the folks at **Advance Auto** for supporting the band by letting us use their parking lot for the sales. Thanks also go to **Knology** for their continuing support. We would especially like to thank Barry Marsh for always being there when we needed his help this year to make the transition as smooth as possible.

As you know, we recently restructured this area to be a committee so that the tasks can be more evenly distributed. The transition was very smooth - thanks to our wonderful committee leads, who have consistently performed above and beyond the call of duty this year:

Richard Aplin - Tent and Equipment Coordinator  
Kristi Fugit - Publicity  
Teresa Montgomery - Lock & Logistics  
Dave Parkhill - Scheduling  
Alice Searcy - Database Coordinator  
Sharon Suever - Labor  
Jennifer Todd - Honey/Nuts Coordinator  
Maude & Kevin Woodsinger - Sign Coordinators

**Have a great summer and thanks again to everyone for 'pitching in' to support the band!**

## SCRIP

The Scrip program continues to grow, thanks to your support. For you new band families, "Scrip" just amounts to buying gift certificates from the band and using them to pay for the items you plan to buy anyway. We offer certificates from about 100 merchants. The band buys the gift certificates at a discount, and resells them at face value as a fundraiser. If you have questions, contact the Parkers (parker23@knology.net). Of course we will continue the Scrip fundraiser throughout the summer!

Remember scrip when it's time for those graduation gifts, vacation/travel - restaurants/gas, new appliances, and even shopping for school clothes in a few months. Don't forget you can use scrip or rechargeable gift cards (purchased from the band) to raise money for the band when you buy your groceries! Your student can receive 40% of the earned amount and the band receives 60% (operating expenses are drawn from the band's portion). It's a win-win situation and a painless way to raise money!

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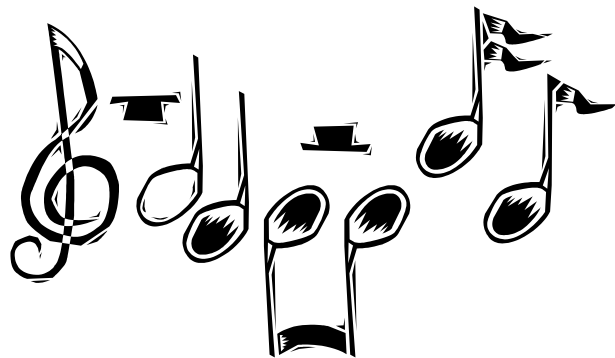
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**BAND PARENTS  
MEETING  
MONDAY  
April 26  
7PM - Auditorium  
See you there!**



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