



# Grissom Band Parents Association, Inc. Newsletter

January 2005

Editors - Mitzi Crawford & Judy Hardwick

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Thank you to each of you that have answered the call to assist with the fruit sales. This is a major fundraiser for the band program and we would not be successful without your willingness to help. Thanks to each of you for braving the cold weather and assisting Karen Parker with the fruit sales. Karen is working on a few more fundraisers to complete the year and we will need your help. Please consider donating a couple of hours to help our band program continue to excel.

Concert season is in full swing. District competition is just around the corner. We are also planning on attending the Dixie Classic International Concert Band Festival in Chattanooga on April 23rd. More information about this can be found in the Director's Notes in this newsletter.

We will soon begin the process of selecting a nominating committee for officers for the 2005-2006 school year. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or serving as an officer next year, please contact me or one of the directors. Although it is hard work, serving on the board is extremely rewarding!!

Mark your calendar for the bandparent meeting on January 24th. We will be receiving information about Symphonic Camp, District Competition, All District/All State Band, and the Chattanooga Festival. There will be sign up sheets for you to help make Symphonic Camp and District Competition successful. Hope to see you there!!

Sincerely,  
Cherry Hovik  
President 2004/2005

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## Director's Notes

### All-State Tryouts Dates

All-State tryouts will be held at Sparkman HS Friday and Saturday January 28-29. Those students who **pre-registered** for the senior high bands will tryout Friday. Check-in to get your judge's sheet will be from 4-5 pm with auditions starting at 5. Those 9th graders who **pre-registered** for junior high will audition Saturday. Check-in to get your judge's sheet will be 8-9 am with auditions starting at 9.

### All-State Festival

Those students who make All-State will need to pay for room and transportation. It will be approx. \$125, due as soon as you can get it in after auditions, so we can make motel deposits. All-State Band will be at Auburn April 14-16. If you are not planning on staying with the band and/or riding the bus with the band to Auburn, we need to know immediately after results are posted. **Remember, if you audition and make a band, you are expected to participate. If you do not, your grade may be lowered depending on the situation. This is a very prestigious event that should be held in high esteem by all students.**

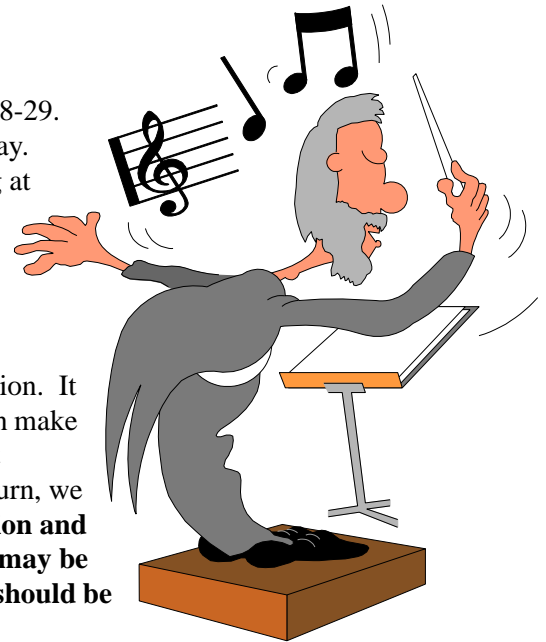
### Symphonic/Concert Band Camp

Our winter camp for Symphonic and Concert Bands is scheduled February 3-5. Activities begin on Thursday the 3rd immediately after school. **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN YOU BEING REMOVED FROM THE PERFORMING GROUP.** A detailed schedule is in this newsletter. Camp runs Thursday after school and Thursday evening with a catered meal being served at mealtime. There are activities all day Friday and Friday evening. There is a potluck dinner Friday night where you get to make your best entrée and have everyone brag about how good it is. Truly a feast!! Saturday there are activities in the

morning with a closing concert Saturday afternoon at 2pm. PARENTS: There will be a parent session Saturday morning 9-10 where you can speak with our guest clinicians concerning what opportunities are available for you child in music during their college years. Scholarship availability along with any questions you may have will be discussed. Please take advantage of this outstanding resource.

### Pre-District Concert with Middle Schools

All three bands at Grissom plus the bands from Challenger, Mountain Gap and Whitesburg will perform their District competition pieces at Grissom again this year. Since last year's concert ran so long, we decided to divide the concert up over two nights (Monday and Tuesday evenings February 7-8). Five bands will perform one evening and the remaining four will perform the following evening, thus shortening the evenings for the students. The final schedule will be announced soon. Please make plans to attend. There is no admission charged.





### Honor Band Dates

District Honor Band for those students who pre-registered and made the band will be February 25-26 at Decatur High School. Rehearsals will begin Friday evening and all day Saturday with the concert at 7PM Saturday. **Remember, if you audition and make a band, you are expected to participate. If you do not, your grade may be lowered depending on the situation. This is a very prestigious event that should be held in high esteem by all students.**

### District Contest at Grissom

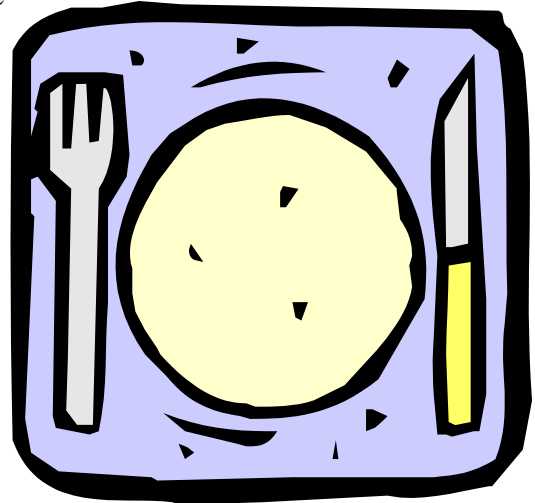
Grissom will host the District Competition Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday February 16-18. We will need help from both students and adults hosting this event. General times for each day will be 2-8 pm. If you are interested, please come to the meeting and sign up or let the directors know via email. Your help will be appreciated.

### Old China Plates Request

Symphonic Band II is performing a piece sometime this semester that requires the "smashing" of plates. Yes, "Plate Smashing". I have talked to the composer and he thinks that china plates are the best to use. There are two places in

the piece where plates have to be smashed. I need a lot of plates that we can practice with and use for performances. I hope to come up with some kind of container we can use and still get the effect, at least for rehearsals. I am talking cheap plates under \$1.00 each. I have searched the internet and found one place but they are sold out. I figure that some folks may know of some thrift stores or have an old set they want to get rid of. I just need some help finding some. Anyway, they need to be dinner plates not dessert plates. I know it is a little strange but, hey, we are musicians aren't we? People can email me if they have ideas or want to help find some.

Thank you! Mr. Vernon [jtvjazz@knology.net](mailto:jtvjazz@knology.net)



### Band Individual Pictures

We will have Cindy Hornsby, a professional photographer, at Grissom Tuesday-Friday (February 22-25) for individual pictures in uniform. All students are requested to have their picture made since we are having a composite picture made of the entire band. Photo packages will be available at a reasonable price. Those will be distributed at a later time.

**GRISSOM SYMPHONIC & CONCERT BAND CAMP**  
**FEBRUARY 3-5, 2005**  
**SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS DURING THIS CAMP. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN AT EVERY EVENT.**

**THURSDAY (*Bring wire music stands to school for rehearsals*)**

3:30 Orientation in the auditorium for Sym I and II.

3:45-5:30 Rehearsal. Sym I on stage Sym II in band room.

5:30-6:15 Dinner (catered by Ruby Tuesday) Concert Band report for dinner.

6:30-8:30 Rehearsals. Sym I on stage, Sym II in band room, Concert Band in choral room.

**FRIDAY**

8:00-10:00am (1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Period) – Sym I on stage Sym II in band room. *Concert band go to classes.*

10:15-1:15 (3rd, 4th & 5<sup>th</sup> Period) – Sym I on stage, Concert Band in band room, *Sym II go to classes.* All students will eat lunch at school. Band rehearsing will eat 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch (11:30).

1:30-3:15 (6th & 7<sup>th</sup> Period) – Sym I on stage Sym II in band room. *Concert Band go to classes.*

3:15-3:30- Snack break.

3:30- All 3 bands meet in auditorium. Introduce Master Class clinicians and move to your respective room. Take music stands and chairs as needed.

3:45-5:15 Master Classes part 1

5:30-6:15 Potluck dinner in commons. Information as to what food each family will be responsible for will be announced.

6:30 FACULTY/STUDENT RECITAL (required attendance)

**SATURDAY**

8:30-10:30am Master Classes part 2 (Bring all stands and chairs back to rehearsal areas)

9:00-10:00 Parent's session with guest clinicians. Very informative meeting about college/university band programs and scholarship opportunities. Please plan to attend.

10:45-12:00 Rehearsal. Sym II on stage; Sym I in band room. Concert Band in choral room

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break/Change clothes for concert. Dress clothes. No jeans etc.

1:30 Warm-up for concert. Concert Band on stage, Sym II in band room Sym I in choral room

Sym I & Sym II will proceed to auditorium to hear Concert band.

Assigned seating areas will be marked for each band to sit while you are not on stage.

2:00 Final Concert!

All activities should be finished by 4:30PM. All students will help move equipment back to bandroom. Just like after a regular concert.

## \$ Treasurer's Box \$

### CASH or CREDIT PORTION OF BAND FEES OVERDUE!!!

If your student is **MARCHING**, you owe **\$200**.  
If your student is **CONERT ONLY**, you owe **\$200**.  
If your student is **GUARD ONLY**, you owe **\$100**.

Half of this amount is due *now* and the other half is due at the end of March 2005.

Fall Instrument Rentals are PAST DUE. Winter Instrument Rentals are DUE NOW! If your student rents an instrument from the band or is in the pit/percussion section, please be sure that your \$45 has been paid.



### “How/Where Do I Pay?”

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.
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)

Let us know what we can do to help you!

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## Thank You, Parents!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to ALL of the wonderful chaperones we had during Marching Season!! A BIG MAHALO (Thank you in Hawaiian!) to Tiffeny Hubbard, Karen Ivey, Jan Baker, Vicki Brooks, and Laura Mollere for chaperoning with us on the Hawaii trip!! It was an unforgettable, memorable trip and your students were awesome!!

**Debbie Rose and Loren Foster**

# ← THE SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS

## Band Calendar: A Successful New Fundraiser

This venture was made possible by the collaborative efforts of many individuals including the Board, Band Directors, parents, and band students. Many parents willingly contacted companies and obtained advertisements. Even a few enterprising students actively solicited advertisements! To all, our sincere gratitude! Nonetheless, I would like to acknowledge a few key team members who took the idea, stayed the course, and turned it into a product we can all be proud of.

Special thanks to **Sharon Suever** (our detail person and accountant) who did an outstanding job collecting preorders, setting up the special days, and keeping track of the accounts; **Lori Cole** for her positive and efficient manner of keeping track of the advertisements, and remaining cheerful – no matter what; **Karen Parker** for her willingness to assist no matter how big or small the task, and her creative ability obtaining advertisements; **Teresa Montgomery** for masterminding the concept of business-card-sized ads for the calendar, actively soliciting ads, and graciously agreeing to make “cold” calls to prospective companies; **Yvonne Cole** for tirelessly tracking down every lead and successfully soliciting new sponsors. Yvonne helped put us over our target of 36 advertisements!

**Susan Fields** and **Rex Simmons** gave us a huge jump start by sharing their treasure trove of wonderful photographs and creating some of the picture collages we used in the calendar.

Special kudos to **Jennifer Todd** who pitched in when we were greatly in need of professional advice from an expert graphics designer. She spent long hours artistically creating the final picture collages. Jennifer is primarily responsible for pulling together available material and weaving the pictures into memorable picture memories.

Finally, **Larry Ruhlman**, at Graphic Publishing deserves special recognition for printing the calendar at cost so that it would be a profitable fundraiser for us.

The calendars have been a hot commodity – but you’re in luck – we still have a few left. Calendars will be available for sale at the next Band Parents meeting. You can also call or e-mail Sharon Suever (880-3365; [rmsuever@hiwaay.net](mailto:rmsuever@hiwaay.net)) if you want to purchase a calendar.

Avi Swain

## And.....an Extra-Special Thanks from the Entire Band!

Last but not least -- **THANK YOU, AVI SWAIN** - for all you did to coordinate the activities for the band calendar. You did an absolutely fantastic job and turned a great idea into a wonderful success!!! Many thanks for all your hard work and a job well done!!



## Dixie Classic Grand National Adjudicators Invitational Concert Band Festival Saturday, April 23rd

On Saturday, April 23rd, we would like to take all three bands to this Concert Band Festival in Chattanooga, TN, for a performance, clinic and evaluation. There will be a small cost of approx. \$45.00 per student. This covers all Festival activities and transportation. This will be a one day trip leaving early Saturday morning and returning early Sunday morning (1AMish). The performances are held at the Memorial Auditorium in downtown Chattanooga which is a beautiful venue for our students to perform.

This is a well-established Festival with highly qualified adjudicators and clinicians. Only bands that have received superior ratings at their State Contest festival are invited to perform and be evaluated. We have talked to the students about this and hope we can have them participate in this festival as an educational event as well as a chance to



show their hard work off to more than just you the parents and the Huntsville community. We hope that this will not be a financial burden to anyone and will offer a fund raiser if we need to. We hope everyone can afford to save about \$15.00 a month for the next three months. This was not on the original calendar we handed out in the fall. With the exception of All-State, Honor Band students, and jazz band members, we are only asking for two Saturday commitments this semester for band students. February 5th (Camp) and April 23rd (Festival). We hope all students can participate!

If you would like to see more information about the Festival please visit their website at: [www.dixieclassic.com](http://www.dixieclassic.com)

***Bill Connell/Theo Vernon***

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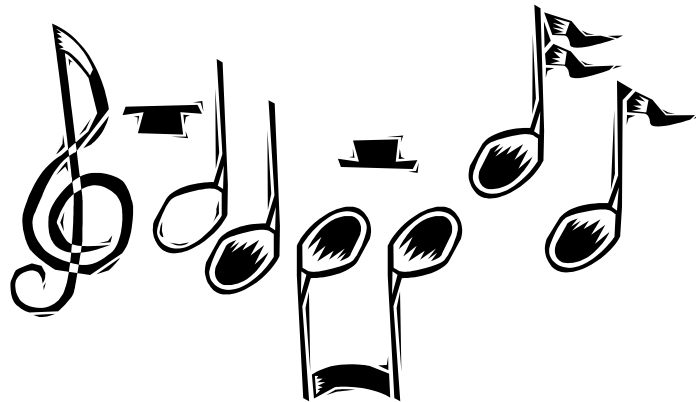
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MEETING  
MONDAY  
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7PM - Bandroom  
See you there!**



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