



# GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Football season is in full swing; I hope you have been able to attend some of the games. I want to thank the truck crew, stadium committee, uniform committee and the chaperones for their dedication to our band. Now that we are wearing uniforms, we will need even more volunteers. If you see us rolling out stadium cushions, or handing out plumes or water, don't be bashful, just jump right in and help. If you want to help and don't know where to jump in at, holler at me and I'll point you in the right direction. Believe it or not, you will have fun. It is also a great way to meet some of the other band parents.

Speaking of football season, wasn't the Parent/Alumni Band great??? We just seem to get better each year! Thanks to you who played with us, and thanks to those of you who cheered us on. If you were sitting in the stands and wishing that you had participated, we are giving you one more chance. We have been invited to sit in with the pep band at the October 14 Grissom-Austin game in Decatur. Details are included in this newsletter.

A special thank you to Laura Mollere for a successful Pancake Breakfast on September 10. We are going to have 3 more pancake breakfasts throughout the year.

Please mark the dates (information is provided in this newsletter) and help us continue to make this a successful fundraiser.

Our first marching competition is **Saturday, September 24** in Columbia, TN. Our kids have worked many hard hours in their rehearsals and will amaze you with their performance. I urge you, if at all possible, to attend this event. More information is available on the website.

On **Saturday, October 22**, we are hosting the Grissom Band Marching Exposition at Milton Frank Stadium. We need workers to help make this a success. Please access the website ([www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org)) and follow the links to the Marching Expo help page. We need you!!!!

Thank you for the great turnout at the August band parent meeting. What a fabulous showing of support for the kids! The next band parent meeting is

**September 26.** I look forward to seeing you there!!! ~~ Cherry

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## Directors' Newsletter September 2005

### Grissom Marching Band Expo

We hope that you are aware of our marching band expo (contest) at Milton Frank on Saturday, October 22. It is imperative that we have enough band parent volunteers to cover all the responsibilities for the show. This first year is most important to establishing a positive reputation for an event like this. Jeff Brewer and his subordinates are working literally night and day to make this show one of the best organized and operated marching band events that any band has ever participated in. In order to do this, **WE MUST HAVE YOUR HELP!!** A listing of all the positions where we need help are posted on the band web site. This posting is very easy to understand. If you have any questions concerning a job, the names of the committee chairs are available on the web site also.

**Credit will NOT be available for those working the marching contest.** We have gotten to the point with credits that in some instances the BPA was subsidizing the students and parents to be in the band. That is not what credits is designed to do. Credits are to help students and their parents pay the band fees while also putting money in the band general fund to pay for the thousands of dollars in expenses that the band incurs. When we make the marching expo a profitable (the possibility to make it very profitable is there) undertaking, **EVERYONE BENEFITS** with less out-of-pocket expenses. Besides it will be lots of fun and you will meet lots of new people during the day!!

Due to the vast numbers of volunteers needed, we are asking alumni parents and students to help out too. They certainly won't get credit for this. They are working for the good of the band, as we all should be. See you there on October 22!!

### Marching Band Competitions (where we compete- not host!!)

The GHS Band will be attending two marching competitions this fall on September 24 and October 8-9. We do not have a schedule for either of these events yet, but hope to have a schedule of the October trip by our BPA meeting Sept. 26. The competition in Columbia, TN is Sept. 24. This will be a one day trip where we will meet at the school during early afternoon (1-ish) and travel to the competition, returning late that evening (again probably 1-ish, but this time a.m.)

The October 8-9 trip is an overnight trip as implied with the dates. We will stay in Smyrna, GA at the AmeriSuites Galleria. You will receive a detailed itinerary as that will have all the info that you will need. Students are supposed to have brought in \$25 for the motel by September 9, but if you have not done so yet, please send in a check ASAP. Make out checks to *Grissom Band Parents*. It is important that all band fees be up to date or your child will not be permitted to travel to either of the marching band competitions. We certainly hope you and your family will make the trips to see first hand what a marching band competition is all about. After you have done that, we are sure you will want to participate as a volunteer during our marching expo Oct. 22!!

### Huntsville Football Game with 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

The current 8<sup>th</sup> graders in band at the middle schools that feed GHS will be invited to play in the stands with our band at the Huntsville football game Friday, September 23. We will provide some of the stand music for the students to play along with the band. It has been a highlight of the fall for several years, so

come out and enjoy the fun. It will also be the night before our first competition, so we will be performing the entire show the evening, probably after the ball game.

### Football Game during Fall Break

The ball game at Austin (in Decatur) is Friday, October 14, which is during our fall break. This is not a required performance, but if you are in town, we would appreciate your child(ren) participating with the band. We will depart at 4 pm, eat dinner in Decatur and return to GHS at approximately 11:30 pm.

### Band Individual Pictures

Cindi Hornsby, the photographer that did the individual pictures with the band last year and also the overhead picture of the entire band at Milton Frank this year will be taking individual pictures October 24, 25 and 26 during band classes. We had very good results with the pictures last year and look forward to working with Cindi again. If you are interested in seeing any of her work, Cindi has a display in Parkway Place on the upper level through September and October. As we get closer to the date, a price list will be distributed.



### **PANCAKE BREKFAST!!!**

Hungry anyone? Our next Pancake Breakfast at Ruby Tuesday's (Whitesburg Drive) will be November 5th from 7-9:30 AM. Adult tickets will be \$5 and kids 10/under will be \$3. Tickets will be \$6 at the door. Adult meals will include scrambled eggs, 2 pancakes, sausage, and milk, juice or coffee. Kid's meals will include scrambled eggs, 1 pancake, sausage, and milk or juice.

Our first Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! A special thanks to the Guard and Tuba Sections for all their hard work. We DO NOT want to send tickets home with each student and have them accountable

for the tickets/money. But, we need parents who are willing to sell tickets in order to continue for this to be a successful fundraiser. If you would like to help sell tickets to this event, please contact me or any of the board members. Tickets will also be available at the Band Parent Meeting on September 26, or I will have tickets at the Football games. Please mark the schedule below on your calendar. Thanks, Cherry (882-6190) As a reminder, on duty to work:

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| November 5th | Percussion/French Horns |
| January 21st | Trombones/Baritones     |
| March 11th   | Trumpets                |

## Changes for Scrip

We have a new scrip supplier that can provide gift certificates for new merchants and they also offer some better percentages! Now we can get more popular restaurant, pizza and sandwich chains as well as a very popular web-based company that sells books and lots of other items. Check the band website for the new list of Scrip Merchants.

While you're there, also check out the Scrip "calculator" that lets you see what you can expect to make for the band in a year by using Scrip for purchases you'd make anyway!

Remember that 40% of what the band makes will be applied as band credits toward the student account you designate when you sign up for scrip. If no student is designated, the entire amount is put in the Max Hammond Fund to buy instruments.

If you'll be traveling, start thinking now of what gift certificates you might need for Fall Break. If you won't travel, will you need scrip for movies, eating out, shopping, working on the house....??? Don't forget the ones away in college – gift certificates are always welcome! If you're college shopping, be sure to note the stores and restaurants near campus for future reference! We also have scrip available for as little as \$1 – \$5 denomination if you want little "treats" for some of your really special Halloween Ghosts and Goblins.

To help you plan, here's the **Scrip Ordering Schedule for the next few weeks:**

- Sept 20 – Place your order and stock up on scrip before fall break!!!!
- Sept 26 ( Mon - Band Parent Meeting)
- Oct 4 (Tue)
- No orders taken during Fall Break
- Oct 18 (Tue)
- Oct 24 (Mon - Band Parent Meeting)

Please include payment (check, payable to "Grissom Band") with your order. You can either mail or give your directly order to us ( Karen or Nelson Parker )-- we're usually outside the band room near the end of each band practice, bring it to a game and catch us there, or just place the order in an envelope and drop in the Treasurer's white box in the band room. We now have our account set up with our new supplier, so we hope to have your scrip available by the end of the week so maybe we can work out getting it to you after practice or at a game if you prefer. Email us and we can work out other arrangements as needed or answer any questions you might have. We normally do not send scrip home with the students.

***Please remember to protect your scrip just like cash!***

Scrip Coordinators: Nelson and Karen Parker

Email: [parker23@knology.net](mailto:parker23@knology.net)

Phone 883-4622

# A SPECIAL THANKS TO TANGENT PRINTING FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT WITH THIS NEWSLETTER!!

Wasn't the Parent/Alumni band great??? We had a great time! Are you sorry that you missed your chance and didn't play with us? Are you wishing it hadn't ended so soon? Well, we have been invited to play with the Pep Band at the Grissom-Austin Game on October 14th. This game is held during fall break, so attendance for the students is not mandatory. We will have sign ups for the kids who plan to participate, and transportation to the game will be provided for the students. Parents/Alumni are welcome to come and sit in with the band and play along with them, and we'll bring some of our "Old folk's music" and see if they want to play it with us. By the way, parents will be responsible for their own transportation to the game (unless you want to chaperone, hint, hint). Please email me at [cjhovik@comcast.net](mailto:cjhovik@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating.



Everything's progressing nicely with our committees and our long-lead items. All we need now is YOU! We've made some changes to the Marching Expo link on the band website ([www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org)) by creating a Volunteer Headquarters section. From here you can sign up for pre-event planning work or day-of-event volunteer shift work. Presently, there are some urgent needs that need to be filled. Click on the Urgent button to see these areas and then help out if you can. There are also brief descriptions of the type of work involved in each pre-event and day-of work area defined in this section. I encourage all of you to go to the site, look around, consider where you would like to help, and then register in the area of your choice (or pick two or three)! If you have any questions, be sure to ask me at [jjgbrew@knology.net](mailto:jjgbrew@knology.net).

Thanks for your help!

Jeff

## Chaperones Wanted!

We're having another Great Band Year! Luann and I will be at the Band Parent meeting to have you sign up for chaperoning this year. Also, please submit your Medical Release Form for 2005-

2006 if you have not done this already. The students must have a new one annually and we must have a form on your student before they can ride on the bus. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Debbie (h: 883-7811 or dlkrenn@comcast.net) and Luann (h: 650-0337)

\$\$\$TREASURER'S BOX\$\$\$

Thanks to everyone for working so diligently to make sure fees and costs are up to date. We know it can be a bit confusing with the different fee structures depending on where your child is participating. Below is a "Schedule to Date" of the fees and costs incurred as of 09/10/05. Please be sure to deduct anything that does not pertain to your child (i.e. – instrument rentals, etc). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will get back to you as quickly as possible (as with lots of parents, we work outside the home and only do this for a hobby☺).

|  | Marching   | Concert Only   | Guard Only   | Jazz Only |
|--|--|--|--|-----------|
| Dues   | \$500  | \$445  | \$370  | \$150     |
| Shoes (if needed)  | \$32.  | NA   | \$27   | NA        |
| Marietta Competition   | \$25   | NA   | \$25   | NA        |
| Summer Rental (percussion & students renting band-owned instruments)   | \$45   | \$45   | NA   | \$45      |
| Fall Rental (as above)   | \$45   | \$45   | NA   | \$45      |
| Total Due through 9-10-05  | \$647.   | \$535  | **\$422<br>**Does not include wind suit, special required              | \$240     |
| <b>Full TOTAL due shown above should be paid as of 09/10/05 EXCEPT</b> | <b>\$ 200.00</b><br>(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)<br>(\$100 Due By 03/01/06) | <b>\$ 200.00</b><br>(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)<br>(\$100 Due By 03/01/06) | <b>\$ 100.00</b><br>(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)<br>(\$100 Due By 03/01/06) |           |

**REMINDER** - ALL dues/payments must be current for a student to participate in any trip or activity outside regular school hours (football games, competitions, etc)

All checks should be made to **Grissom Band Parent's Association** or **GBPA**.

You may drop payments into treasurer's box in the band room outside the director's office (NO CASH PLEASE); or you may mail checks to –

Grissom Band Parent's Association  
PO Box 4335  
Huntsville, AL 35815

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# Grissom High School Limited Edition Ornament



## *Don't be left out!!!*

**T**o celebrate Grissom High School's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the store Argosy (which has closed) commissioned an exclusive *hand-painted*, resin 3-dimensional keepsake ornament of GHS. This limited edition collectible is 4" in diameter and comes in its own gift box for \$20 or for \$25 you can order an ornament with a small stand/base for year-round display. What a unique reminder of all the wonderful memories of Grissom High – excellent holiday or graduation gifts or special mementos for current students or alumni! Grissom Band has made special arrangements to sell these ornaments while supplies last. *We only have a few left, so don't miss this opportunity!! Order yours before They're all gone!*

To order, fill out the form below and return with your check made to "Grissom Band" to:

**Grissom Band Parents Association  
 P.O. Box 4335  
 Huntsville, AL 35815**

If you have questions, contact Karen Parker at 883-4622 or email [parker23@knology.net](mailto:parker23@knology.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GHS Ornaments WITH display base @ \$25 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_ GHS Ornaments (ornament only) @ \$20 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Total**

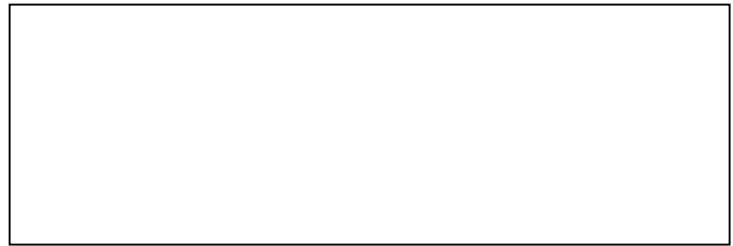
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