



GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

February 2006

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the band parents who helped with Band camp and district competition. These events were very successful and I am very proud of all of our kids and their performances. A big thanks to the hospitality committee for all their hard work and to the concert committee for hosting district competition. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes whenever the band is involved in something. I encourage each of you to come to the band parent meeting and sign up to help at an upcoming event. These kids are great to be around and you will be glad you volunteered!!

Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel our final 2 fruit sales. We were unable to get quality fruit to sell, and therefore the Board decided to cancel the remaining sales. Our fruit sale committee is already working diligently to check into options for next year. I would like to thank the fruit Sale committee for all of their hard work. They've been through some real trying times this year. Remember to continue to support the band through our Scrip program. It is a fundraiser that helps you and helps the band. By purchasing Scrip, you will earn credits towards your student's fees, so be sure to stop by the Scrip table at the next band parent meeting, or access our website and order through there!!!! If you have any questions about the Scrip program, please contact Karen Parker. She will be more than happy to assist you with this continuing fundraiser.

A nominating committee has been selected and we are looking for a few good men or women to serve as officers on the 2006-2007 Grissom Band Board. If you are interested in 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!! If you would like to anonymously suggest a name for a board position, please use the form provided in this newsletter and bring it to the band parent meeting.

Congratulations to the kids who tried out for District/All State Band!! Grissom is well represented at both of these events!! Our kids just never cease to amaze me with their talents. Please congratulate these kids when you see them. They worked very hard and are all very deserving of this honor!! Mark your calendar for the band parent meeting on February 27th. We will be receiving information about State competition, All District/All State Band, the Band Banquet and the Spring Trip. As always, there will be sign up sheets for you to volunteer for future events. I look forward to seeing you there!!

Sincerely,

Cherry Hovik

President 2005/2006

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Directors' News February 2006

Sym/Concert Camp

This year's camp was a great success due to the great work of our clinicians and the overwhelming enthusiasm of the students! We were able to get a great deal accomplished with the short time period. All the feedback that we have gotten from the directors and master class teachers has been most positive, from the students' attentiveness to their manners. Every clinician wants to come back again in the future to work another camp. This is a true reflection of our students' work during camp. Dr. Gwodz and Mr. Ransom did a wonderful job on the saxophone duet at the final concert. All three bands improved greatly and it was reflected in their performances on Saturday. Mrs. Rawls and Mrs. Dowling did a great job organizing all the food and refreshments for everyone. You as parents really outdid yourself with the potluck dinner Friday night! Congratulations to all for a great camp!!!

District/State Concert Assessment

By the time you get this newsletter, the bands will have already performed at District Competition. Hopefully, all three bands will qualify to perform at State in March. That competition will be held at Huntsville High School on Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14. We will submit our registrations to play Tuesday the 14th. Times will be announced as soon as they are received from the state executive secretary. Thank you for your support during District and please make it a point to hear your children play at STATE!!

District Honor Band

Austin High School in Decatur will host the District Honor Band February 24-25. GHS students who auditioned will be participating. Rehearsals will begin Friday evening the 24th and the final concert will be Saturday evening. Students will be given a complete itinerary the week of the clinic. They will need to take their concert uniform home on Friday after school for the Saturday night performance. Students will need to provide their own transportation to rehearsals and performance. **DO NOT BE LATE!!**

Congratulations to the following students:

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Karen Branick – Allison Potter – Zach Tucker – Patrick Cornell – Stephanie Holmes – Ellen Field – Kelli Vogel – Amelia Lane – Shibli Rahman – Monica Kruse – Lauren Allison – Rusty Clark – Brian Francica – Adam Smith – Deanna Swain – Melody Hovik – James Ashcraft – Matthew Parker – Sidney Simmons – Alex McCool – Katie Stone

JUNIOR HIGH HONOR BAND

Gebrielle Savage – Matt Keffer – Corey Sherman – Dale Hardy

Schedule:

Friday: Arrive Austin High School not before 5:30, but seated by 6:00

(Sr. Hi on stage, Jr. Hi. in Band room)

6:00-9:00 p.m. – Rehearsal

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. -- rehearsal

11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.-- Lunch

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. -- rehearsal (Jr. Hi. on stage,

Sr. Hi. in Band room)

6:30 p.m. -- Warm-up for performance

(Jr. Hi. On stage, Sr. Hi. in Band room)

7:00 p.m. Concert

All-State Band

The Alabama All- State Band Festival will be April 20-22 in Auburn. Those students who tried out in January will be attending this clinic. We will leave at 7am on that Thursday and return by 9pm Saturday night. The cost of the trip is \$135.00. A complete itinerary will be given to the students after spring break.

Congratulations to the following students:

Karen Branick – Allison Potter – Patrick Cornell – Ellen Field – Amelia Lane – Shibli Rahman – Rusty Clark – Deanna Swain – Michael Montgomery – Melody Hovik – Matthew Parker – Matt Keffer – Corey Sherman

Jazz Band

The “A” Jazz Band did their “Essentially Ellington” recording session and sent their entry CD off to New York. We will be notified by March 2nd if we are accepted. They accept 15 bands each year from across the United States. Grissom was invited in 1999 but has not been back since. We are always hopeful each year but the competition is very, very stiff. There are usually between 125-140 bands that send in recordings each year. If accepted the “A” Jazz Band will travel to New York May 18-22 to compete, attend classes and hear other world-class high school jazz bands. This event sponsored by Jazz at Lincoln Center actually has some funds to help those bands accepted travel to New York so if we are accepted we will get a little help financially to go.

*****Spring Trip*****

The response for participation in this year’s spring trip has been less than overwhelming to say the least. Obviously, the interest in taking such a trip is not as high as the directors had anticipated. The number of students in Symphonic II, Concert Band and ‘B’ Jazz that signed up to go on the trip are not enough for those bands to perform effectively. Fifty percent of a band is not enough to perform in public, much less perform while representing your school, city and state. Therefore these ensembles will not be going on spring trip. Moneys paid for the trip will be refunded less any fees, rental etc. due to the band by March 1.

Symphonic I and ‘A’ Jazz have sufficient personnel to perform effectively, although they will not be at full strength. If there are enough percussionists in one ensemble traveling with Sym I and ‘A’ Jazz, they will also perform. Due to the lack of other bands performing in Myrtle Beach (only 2 other bands are signed up in that competition), we will be seeking another venue to perform where there will be quality bands participating. The cost of this revised trip will not exceed \$500. If there are cancellations in Sym I and/or ‘A’ Jazz the entire trip will be cancelled.

WE WILL BEGIN TAKING A FULL BAND SPRING TRIP EVERY OTHER YEAR. THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS WILL BEGIN THIS ROTATION TOO. DURING THE OFF YEARS, THERE MAY BE A TRIP FOR SENIORS ONLY. THIS YEAR WAS OUR TRAVEL YEAR SO THERE WILL BE NO FULL BAND TRIP NEXT SPRING BUT MAYBE A SENIOR TRIP ONLY.

Pancake Breakfast is

Saturday March 4th at Ruby Tuesday's on Whitesburg from 7-9:30 AM

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

REMINDER – For student account information, please contact Mary Setzer. With all of the different payments, etc. we do understand it is difficult to keep track. Mary can provide you with a current balance due that will also reflect earned credits (i.e. Scrip, etc). Thank you for your continued understanding and patience in allowing us to get things posted to the necessary accounts.

	Marching	Concert Only	Guard Only	Jazz Only
Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 50.00
Shoes (if needed)	\$ 32.00	N/A	\$ 27.00	N/A
Marietta Competition	\$ 25.00	N/A	\$ 5.00	N/A
Summer Rental (percussion & students renting band owned instruments)	\$ 45.00	\$45.00	x	\$ 45.00
Fall Rental (percussion & students renting band owned instruments)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	x	\$ 45.00
	(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)	(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)	(\$100 Due By 12/01/05)	
Total due through 12/01/05	\$747.00	\$635.00	**\$ 522.00	\$240.00
Full TOTAL due shown above should be paid as of 12/01/05 EXCEPT -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	-0-	\$ -
	(\$100 Due By 03/01/06)	(\$100 Due By 03/01/06)	**Does not include wind suit, special required items, etc.	

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

All checks should be made to **Grissom Band Parent's Association** or **GBPA**. Make sure your **student's name** and **what the payment is for** written on your check for proper credit. 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

REMINDER – There is a \$30 fee for checks returned by your band. Payment of the check amount plus the return check charge must be made by cashier’s check, money order or cash. Cash payments must be hand delivered directly to one of the treasurers. Cashier’s checks and money orders can be dropped in the treasurer’s box in the band room or mailed to the post office box. Partial payments cannot be accepted. We regret that we have had to institute this policy, but the cost of bank fees, collection fees, etc. for these returned items can no longer be covered by the band fund. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in insuring funds are available when your check is presented for payment.

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NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

It is time to begin thinking about officer elections. Each year a nominating committee is appointed to select and present a slate of officers to the general membership. We are a large group and it is impossible for everyone to know everyone so we are asking for your suggestions.

If you have recommendations for someone to be considered by the nominating committee, we would like for you to submit them (anonymously). You may recommend more than one person for a position. The nominating committee can only select one candidate for each position, but anyone can be nominated from the floor as a candidate for any position.

Please check the by-laws on the website for the description of each officer’s responsibilities. We’re sure you have an idea of someone that would be a great consideration for these positions! Just drop your completed forms in the treasurer’s box or you may mail them to **GBPA PO Box 4335 Huntsville, AL 35815**. Please mark the outside of the envelope “Attn: Nominating Committee”.

PRESIDENT - _____

1st Vice President - _____

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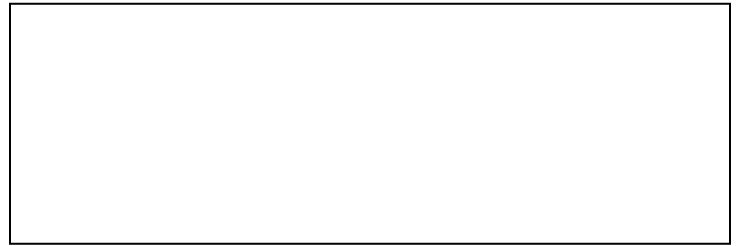
SECRETARY - _____

TREASURER (2 positions) -

We are also looking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. It will take a couple of hours on just one evening. If you are available to help, please contact Cherry Hovik.

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