



# GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

June 2006

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Parents,

Welcome to a new and exciting year with the Grissom Band. Please take a few minutes to read through this first newsletter of the year carefully and note the dates of our upcoming band activities and fundraiser information. By the time you read this we will have held our first car wash fundraiser of the summer as well as a number of VBC concession opportunities. Please make sure you read the articles from Cherry Hovik (VBC concessions) and the directors (car washes) elsewhere in the newsletter regarding our fundraising opportunities. We are very fortunate to have these opportunities and must take advantage of them as best we can.

This is an exciting time of year in the band, last years seniors have moved on and this year's freshmen have attended (and survived!) rookie camp, begun forging new relationships and started what will be an eventful and rewarding part of their lives. As members of the Grissom Band family it is our responsibility and duty to do all we can to support these young people by any means necessary. We can all do that by getting involved in any way we can with the band; volunteering to work car washes and at the VBC concessions, working a shift at the Expo in October, and chaperoning a football game or band trip just to name a few.

I'd like to offer a personal welcome to all our new freshmen parents! The next couple of months are going to be a whirlwind of activity; pre-camp, band camp, trips, football games, practices, competitions, fund raisers etc... It is hard work but it if you get involved you will find it to be one of most rewarding things you have ever been a part of. By the end of the year when you are sitting at your first band banquet you will be amazed at how much your child has grown and matured in such a short period of time and just how much fun you have both had throughout the year.

The board has discussed a tentative Band Parents Meeting for all freshman parents sometime during the week of pre-camp, July 24 - 27. We know how overwhelming starting in the band can be and would like to meet you and do our best to answer your questions and concerns. When we have a final date for that meeting we will forward it to all parents. Our first full Band Parents Meeting of the year will be **August 28** at 7 PM, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There are a lot of other things going on too, please make sure you check the band calendar on the Charms website for more information on those.

I am very excited at what the new year holds for us all, I hope all of you are too. If you have any questions or need help of any kind please call me or email me using the information below.

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**Bill Connell and Theo Vernon, Directors**

**881-1075 (band room)**

## Director's Newsletters Info June 2006

Another successful year down and we have already begun the next! Rookie Camp was very successful! The students learned more than expected and we are very excited about this year's incoming freshman class. Color Guard auditions and their first camp have taken place. A percussion mini camp has already taken place. Guard uniforms have been ordered, all the show music has been scanned, converted and posted on the website. Tee shirt designs are being created. All the drill particulars have been sent to our drill designer. Our first car wash of the summer has happened and we have other summer activities planned. When most school teachers are winding down and on vacation, the band directors, band students and band parents are planning, working hard and gearing up for another year. We never have down time but that is what makes our band program one of the best in the country.

### 2006 Marching Show "LATIN FANTASY"



The theme for this year's show is "LATIN FANTASY". We are excited about the possibilities for this year's theme! Our drill for the performance band and Pre-Game show will be written by Jeff Fackler founder of Creative Solutions. (<http://www.crsolutions.biz/index.cfm>) This company will have our shows posted on a special website created just for the Grissom High School Band. As soon as the pre-game show and performance band show are posted we will provide information on how to access this new and exciting addition to our marching band program. Mr. Bryan Barley and Sean Womack will be our percussion instructors and Mr. Stan Gillispie and Courtney Doering will be our color guard instructors. We look forward to working with all of these fine talented people to help us put together wonderful shows for the fall.

**All show music memorization will be done before you come to Pre-Camp in July.**

### Auditions for Performance Band

The auditions for the performance band will take place during Pre-Camp July 26-28. The audition process and music selection will be posted on the website soon. Music WILL BE MEMORIZED!! All of the show music files have been posted [www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org) so you all can start practicing!! The mp3 files for all of the music is also posted on the Band Website and Charms. All of the stand music is posted so you can begin learning it too. You will need the following to access the music. Username: *student* and Password: *bandontherun*. Please download this and print out your parts. Go ahead and practice the part you have been assigned for the Symphonic/Concert Band parts. We will use this part distribution for the Pre-Game show and once we have auditioned for performance band we will divide those parts equally. Students playing a secondary instrument please choose 2nd or 3rd part depending upon instrument. When there are only 2 parts instead of three and you normally play 3rd part, choose the 2nd part for now. If you normally play 2nd choose the 1st part for now. We will divide parts more evenly during Pre-Camp and Band Camp. We just want you practicing this music early! Have fun!

### Flip Folders

We ask that each playing member of the band, with the exception of the pit percussion, have a flip folder by Pre-Camp to hold all music for the fall. Please go ahead and print out all of your music for the fall and put it in your flip folder.

### Marching Contests and EXPO 2006 – October 21st

We will again be sponsoring a marching contest this fall on October 21 at Milton Frank Stadium. We want to make this a truly positive experience for all participants including us, the Grissom Band Family. We will also participate in two marching contests this fall. The first one will be September 30<sup>th</sup> and the second one October 7<sup>th</sup>. Neither of these

contests will be an overnight trip. Itineraries will be handed out and posted on Charms a couple of weeks prior to each Saturday. These performances are required for all marching band members and are fabulous opportunities for fun and adventure.

### Charms Website

Please refer to [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com) for all upcoming band events. We have included in this newsletter information for all Grissom Band members. It would be a good idea for everyone to review this information because it applies to you too.

### Guard and Percussion

Percussionists and color guard have rehearsals throughout the summer that are required. Please refer to the dates listed in this newsletter and on Charms and make arrangements to be here. These rehearsals are very important to the quality of these two sections. We have hired instructors that will be here to work with you so any time you miss you could be chosen as an **alternate** and/or will be **VERY** behind and it is very difficult to catch up when you miss a rehearsal.

### Get in Shape!!

Be sure you all get out over the summer and have a lot of fun but also **PLEASE GET SOME EXERCISE**. Marching Band is a physical activity. It will be hot so we will have to deal with it just like all the other superior bands. The better shape you are in, the better the band will be. Everyone needs to keep their "chops" in shape too so **PRACTICE** your instrument.

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### Medical Forms

All students, whether returning or new, are required to have a notarized medical form on file to be able to participate in band activities. All veterans must fill out a new form each year! Please take care of this prior to July a form is included in this newsletter or you can download a form from the website at: <http://www.hsv.k12.al.us/dept/forms/Outoftown.doc> You will also need the insurance addendum attached to the back of this form. You can download this form from [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com) site.

### SUMMER REHEARSALS:

#### Check out the new times for Band Camp below!

Percussion Weekly Clinics	Thursdays beginning	June 1-July 27	6-9pm
Color Guard Camp	All guard members	July 4-8	8-11am/12-3pm
Percussion Camp	All percussion members	July 10-14	8 - 12 and 1- 5PM
Color Guard Camp	Sabres/Rifles	July 24-27	TBA
Uniform Fittings/Fees due	ALL BAND MEMBERS	July 25-27	6-8pm
	Tue, July 25	Seniors, Junior and Sophomore	
	Wed, July 26	Freshmen	
Make-Up Rookie Camp	ALL new band members	July 24 & 25	8am-12pm
BAND PRE-CAMP	ALL BAND MEMBERS	July 26-28	8am-12pm
BAND CAMP	Performance Band Members	July 31-Aug 4	
		*8am-12pm/1:30-3:30pm/6:30-8:30pm*	

***\*Football band members will only come to the 8am-12pm session each day during Band Camp***

\*Kick-Off/Cook-Out ALL BAND FAMILIES Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm

***\*All band members required to be here. We will do a sneak preview of our shows for your families on the practice field after dinner approx 7:00pm.***

**BAND CALENDAR 2006-2007**

Please refer to [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com) for the 2006-2007 Band Calendar of events, which includes rehearsals, football games, competitions, concerts, trips, etc. All of the events posted are required attendance for all members. Login to the Parent/Student Login using school code: grissomhsb Click the Event List icon and you can print out the entire 2006-2007 Band Calendar. There are many other things posted in the hand out section too!

**Grissom Band Member Information**

Listed below are important dates and reminders for all Grissom Band Members. If you ever have any questions, please call the band room at 881-1075 or email the band directors:

Mr. Connell [lennoc1@aol.com](mailto:lennoc1@aol.com) or Mr. Vernon [jtvjazz@knology.net](mailto:jtvjazz@knology.net)

\***Grissom Band Website**, a plethora of information. Check it often! [www.grissomband.org](http://www.grissomband.org)

\***Charms Website**, calendar and handouts for all band members. [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)

\***Grissom Band Handbook** posted on both websites for downloading. Revisions are being made. **Please read this handbook.** It will answer many of your questions about the Grissom Band Program.

\***Summer dates.** Please check the website for all band activities throughout the summer. These are very important rehearsals that will put you behind if you miss.

\***Band Fees and uniform fittings.** Band fees are \$500.00.

The \$300.00 CASH PORTION of your student's fees is due at uniform fitting the week of July 24-28. You are encouraged to make smaller payments in each summer month. For example, you may pay \$100 in June, \$100 in July, with the final payment of \$100 made at the time of uniform fitting.

The "CASH OR EQUIVALENT CREDITS" portion of the fees (\$200) can either be paid with cash **OR** it can be paid by credit earned by working at **certain eligible** fundraisers (i.e., fruit sales, VIPERS, flower sale, rummage sale) or buy buying scrip. \$100.00 is due November 1<sup>st</sup> and the final \$100.00 is due March 31<sup>st</sup>. Because a majority of the band's expenses are incurred during marching season, prompt payment of your fees is crucial to the band program! A 20% penalty will be applied to the unpaid fees if not received by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who are exempt from school fees based on their family income are exempt from all band fees. Payments can be mailed or placed in the treasurer's box in the band room.

Check only **NO CASH.**

Grissom Band Parents Association

P. O. Box 4335

Huntsville, AL 35815

\***Car Washes.**

Our car washes have changed this year. We are doing them at Lee's Magic Tunnel on the parkway across from The Huntsville Times Building. We are planning on doing at least three June, July and August. We may add a September one if these are successful. We need lots of volunteers to work these. Sundays 11am-5:30pm. 2 shifts 11:00-2:30 and 2:30-5:30. We need 30 students per shift and 10-12 adults each shift. We are trying to find fundraisers for the band that can replace or supplement our fruit sales which have not been lucrative the past few years due to the devastating hurricanes in the area of our grower in Florida. These car washes could earn large amounts for the band if everyone pitches in. Three or four washes could possibly make as much as that half of our fruit sales make in a regular 9 fruit sales a year.

\***Section Get-togethers.** During the summer your section leaders will have a couple of get-togethers so everyone can get to know each other prior to Pre-Camp in July. These will be fun activities and we encourage you all to attend.

\***DCI show at Cookeville, TN.** We are planning a trip to a Drum Corp Show at Tennessee Tech University on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will plan on leaving around 2:00pm and return after midnight close to 2:00am. The cost of a

ticket plus transportation is \$35.00. Your section leaders will take your reservation and the **deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup>**. We cannot guarantee your ticket will be seated with the rest of the group if your order after **JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**.

\***Summer Band Uniform** for the first few football games. Each band member is required to have a pair of Khaki shorts and **WHITE TENNIS SHOES** to wear along with the band T-shirt for the first few football games. We prefer a **knee length** (or as close to that as possible) Khaki pant for everyone.

\***WHITE TENNIS SHOES.** We ask that each member of the marching band wear a pair of **WHITE** tennis shoes to all marching band rehearsals. These do not have to be \$200.00 shoes. Please make sure the color of the shoe is majority **WHITE**. This helps the directors fix many foot problems during the season when they all are close to the same color. Thank you!

\***Instrument Rental.** If you are playing a Grissom Band owned instrument, you will pay a per semester rental fee of \$50.00 for summer, fall and spring semesters. The following instruments have a rental fee: Sousaphones/Tubas, all percussionists, Mellophone (marching French Horn), Concert/Marching Baritones, Bass Clarinets, Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone (as available), piccolos (as available) and Bassoons.

\***Marching Band Music.** All of the stand music for the marching band is posted on the band's website under Show Music. To access it you must have the username: *student* and password: *bandontherun*. Get a head start on this music by downloading it and practicing it. There are even some sound files that you can listen to. Use the parts assigned with Symphonic/Concert Band auditions to practice and learn this music. All files will be in PDF format. Adobe Acrobat Reader files. Our theme for the show is "**LATN FANTASY**".

\* **Fitting.** July 25-27 6-8pm. Each class is assigned a specific night for fittings. Seniors, Juniors, & Sophomores July 25 / Freshman July 26 / Any who have not been fitted July 27. All new marchers will be required to order a pair of black marching shoes from the band at approx. \$30.00. Any veteran marchers who need new shoes will order at this time also. Black gloves will be sold prior to the first performance in uniform. Color Guard have been measured for your uniforms and are aware of all your extra parts including shoes.

\***Rehearsal Attendance.** Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals (full band and sectionals) and performances is required of all members of the band program. Unexcused absences or frequent tardiness will lower your grade and hinder you from performing. It is your responsibility to notify the band director in advance (**at least 2 weeks**) with a signed note from your parent if you will miss a rehearsal. You must make up all missed rehearsals (excused or unexcused) by staying after school, making up the lost time, and passing off music with the director. Failure to do so within one week will result in your grade being lowered 10 pts. per missed rehearsal during that 9-week period. We request that **2 weeks prior** to a performance no rehearsal is to be missed; no excuses except family emergencies. The student will not be allowed to perform with the band and as a result they will receive a failing grade for that 9 weeks. This is why we hand out activity calendars at the beginning of each school year and post on the web site in late June or early July.

Excused absences included the following reasons: (Must be made up within one week)

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| 1. sickness – must have signed note from parent/guardian | 3. pre-arranged conflict -- must be cleared in advance ( <b>at least 2 weeks</b> ) |
| 2. death in the family                                   | 4. emergency doctor's appointment.   |

Unexcused absences include the following reasons: (Cannot be made up)

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| 1. skipping   | 8. doctor and other appointments that could be scheduled at a different time |
| 2. forgetting   | 9. trip made in disregard of band commitment                                 |
| 3. employment conflict                                      | 10. any other conflict not cleared in advance with the band director         |
| 4. babysitting  | 11. any conflict that is not school related                                  |
| 5. birthday   |  |
| 6. club meeting   |  |
| 7. make-up test that could be scheduled at a different time |  |

From Our Immediate Past-President:

It is hard to believe that this is my final message to you as President. I must say it has been a lot of fun to serve in this role. I have made many friendships with you during the past couple of years. I would like to thank the board for doing an outstanding job this year; they were always there when I called on them, and because of them my job was easy. They were an awesome group to be associated with! To the committee chairs, the band program would not run smoothly without all the behind the scenes work that ya'll do. I was continually amazed at the commitment that you had for our students and our band program. For you parents, thanks from the bottom of my heart for all of your support of the band program. I met most of you at the concerts, games, monthly meetings, events, and some of you I met through email. Many of you worked at band events, many of you made numerous phone calls, many of you prepared meals/snacks for our students and guests, many of you worked at the concerts, many of you chaperoned, or sold fruit or scrip, or bought fruit or scrip, helped dress our children, decorated, or supported the band at the football games and concerts. For all of your hard work and dedication, I am very grateful. And your students are wonderful children to be associated with; band students are the best!!!!

The Grissom Band program is a fantastic program. Please read this newsletter carefully and take note of the new fundraisers starting immediately to try to help alleviate some of the budget shortfalls that we have experienced recently. Please continue to support Jay and the new board in the upcoming year and I will see you all this fall at the Football Games. Have a terrific summer, and thank you again.

Cherry

Grissom Band Corporate

Sponsorship Program

We need to raise \$ 15,000 this year to keep our band dues as low as possible. One way you can personally help is by investing just a few minutes of your time at your place of employment or a local business that you visit regularly. Please encourage these companies to make a tax-deductible donation to the Grissom Band Corporate Sponsorship Program. Companies will get extensive advertising in return.

Please take some time to personally sign the form that is enclosed with this month's newsletter. Then, take the form and meet with the person who is responsible for charitable donations at the

company. Spend a few minutes explaining the Corporate Sponsorship program.

Important: If a company has already donated to the band this year, please do not approach them about the Corporate Sponsorship program. We don't want to ask companies for money twice.

A few minutes of your time can work wonders in helping to raise money for our band. Thank you for your help. Please contact me if you have any questions: 881-7558 or beckylash@epictrends.com.

Best regards, Becky Lash

**MARCHING SEASON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Marching season is our biggest opportunity to help the band. The work is fun and you get to meet a lot of parents and a lot of the band kids. Jim Kirsch is the chairman of the truck committee and he has a big HELP WANTED sign out for volunteers. The truck committee moves all of the marching equipment and uniforms to and from the football games and competitions. They also work with band members to get the equipment on and off of the field. Please call Jim (880-1162) for more information.

Debbie Krenn is in her second year as chaperone committee chair. She'll have volunteer sign-up sheets at the uniform fitting sessions during pre-camp. Jim Krenn is also doing a second year as stadium setup chair. His message is.... bring in your water! We provide bottled water for both our band and the guest band at all home football games and we ask you all bring in a case for each of your kids in band (we also take donations). Jim will also need help with putting down and taking up the seat covers at all of the football games. He will also have volunteer sign-up during uniform fitting. Jim and Debbie can be reached at 883-7811.

# Scrip Update

--- Welcome to our new GHS band families!

To earn credits toward your student's band expenses, GHS band offers a program called "Scrip" which can earn money in two ways: (1) buy (from the band) rechargeable grocery "gift" cards for a national grocery chain that provide you with a way to earn a percentage of the money you spend on groceries toward your student's band account by using this card every time you buy groceries or pharmacy items and (2) the opportunity to buy gift certificates for giving as gifts, but **especially** for routine things you'll purchase anyway – things like summer/fall clothes, yard services, movies, hardware, home improvement items, appliances, eating out and summer trips (gas cards, hotels, restaurants). ... the list goes on. We offer gift certificates from over 100 merchants! The idea is just to buy gift certificates (which the band buys at a discount and sells face value) and use them to pay for things and services that you would wind up buying anyway. The money the band makes with this difference is then "split" and 40% of that amount goes directly to the student's band account that you designate the first time you buy scrip. The remainder goes to the band's Max Hammond Memorial Instrument Fund. It's that easy! When you use scrip, both your designated student and the band win!

**We sell scrip year-round** – if you're interesting in buying scrip or want to learn more, contact us! Have a great summer!

Nelson & Karen Parker, Scrip Coordinators [parker23@knology.net](mailto:parker23@knology.net) phone: 883-4622

## First Car Wash Fund Raiser Update

Wow! The first car wash of the summer is done and when it is all said and done we should make in excess of \$1200 for our band and our kids. All this despite limited time, sharing ticket pre-sales space this past Saturday with two other organizations at Wal-Mart, and difficulty being able to get tickets out to those parents and students that wanted to sell them on their own. Despite those limitations our students and their parents were able to wash somewhere in the vicinity of 135 cars in the 6 ½ hours we were there. Not a bad return on our efforts!

I would like to thank all the students and parents that worked this past Sunday at Lee's Magic Tunnel Car Wash and on the days we set up at Wal-Mart to pre-sell. Your hard work and perseverance definitely paid off! The Directors and the Board will be discussing when we will be doing the next car wash so please keep an eye on your email and do your best to help make the next one even more successful than this one. If you have questions about the car wash or ticket sales please feel free to give me a call at 883-9078 or shoot me an email at [cjsimcox@comcast.net](mailto:cjsimcox@comcast.net).

Also most importantly, we **ALL** owe a huge **Thank You!!!!!!!** to Mr. Ronnie Brown and his employees at Lee's Magic Tunnel Car Wash, without them this would not have been possible.



**2006 GHS Marching Band Expo** The preparation for the 2006 GHS Marching Band Expo for Oct. 21st is well underway! With one year under our belt, we are really looking to make this year's event even better and bring in even more funds for our band program. But, in order to do this, we need your help! Here is a list of committees that are tasked with getting things ready for this year's Expo (day-of-event shift volunteering will come later):

*** Facilities	Concessions (Jennifer Sherman)	*** Ticketing
*** Sponsorship	Merchandise (Kelley Gattis)	Band Logistics (Jim Krenn / Rick Cornelius)
Equipment (Gary Lane)	Public Health and Safety (Debbie Krenn)	Awards (Kathy Lane)
Band Communication (Teri Mitchell)	Parking (Jim Kirsch)	Volunteer Coordination (Jeff Brewer)
Security (Dan Peek)	*** Hospitality	
Publicity (Kristi Fugit)	Press Box Logistics (Sharon Keffer)	
*** Programs		

While you can volunteer to help with ANY of these committees in preparation for the Expo, the ones set apart by asterisks (\*\*\*) are in need of a committee lead. We really need to get these lead positions defined as soon as possible, so if you can lead any one of these committees or want to know the details of responsibilities for any of these committees, please let me know. Feel free to directly contact the posted committee lead on a committee for which you would like to help or contact me and I'll get your name to them. Remember, this event has the potential to bring in big bucks for the GHS band (we made \$6000 last year in our first year and with a bare minimum number of bands), so please help out if you can! Thanks!

Jeff Brewer -Chairman, GHS Marching Expo, 880-9754 ( [jigbrew@knology.net](mailto:jigbrew@knology.net) )

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\*\*\* Mark Your Calendar for Uniform Fittings! \*\*\* July 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>!

Every Marching Band member must get fitted for a uniform !

- July 25 :	SENIOR	5:00-6:00 p.m.
	JUNIOR	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	SOPHOMORE	7:00-8:00 p.m.

- July 26 :	FRESHMEN	
	A – L	5:00-6:30 p.m.
	M – Z	6:30-8:00 p.m.

- July 27 : Any Member WITHOUT a Uniform @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. !

Please make sure you are there on your night, it will be greatly appreciated. However, if an emergency situation arises . . . please use the July 27<sup>th</sup> makeup date.

Band Camp : White Tennis Shoes are required. Nothing fancy, just white ! A tip from my past experience: GET YOUR KHAKI SHORTS EARLY, since they all tend to run out of the "true" khaki color rather quickly. Please Note – the khaki shorts will be the "uniform" pants for the first few football games only. (Not for use at Band Camp!)

I know for many of you, this will be a lot to process at the startup of a new school year. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to give me a call anytime. . .

Tiffeny Hubbard

880-3669

P.S: If you would like to help, we are always looking for people

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**Fundraising Opportunity:**

GBPA has been provided the opportunity to work at the Von Braun Center concession stands. This requires a minimum of 12 workers per event (students must be 16 or older). The VBC pays the GBPA and you will earn \$5 credit per hour towards your band fees. That means, if you and your child work, in one evening you can lower your band fees by up to \$50!!! This is a fabulous opportunity for you and for the band. I have worked several events and it is typical food service work. Several of us manned the cash registers, while others filled sodas and candy orders while many brave Band Parent Dads fried chicken fingers and french fries. The work load was busy but not too demanding.

Uniform is Black pants (no jeans), closed toe shoes (preferably tennis shoes), and hair must be pulled back. We are required to wear a Grissom Band shirt, but if you don't have one, just contact me and I'll help you get one. Shirts must be tucked in.

If you would like to work, please contact me ASAP. I have several immediate needs for workers. If you do volunteer, please let me know if you have a Grissom Band shirt. If you would like to be placed on a future "on-call" list, please let me know that also.

You may contact me at 337-4848 or at [cjhovik@comcast.net](mailto:cjhovik@comcast.net). Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thanks.  
Cherry Hovik  
Co-chair, VBC Concessions

# Grissom High School Ornament

**Hand Painted, Limited Edition, Commissioned Pieces**



As part of its Huntsville Landmark series, Argosy Gifts and Collectibles (which is no longer in business) commissioned an exclusive hand-painted, resin, 3-dimensional keepsake ornament of GHS to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. This limited edition collectible is 4” in diameter and comes in its own gift box with a small display base (that blends perfectly with the landscaping on the ornament) for year-round display for \$25.

This is a unique and very special reminder of all the wonderful memories of Grissom High – a wonderful gift for graduation, birthday or Christmas or as a special memento for alumni and faculty of GHS.

Grissom Band has made special arrangements to sell these ornaments ***while supplies last***. Be sure to get yours before we sell out and they are gone forever!

To buy an ornament, contact Karen Parker at [parker23@knology.net](mailto:parker23@knology.net) or call 883-4622.

## FROM THE TREASURER'S CORNER

### NEW BUSINESS

#### DUES REMINDER:

For those choosing to do monthly payments the first payment for 3/5 of your dues (or \$300 if dues remain at \$500) will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>. We do allow a payment option of 1/3 due June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1/3 due July 1<sup>st</sup> and the balance due at uniform fitting. While this is familiar to the “veterans” many of the incoming parents may not be aware of the payment structure. It is important that payments be made beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> as working capital is needed during the summer months. If you have any questions, the treasurers will be happy to assist you.

RETURNED CHECK FEE – There is a \$30 fee for checks returned by your bank. Payment of the check amount plus the returned 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. **NO CASH IN TREASURER’S BOX PLEASE.** Cashier’s checks or 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 band can no longer cover bank and collection fees associated with returned items. Thank you for your understanding and insuring funds are available when your check is presented for payment.

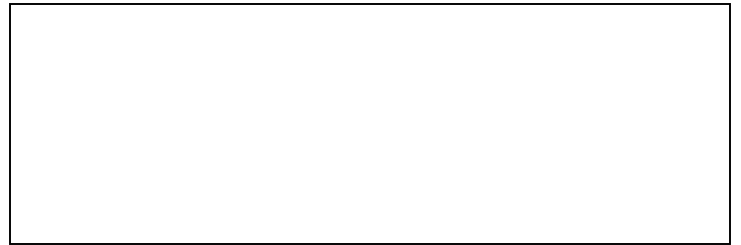
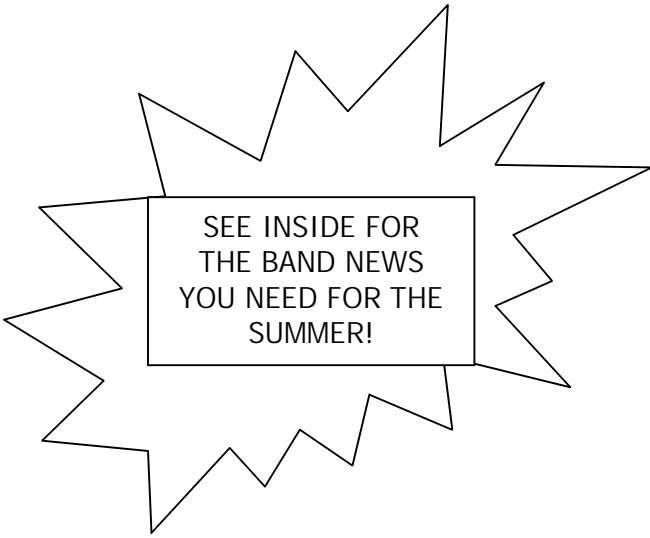
Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, your new treasurers will be Julie Ashcraft (Student Accounts) and Tonya Hayes (Accounts Payable). Until that time Mary and Teresa will be happy to assist you with any questions. Mary will be returning as secretary for the 2006/2007 year. We want to express our appreciation to all of you for your patience and understanding throughout the year. We couldn’t have done it without you!

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