



GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that the year is coming to an end as we prepare for our banquet and graduation. For those seniors and their parents I would like to extend my thanks to you all for your support of the band over your time here and the effort, work and time that the seniors put in over the last 4 years. Without all of you we would be just another band in Alabama, something we obviously are NOT.

For those of you that missed it all three bands did exceptionally well at the Dixie Classic in Chattanooga with Sym I taking home the overall plaque and honors for Outstanding Woodwinds Awards. Sym I and Sym II both received an Outstanding Brass Award (the only two given at the festival) and the Concert Band received an Excellent rating for their performance. An outstanding showing by all the students and the directors. Congratulations to all of you!

As you should have seen by now we have seated next years board of directors for the band. The list and contact info for those folks is within the newsletter. We have also filled the majority of the committee leads and have listed those within the newsletter as well. We do still have a couple of lead slots that need to be filled and would REALLY like to see some of the rising Sophomore parents step in and work as assistants on the committees in preparation for stepping up to the lead position next year. If you would like to get involved and help out somewhere, anywhere, please email me and let me know and we'll work something out. I promise you that you will be glad you did.

In closing, on behalf of the board I would like to take this first opportunity to wish our graduating class of 2007 the best of luck in their future endeavors. Continue to show the dedication, effort and work as hard as you have and you will go far in life.

Thank you once again to you all.

Jay

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We will need volunteers to fill the following positions before we start next band season. We would also like assistants for all the positions listed.

- Stadium Set-up
- Color Guard (after tryouts)
- Vipers/VBC Coordinator
- Fruit Sale Coordinator Trainees

Thanksgiving Day Parade Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Thanksgiving Day Parade will begin after fall break with one evening rehearsal a week. More details TBA.

Summer Band Schedule

Please refer to the band website for summer rehearsal schedules. www.grissomband.org

The summer and fall football schedule are posted in the Charms calendar.

Color Guard Captain tryouts	May 21 st	1:00pm	
Drum Mayor Tryouts	May 22 nd		1:00pm
Rookie Camp (all incoming 9 th graders)	May 29, 30, 31, June 1	8am-12pm	
Percussion Mini Camp	June 8	1-6pm	
	June 9	12-5pm	
Color Guard Camp	June 4-8	8-11am / 12-3pm	
	July 2-6	8-11am / 12-3pm	
Percussion Mini Camp	June 29	1-6pm	
	June 30	12-5pm	
Alabama Sports Exhibition (all section leaders and some upperclassmen will perform in the stands at A & M)	July 13 th	evening	TBA
Color Guard Front Line Camp	July 16-20	5-8pm	
Percussion Camp	July 16-20	8-11:30-1-4pm	
Uniform Fittings and Fee payments	July 23-25		
Pre-Band Camp	July 25-27	8am-12pm	
Band Camp	July 30-Aug. 3	8am-12pm	EVERYBODY
		1:30-4pm	Contest Band only
		6-9pm	Contest Band only
School starts	August 8		
Evening marching rehearsals begin	August 9 th	6-8:30pm	
Mondays -	Color Guard (6-9pm) Percussion (5-8pm)		
Tuesdays -	(6-8:30pm) All marching band members		
Thursdays -	(6-8:30pm) Contest band members only		
Game Days -	(3:30-4:00pm) All marching band members		

Summer DCI Show

We will not be able to go to a DCI show this summer due to a date conflict. Please check www.dci.org for nearby shows and plan on going with a group of band members if you want to.

Fall Marching Show

We are in the process now of putting together music and drill for the fall marching show. It promises to be different than what we have done the past several years. It will have a classical theme with a Drum Corps flavor. We hope to have show music parts posted on Charms and the band website by mid June. Please go and download a copy for your instrument and start practicing. We promise it will be exciting and a lot of fun to learn!

Contest Band Auditions

We will once again hold contest band auditions during Pre-Camp. Specific requirements will be posted on the websites so please be sure to check them out before you come in on July 25th.

Fall Marching Band Contest Dates

September 22nd and 29th the band will compete in marching contests. Locations TBA

October 6th we will host our own contest the Grissom Marching EXPO at Milton Frank stadium. All three of these events are required for ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS.

VBC Coordinator Needed!!!!

We must have a new VBC event coordinator take over Cherry Hovik's position. She has a graduating senior and will not be able to volunteer after May. Many individual families have earned a lot of credits for their accounts this year with this fundraiser. If we do not have someone step up and take charge of this fundraiser we will lose it. This alone has brought in over \$15,000.00 to the band program and individual band accounts. With the Thanksgiving trip coming up and band fees due in late July, we would hate to see this fundraiser go away. Please volunteer to help schedule workers for this easy fundraiser.

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