

GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

July 2007

Grissom High School



**Directors: Bill Connell and Theo Vernon
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President's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a safe and happy July 4th and has enjoyed the summer to date. However, July is upon us and that means the summer is almost over. For those band members who have not been actively involved in preparations for the upcoming season the time for relaxation will be over shortly. The Guard and Percussion groups have been working for the last couple of weeks and at the end of the month practice for everyone kicks off at pre-camp.

Please be sure to make note of the important dates for the end of this month and the beginning

of next. Make-up Rookie Camp, Pre-camp, contest band auditions, uniform fittings, band camp, a cookout at the close of band camp and much more all happen between now and the beginning of the school year. Wow, it's going to be a busy month! All the dates for these events can be found both here in the newsletter and in the Charms database. Please make sure you keep track of them so you don't miss anything.

And finally, our largest and most important event of the year has begun the planning stages. Please contact Jeff Brewer at (jjgbrew@knology.net) the Chairman of the GHS

Marching Exposition for ways you can help and be a part of one of the most exciting times of the year. I promise you that despite all the hard work involved you will be amazed at how much fun it will be and how proud you will be of the competition we put on.

Once again, please make sure you track the dates of our upcoming events on your calendar or in Charms, and I will see you all soon.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me.

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Band Banquet Chair: *Position Vacant*

We need volunteers to fill the following positions before we get started this year. We would also like assistants for all the positions listed.

- Stadium Set-up
- Vipers/VBC Coordinator
- Fruit Sale Coordinator Trainees

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Directors' Notes

Hey all. Hope you have had a restful, fulfilling summer, albeit being much too short!! This summer IS a week shorter than last due to the extended school year. We went 5 days longer this spring than last, so your imagination was not fooling you!

We look forward to meeting all you parents that this is your first year with a child(ren) in Grissom Band and you in the Grissom Band Parents Association!! We are very proud of our band and the GBPA and hope you will be too after spending some time (and \$\$ 😊) with us.

**** Please do your very best to keep up with our activities calendar which you will find posted at www.charmsmusic.com. (Log-in procedures are on page 4.) We have the schedule for the entire school year posted there, so please take the time to check it often.

Please remember — Grissom Band is a PERFORMANCE-based group. In other words, your children will be evaluated by their performance in class daily, in after-school rehearsals and in public performances. It is quite difficult to grade someone if they are **not** in class, rehearsal or a performance.

All performances are required by the students in their respective groups. Your son/daughter will not pass band for a grading period (9 weeks) if they have an unexcused absence from a performance during that grading period. Excuses for missing performances are listed in the GHS Band Handbook on the Grissom Band Web site at www.grissomband.org. These include illness with a doctor's excuse, family emergency (death in the family, etc.) or a situation that has been discussed with the band directors prior to the performance. 24 hours does not constitute prior notification.

Let's Get Started!!

The schedule for the remainder of July and August:

■ **Monday through Friday - July 16-20**

Percussion Camp -- 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Guard Front Line Camp -- 5-8 p.m.

■ **Monday & Tuesday - July 23-24** — Rookie make-up Camp -- 8 a.m.-Noon

All first year students who did not attend the rookie camp in May.

■ **Wednesday through Friday - July 25-27** — Pre-camp!!

All students in Marching Band. Auditions for Contest Band. *More information on page 4.*

■ **Thursday and Friday - July 26-27**

Uniform fitting and fee payment in the band room. *Specific information on page 6.*

■ **Monday through Friday - July 30- Aug. 3** — BAND CAMP!!

Contest Band rehearsal schedule - 8 a.m.-Noon (outside); 1:30-4 p.m. (inside); 6-9 p.m. (outside).

Football Band rehearsal schedule - 8 a.m.-Noon (outside)

■ **Wednesday - Aug. 8** — School starts!!! YEAH...

■ **Thursday - Aug. 9** — After school rehearsals start -- 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Please refer to Charms for complete rehearsal schedule.

■ **Friday - Aug. 24** — Football game at Athens High School

Depart from Grissom on school buses at 4:30 p.m. Students will NOT have time to go home after school. We will have a 30-minute rehearsal immediately after school, load buses and depart.

■ **Monday - Aug. 27** — GHS Band Parents Association meeting at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. VERY IMPORTANT MEETING. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR AT LEAST ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN TO ATTEND EACH BAND PARENTS' MEETING. THEY ARE ON THE 4th MONDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER AND MAY.

YOU COULD BE THE LUCKY ONE TO EARN \$500 NEXT SPRING WITH REGULAR ATTENDANCE. MORE DETAILS AT THE MEETING!!

■ **Thursday - Aug. 30** — Football game against Butler at Milton Frank Stadium

- When we have games in Huntsville, we meet at the stadium.
- Each student is responsible for their own transportation.
- We have trucks that will take the large instruments and equipment (percussion, sousaphones, guard 'stuff' and uniforms) but everyone else is responsible for bringing their instruments.
- Meet at the stadium at 6 p.m. We need parents to pick up their children at approximately 9:30 p.m. after the game.

The weeks we have Thursday night games, we will rehearse with the Contest Band on Wednesday after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This is due to missing Thursday evening rehearsal for the game.

Charms Music Office Assistant

We need everyone's help to update your information in Charms so we can be sure you receive all pertinent information and newsletters. Inputting your own personal information (address, phone numbers, parent's name) guarantees accuracy and means one person does not have to do it all. It is very simple! Please try and have this done before Pre-Camp July 25th. Thank you!

This site is **VERY SECURE** and no information is kept "out there" on a Web site. All information is **encrypted** and kept in a database and cannot be accessed by anyone except you and the band directors.

You will log-in with the following to access and update your own personal information:

1. Go to <https://www.charmsmusic.com/>
2. Click in the Parent/Student Login
3. School Code: **grissomhsb**
4. Enter Student Password: this will be the same login you have used in the past. 9th grade freshmen will use the same login you used in middle school.
5. Click on Student Info to add the information requested.
6. **BE SURE TO CLICK UPDATE** when finished.
7. Click Exit or Main Screen to explore what all you can do here.

Contest Band Audition Procedures

◆ **Music** — Applicants shall only use the music selection chosen by the band directors for the instrument they are auditioning. This segment shall be a live, "one or two time through" performance in a group of no more than 12. These auditions will take place during the week of Pre-Camp July 25-27. All music excerpts can be found on the band's Web site and **MUST BE MEMORIZED** (<http://www.grissomband.org/showmusic.html>).

If you need the access codes please e-mail the band directors or your section leader.

◆ **Marching Style** — Marching style while playing will be drum corps style (roll step, heel to toe).

◆ **Routine** — Applicants will start at "detail". You will be called to attention, given a horns up, then a count off to begin. You will low mark time 8 for nothing and step off playing audition marching excerpt at the tempo determined by the sound clips on the Web site. (While playing, the applicant will keep their instrument or drum front the entire time and only pivot/crab step the lower body.)

◆ **Woodwind Instruments Marching Routine** — On step-off, march forward 12 (in $\frac{3}{4}$ time), slide left for 8 (instrument front/pivot lower body 90-degree angle), backwards march for 12, slide right for 8, forward 8, (marching a box), finishing with a pull halt, instrument down at attention. Step size will be the standard 22.5-inch glide step.

◆ **Brass Instruments Marching Routine** — On step-off, march forward 8, slide left for 6 (instrument front/pivot lower body 90-degree angle), backwards march for 10, slide right for 8, forward 12, (marching a box), finishing with a pull halt, instrument down at attention. Step size will be the standard 22.5-inch glide step.

◆ **Tuba Marching Routine** — On step-off, march forward 8, slide left for 8 (instrument front/pivot lower body 90-degree angle), backwards march for 8, slide right for 8, forward 8, (marching a box), finishing with a pull halt, instrument down at attention. Step size will be the standard 22.5-inch glide step.

◆ **Battery Instruments Marching Routine** — On step-off, march forward 12, crab left for 8 (instrument front/pivot lower body 90-degree angle), backwards march for 12, crab right for 8, forward 8, (marching a box), finishing with a pull halt, sticks down at attention. Step size will be the standard 22.5-inch glide step.

◆ **Adjudication** — Directors will consider ability to play and march at the same time, marching control, style, consistency and carriage as well as musicality in this segment.

2007 Contest Band Instrumentation

14	FLUTES	8	MELLOPHONES	3	TENOR DRUMS
18	CLARINETS	16	TROMBONES	5	BASS DRUMS
10	ALTO SAXES	6	BARITONES	4	CYMBALS
2	TENOR SAXES	8	TUBAS	23	COLOR GUARD
14	TRUMPETS	4	SNARE DRUMS		

Musi c Excerpts MUST BE MEMORI ZED!!!!!!

Woodwind, Brass (except Tubas) and Battery excerpts are taken from Scheherazade Mvt. 1
 Tuba excerpts are taken from Scheherazade Mvt. 3

- Woodwinds and Battery (Mvt. 1) - Measures 162 to the end
 (Add one more measure of the whole notes at the end to finish the phrase)
- Brass (Mvt. 1 except Tubas) - Measures 61-83
- Tubas (Mvt. 3) – Measures 155-174

Please practice this routine before Pre-Camp. We will only allow two times through for each group. Groups will be chosen during Pre-Camp at random. **PLEASE BE PREPARED SO WE DO NOT WASTE TIME!**

Treasurer's Message

Dues for band are as follows:

Marching/Football band	\$500
Concert Band only	\$445
Color Guard only	\$370
Jazz Band only	\$150

The cash portion of dues is due by uniform fitting July 26-27.

For Marching/Football band, \$300; for Concert band only, \$245; for Color Guard only, \$270; and for Jazz band, \$150 is due at uniform fitting in July. Payment is due then whether or not your child will be fitted for a marching uniform. Because the majority of our expenses are incurred during marching season, prompt payment of dues is crucial to the band program. A 20% penalty will be applied to unpaid

dues not received by Sept. 1. Students who are exempt from school fees based on family income are also exempt from band dues but not from other charges (marching shoes, instrument rentals, etc.). Payments may be placed in the treasurer's box in the band room (**checks only-NO CASH**) or mailed to Grissom Band Parents, P.O. Box 4335, Huntsville, AL 35815.

Instrument rental fees are \$50 per semester. Summer rental fees are due now. Fall rental fees are due Aug. 8. Spring rental fees are due Jan. 9.

The cash or equivalent credits portion of dues can either be paid with cash or credits earned at eligible fundraisers (fruit sales, VBC, etc.) or through purchasing Scrip. For Marching/

Football and Concert bands, \$100 is due by Nov. 1 and the other \$100 by March 31. For Color Guard, \$100 is due by Nov. 1.

There will be a \$30 charge for returned checks. Payment of the check amount, plus the returned check charge must be made by cashier's check, money order or cash. Cash payments should be delivered directly to one of the treasurers.

Should you have any questions, the treasurers will be happy to help you.

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New Medical Form required yearly

We must have a NEW medical form for EACH STUDENT YEARLY. We can not take the form from the previous school year and update it. This is a STATE LAW that we cannot ignore.

A copy of both pages (front and back) is attached (page 7 and 8) and will need to be completed as soon as possible. This form MUST BE NOTARIZED for the hospitals to accept it.

Your child may not be treated at a hospital for an injury without his/her medical form notarized. We may have a Notary available at the band room to notarize your child's form during pre-camp.

*** Uniform Fittings *** July 26-27

Every Marching Band Member MUST be fitted for a uniform!

July 26:	SENIOR	5 - 6 p.m.	July 27:	FRESHMEN
	JUNIOR	6 - 7 p.m.		A-L 5 - 6:30 p.m.
	SOPHOMORE	7 - 8 p.m.		M-Z 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Please make sure you are at uniform fitting at your scheduled time; it will be greatly appreciated. However, if an emergency situation arises please contact me immediately.

All new marchers will be required to order a pair of black marching shoes from the band at approximately \$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 has been measured for uniforms and are aware of all the extra parts including shoes.

Band Camp apparel: White tennis shoes are required. They do not need to be fancy, just white!

Uniform for first few games only: Khaki shorts will be the "uniform" pants for the first few football games **only**. It is recommended you GET YOUR KHAKE SHORTS EARLY, since the "true" khaki color tends to sell out rather quickly. (Not for use at Band Camp!) White tennis shoes and white socks will be required. The shirt will be provided.

All of the information you receive at the beginning of a new school year may seem to be a bit overwhelming to process. If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me.

If you would like to help work with the uniforms, we could always use help. You **do not** have to be able to sew to work with the uniforms!

Patti Preston
883-2425
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P.S. If you can help with uniform fittings please bring a seam ripper if you have one and be in the band room by 4:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

(All 3 events are required for all Marching Band Members)
Sept. 22 and Sept. 29 — Marching Competitions - Locations TBD
Oct. 6 — Grissom Marching EXPO, Milton Frank Stadium



APPENDIX A (105-12)

Huntsville City Schools
Out-of-Town Field Trip Medical Release Form

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____ Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Home Ph #: _____ Home Ph #: _____

Phone # @ work: _____ Phone # @ work: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Cell Ph # or Pager: _____ Cell Ph # or Pager: _____

If unable to reach parent/guardian, please notify

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Ph #: _____ Cell Ph # or Pager: _____

Student's General Health Information:

- 1. Does your child take medication? YES NO
2. Does your child have any allergies? YES NO
3. Does your child have asthma? YES NO
4. Does your child wear contact lenses? YES NO
5. Date of your child's last Tetanus Booster shot:
6. Is there any health history that may assist the person in charge if this student should become ill?

Family Physician: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Authorization to Treat/Administer Medication:

I hereby authorize medical or surgical treatment of _____ if any emergency should arise. I give permission for decisions to be made by the certified teacher in charge and/or Huntsville City Schools representative.

NOTE: Your signature on this form acknowledges your acceptance of financial responsibility for any medical or dental care your child requires.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Notary _____ Date _____

State _____ County _____ Date Commission Expires _____

Grissom High School Band Insurance Information Form

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

Insurance Company
Contract Number _____

Please attach a photocopy of your insurance card to this paper.

Card Front	Card Back

Scrip for Sale! Buy your Scrip now!!

Don't do your "Back to School Shopping" without it!!

It's easy !! It's beneficial to the band and your band student !!

Go to the Grissom Band Web site at www.grissomband.org/scrip for order forms, lists of merchants and much more.

The idea is to use Scrip gift certificates (the band buys at discount and sells them at face value) not only for wedding, birthday, graduation and other gifts but especially to use them every day to buy things you planned to buy anyway like groceries, gasoline, medicine, clothing, and also at restaurants, movie theaters, etc.

If you designate a student before your first order, that student receives credit for 40% of the earnings of your Scrip orders.

For example: You buy \$100 worth of AT&T cards. This Scrip offers a 20% discount. So that's \$20 of which 40% (\$8) goes toward your selected student's account and 60% (\$12) goes to the band.

You can also ask friends, neighbors, and extended family to buy Scrip and designate your band student's account. **Please note that we must receive your payment before the band purchases Scrip for you because the band has to pay at the time we place our "bulk" order.** If we have not

received your payment by the cutoff date for the next bulk purchase of Scrip by the band, but see an online order has been placed, we will hold that order until payment is received, then include that order with our next purchase of Scrip. If you want to place an order, please print a copy of the form, use the merchants list to make your selection and turn in a copy of your order form with payment (please make your check out to "Grissom Band Parents"). It's a great, easy way to earn money toward your band expenses.

Water needed!!



Please bring in two cases at the beginning of Band Camp.



For more information contact
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Helpful hints for Band Camp success

✓ EAT before rehearsals
(Heat, milk and sodas don't mix well)

✓ Drink lots of fluids before, during breaks and after rehearsals

✓ Bring and apply suntan lotion; bring and wear hats and sunglasses



✓ Sit down if you start seeing flickering lights - this is an indication that you are about to fall down

✓ Wear white tennis shoes during Band Camp. Break them in before the first day of camp. Your feet will appreciate it.



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