

**GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

# **NEWSLETTER**

## **October 2007**

**Grissom High School**



**Directors: Bill Connell and Theo Vernon**  
**881-1075 (Band Room)**

**Web site: <http://www.grissomband.org/>**  
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## **President's Message**

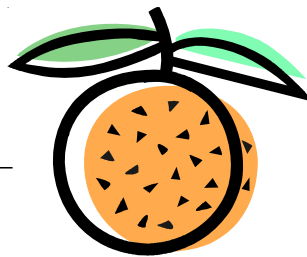
Hello everyone,

Well it's hard to believe that for all practical intents and purposes another marching season is behind us and what a successful season it has been! Grand Champions at the Columbia Invitational Marching Contest and all superior ratings at the Mid-South Marching Band Festival in Gadsden. Please make sure you congratulate not just your student but all the students and the directors for an exceptional job this year.

Does all this mean we are done for the year? Not by a long shot! Before we even get to the Philly trip over the Thanksgiving holiday we have Senior appreciation night scheduled

for Oct. 19, a picnic prior to the Homecoming game on Oct. 26, the Fall Concert on Nov. 8 and the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 12. Of course this doesn't include the preparations being made for our biggest fundraiser of the year coming up in November — FRUIT SALES! Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding all of these activities as they come up.

I am also pleased to report that approx. 25 – 30 students and parents made the effort to attend the Walk to D'Feet ALS the morning of the Columbia competition. Thank you to everyone who helped to raise the \$363 that



the Grissom Band donated to help out this very worthwhile cause. The attendance of the band students and their parents were much appreciated by Eric and his family and everyone associated with ALS Alabama.

In closing this month, I want to take a moment to offer a quick thanks to all who have helped out with uniforms, plumes, water, stadium setup, moving pit equipment and transportation and any other activity we have been a part of so far this year. We couldn't get the kids on the field and doing what they do if it wasn't for your help!

**THANK YOU!!!!**

Jay Simcox  
President  
GBPA 2007/08



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**Band Banquet Chair:** *Position Vacant*

**We need volunteers to fill the following positions. We would also like assistants for all the positions listed.**

- **Fruit Sale Coordinator Trainees**
- **Band Banquet Chair**

*Please send address corrections to  
Becky Proaps or Jana Moody at  
[newsletter@grissomband.org](mailto:newsletter@grissomband.org)*

## Directors' Notes

Congratulations to the Marching Band for a very successful season! All the hard work paid off in the end. Your performances improved at a quick pace and the directors are very proud of what you accomplished and you should be too. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have helped to make it a success so far. We have so much more to do with concert season now so don't let up on your hard work!

Senior recognition night and 8th grader night will be at the **Oct. 19** football game against Austin at Milton Frank.

We may take Band Pictures for the year book at the Austin game also. Watch for more info.

After school rehearsals for concert season begin: Required rehearsals are part of your nine weeks grade.

**Sym 1 — Thursday, Oct. 18 (Tues and Thurs)  
3:30-5:30**  
**Sym II — Monday Oct. 22 (Mondays only)  
3:30-5:30**  
**Concert — Wednesday, Oct. 17 and Wednesday,  
Nov. 14 and 28  
3:30-5:30**

After school rehearsals for Philadelphia Parade:

**Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 – Oct. 24 & 31/ Nov. 7**  
**Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 – Nov. 13**  
**Thursday, 3:30-5:00 – Nov. 15**

Trip info: Check the Web site for updates on itineraries and travel plans along with final payment due date.

Semester Auditions – Dec. 12 – 16 in class. These auditions are your final exam grade and band/seating placement for 2nd semester.

# *Mark Your Calendar !!!*

## Schedule for October, November, December

(Be sure to check Charms and the Grissom Band Web site on a regular basis for any updates or schedule changes.)

- **Friday - Oct. 19** — Football game against Austin at Milton Frank Stadium 
- **Monday - Oct. 22** — Band Parents Meeting cancelled. It will be held in conjunction with the Philadelphia information trip Oct. 29.
- **Friday - Oct. 26** — Football game against Hazel Green (Homecoming) at Milton Frank Stadium   
A picnic in the Milton Frank parking lot will be held before this game.  
Watch your e-mail for more details as the date gets closer.
- **Monday - Oct. 29** — Band Parents Meeting, 7 p.m., Grissom Auditorium  
Primary discussion will be about fruit sales and general business.  
Information about the Philadelphia/New York trip will follow the main portion of the meeting.
- **Friday - Nov. 2** — Football game against Lee at Milton Frank Stadium 
- **Thursday - Nov. 8** — Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Grissom High School auditorium  
- All three concert bands and both jazz bands will perform. Invite your family and friends to enjoy an evening of great music.
- **Monday - Nov. 12** — Veteran's Day Parade. More information will follow as the event gets closer.
- **Friday & Saturday - Nov. 16 - 17** — First Fruit Sale of the season. Pre-order form is on the Grissom Band Web site. Tell all your co-workers, family and friends to get the freshest fruit in town for Thanksgiving. Stock up on your holiday fruit at Advanced Auto Parts. (Read more about Fruit Sales on page 6.)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 21** — Departure for Philadelphia/New York Parade trip 
- **Friday, Nov. 30** — Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m., Grissom High School auditorium
- **Saturday, Dec. 1** — Christmas Parade, Downtown Huntsville   
Watch for more information as the date approaches.
- **Monday - Dec. 3** — Potpourri Concert, 7 p.m., Grissom High School Auditorium 
- **Thursday & Friday - Dec. 6-7** — Hilaritas, 7:30 p.m.

# 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, parents' names) guarantees accuracy and means one person does not have to do it all. It is very simple!

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.

## We are partying before Homecoming ball game

Make plans now to attend the picnic before the Homecoming football game **Oct. 26**. We will be meeting in the North parking lot. Watch your e-mail for more details.



## Time to think about Reflections

Reflections is a national PTA program that provides students an opportunity to create works of art for self expression and recognition. Arts categories include visual art, photography, literature, music, dance and film.

Students may have participated in Reflections at their elementary or middle school. The program also includes a division for high school students. Recognition for a Reflections entry would be a great addition to a student's resume.

Reflections packages are available in the main office. Information and entry forms are also available at <http://www.alabamapta.org/aboutus/reflections-enteringInfo.html>

The due date for this year's entries is **Thursday, Nov. 29**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Clark at [clarkdf@aol.com](mailto:clarkdf@aol.com) or call 882-3144.

## Pictures, pictures and more pictures

This is just a reminder to all you shutter bugs to keep collecting pictures. We want pictures of rehearsals, concerts, contests, trips, parades and generally the kids being kids. We are working to collect these for our banquet slide show in the spring. Although that seems far away it takes time to compile the program. You may e-mail them to Dave Montgomery at [jdmont@hiwaay.net](mailto:jdmont@hiwaay.net) or put them on a CD – ***Just Keep Those Cameras Busy!!!***

## Support your head, band at same time

The Grissom Tiger Pillows are now **ONLY \$10**. Contact Vanessa Poole (880-6453) to purchase yours. If you can help Vanessa at the ball games please give her a call or send her an e-mail at [nesstamper@gmail.com](mailto:nesstamper@gmail.com).



# Grissom Color Guard Information

A big "THANK YOU" to all the Color Guard families and friends who pitched in with water, hair and make-up help, goody-bag donations, flag repair, chaperoning, and even first-aid attention to make sure the competitions went

smoothly and the girls were free to concentrate on their performance. Be sure you continue to check your uniform and report any repair needs. Also, don't forget to pull them out of the guard bags and wash them in time for our

remaining performances. With the cooler night, it's probably a good idea to make sure they have their wind suits and one of the sweatshirts in their bags. Thanks again for all the parent help we have received this season.

## *Vivace' of Huntsville Winter Guard Program*

The **Vivace' of Huntsville Winter Guard Program** has begun recruitment for its 2008 season. Several "Open Gyms" will be held in October and early November to allow beginners a chance to get the feel of the equipment, intermediate skill levels a chance for continued practice, and advanced skill levels a chance for exposure to our Director. Audition clinics and final auditions will follow in mid-November. Two units will again be formed so this is open to beginning, intermediate, and advanced skill levels in 8th grade through college. The Artistic Director for the program is Stan Gillispie, assisted by Courtney Doerning as the Technical Instructor. For more information, contact Margaret Haack, 479-9127, [haack05@comcast.net](mailto:haack05@comcast.net).

### **Vivace' of Huntsville Recruitment Schedule**

**Open Gyms:** Oct. 13, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 3, 4;  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.; \$10 per session;  
SE YMCA Old Gym

**Information Meeting:** Oct. 21  
1:30 pm with Open Gym  
to follow;  
SE YMCA Old Gym

**Audition Clinics:** Nov. 10-11;  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.;  
\$35 audition fee;  
SE YMCA Old Gym

**Auditions:** Nov. 17-18;  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.;  
SE YMCA Old Gym

Buy Scrip!! Make your holiday shopping easy, easy, easy. Buy Scrip!! Go to the Grissom Band Web site for an order form and a list of participating businesses. Don't forget to bring your checkbook to the Oct. 29 Band Parents Meeting. This is a great, easy way to buy your Scrip and help the band!!

## Show your spirit!! Order your spirit wear today

The Band is having a Tailgate party (picnic) for the Homecoming Game against Hazel Green on Oct. 26. Mark your calendars so we can have a great crowd.

Spirit Wear - See the Band- Spirit Wear Web site for order forms or

see me before or during every game. I usually stand up and hold an item during the game. If you send e-mail through the Band-Spirit Wear Web site, it comes directly to me. If you would like to have your name in the inside of your fleece jacket, just let me know. It will be hard to tell them apart without identification. If you

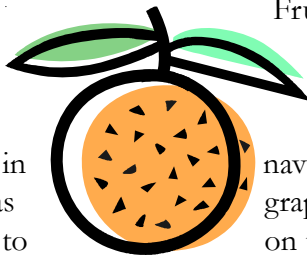
have any questions contact me at [spirit@grissomband.org](mailto:spirit@grissomband.org).

Thanks,  
Ramona  
Braswell



# Fruit sales just around the corner

The first Fruit Sale of the year will be Nov. 16 – 17. The Kirsches will be looking for volunteers for both sales days as well as setup on Thursday evening. Please keep in mind a couple of things when volunteering; if you and/or your student work a fruit sale you get \$5 an hour toward your band fees and if you volunteer to work please do not send your student in your place. We are required to have a certain number of adults present at all times during these sales and sending your student in your place has the potential to cause problems. Also, we will be selling at Grissom on Saturdays again this year. If you are



interested in volunteering please contact the Kirsches at [fruitsales@knology.net](mailto:fruitsales@knology.net).

You can PRE-ORDER your fruit from a special Web site. This Web site allows you to reserve your fruit to ensure we have the size you want AND pay by credit card so all you have to do is pick it up during our sale. We are pleased to announce that pre-sales on the Web Site will be at the same price as last year.

Fruit at the truck will be slightly higher than last year (\$26 for a case of navel oranges or grapefruit versus \$24 on the Web site). *Web site orders are charged a \$1 credit card fee by the company.* You may also download the pre-order form and

**Sale dates for the 2007-2008 school year**

**Nov. 16-17**  
**Dec. 14-15**  
**Jan. 11-12**  
**Feb. 8-9**  
**March 7-8 (tentative)**

send it, with your check, to the address on the form.

**FRUIT SIZE ON PRE-ORDERS:** The pre-order Web site will eventually support an option to specify the fruit size you want. Meanwhile, if you want to request a certain size fruit, please send an e-mail to [fruitsales@grissomband.org](mailto:fruitsales@grissomband.org)

after you place your online order and specify the size you want (small, medium, or large).

Fruit can be picked up at Advance Auto Parts on Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A second sale site is open at Grissom High School on **Saturday only** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**We want your e-mail address**

Are you getting e-mails from Jay Simcox, Grissom Band Parents Association president, with the latest and greatest news and information?

If not, send him your e-mail address and he will add you to his list.

It is another way to stay up-to-date with all the band's activities.

Send your e-mail address to [President@grissomband.org](mailto:President@grissomband.org).

You'll be glad you did!

## Volunteer for Havoc games

Mary Fountain needs volunteers for the VBC to work the Havoc games again this winter. If you would like to work the VBC (again you can earn \$5 an hour toward your student's account) please contact Mary at [mfountain1@knology.net](mailto:mfountain1@knology.net)

Hockey dates are as follows:

Nov. 3	7:30
9	8:30
10	7:30
22	7:30
Dec. 7	7:30
8	7:30
13	7:30
14	7:30
27	7:30
28	7:30

*The 8:30 games are a double-header with UAH so we might have to come in earlier for those.*

## Be sure to pick up your Concert Season Tickets for 2007 - 2008

**One ticket (per band student) with eight punches will be issued this year and can be used at the Fall, Winter and Spring concerts. Parents must sign for the complimentary ticket and be up-to-date with fees. Lost tickets will not be replaced. We need volunteers to work in the lobby before each concert. It's fun; it's easy. Please contact Sharon Keffer for more info.**

## Treasurer's Message

Thanks to all of you who have paid your August dues and to those of you who are making regular payments toward your dues.

REMEMBER, the first portion of dues is PAST DUE. They were due by Aug. 1. If you have not paid these or made arrangements for payment with the treasurers, please do so immediately. The next payment of \$100 is due Nov. 1. This may be paid by check or with credits earned at eligible fundraisers.

Instrument rental for summer (\$50) is past due,

and fall rental (\$50) is due NOW.

Please check your child's financial information on Charms to ascertain whether or not you have fees due. If you don't know how to access your child's information, please contact the treasurers or directors. We will be happy to help you.

Payments may be mailed to the Grissom Band Parents Association at P.O. Box 4335, Huntsville, AL 35815 or dropped in the treasurer's box in the band room.

Julie Ashcraft  
Penny Irelan  
[treasurers@grissomband.org](mailto:treasurers@grissomband.org)

## A note about uniforms

Thank you for all the wonderful support with uniforms. We have had so many great volunteers handing out plumes before the halftime show and collecting them afterwards; checking uniforms on Mondays and Fridays and getting them ready for competitions. There's no way it could have all been done without your help. There are still a couple of football games left so please feel free to come on down and help hand out plumes.

We would like to encourage everyone to thank Nick Garcia, manager at STAPLES and Carrie Hale, manager of Hallmark at Piedmont Point Center for their donations to the Grissom Band. Please support these businesses and thank them for investing in our students.

If you have any questions or want more information please contact me. Thanks again for all the support.

Patti Preston  
Uniform Committee



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**Next Band Parents  
Meeting Oct. 29,  
7 p.m.  
Don't miss it!!  
Get all the latest  
news.**



# **Grissom High School Tiger Band Newsletter**