

GRISSOM BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

NEWSLETTER

April 2008

Grissom High School

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President's Message

Hello once again my fellow parents. We are almost there; just another five – six weeks and we will have completed another year with the band and what a year it has been. However, that does not mean we are done by any stretch of the imagination. By the time you read this the Jazz Bands will have gone to the MTSU Jazz Festival, and I am sure they will do their usual best. We also have the Dixie Classic coming up at the end of the month as well as the Spring Concert and band banquet quickly approaching.

Obviously our work this year is not quite done. Along those lines I would like to remind you that we will be voting on the slate of officers at the April Band

Parents meeting. I would like to thank the nominating committee and the folks who have accepted their nominations to serve next year. I truly appreciate it. Lastly, please make sure you see my brief article in the newsletter regarding HB 83. It is very important that we do as much as we can to defeat this piece of legislation as it will affect not only the band but every student at Grissom.

I hope to see you all at the April 28 meeting at 7 p.m.!

Jay Simcox
GBPA President 2007/2008

HB83 Legislation coming up for a vote within weeks!

**By Jay Simcox
GBPA President**

Earlier this month I sent an e-mail out regarding HB83. This is a piece of legislation introduced by Rep. Ken Guin (D) District 15 (Tuscaloosa, Walker, Winston) that would require 225 minutes of Physical Education per week for ALL students in Alabama high schools.

The impact of a bill of this nature when our children are already forced to have four years of math, four years of science, four years of English and four years of social studies should be obvious. Should this bill be voted on and signed into law it will severely impact not only the band program but each and every one of our children's ability to take elective classes that they may

need to acquire skills necessary for them to move forward in life. Computer classes, art, band, choir, dance and theater would all be among those classes impacted. Rep. Guin's rationale for introducing this bill relates to his own experiences battling diabetes stating that uncontrolled eating and lack of

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exercise contributed heavily to his illness. Since I am also diabetic and fat (let's not sugar coat it ok) I have a hard time arguing those specific facts. Yes, uncontrolled eating and lack of exercise do contribute heavily to diabetes as well as heart disease among other things.

However, is mandating an hour of physical education the right way to combat this issue? I, for one, don't think so. I started playing baseball at 6, football at 7, basketball at 7. In junior high school (middle school here) I played football and basketball. In high school I played football, wrestled and ran track. In fact until I reached my late 20s I was very active in many ways. Yet here I sit today at 320 pounds with diabetes. Somehow I don't think that all that exercise as a kid helped keep me from becoming diabetic.

Instead as I got older I continued to make poor choices regarding diet and nutrition. I lived on fast food and junk and now I am paying the price for that behavior.

What's the solution? Well I am of the opinion that it definitely isn't mandating a PE class every day for four years. One possible solution would be to change Health class from a semester long course to a year and teach things about the dangers of diseases related to obesity. Teach about nutrition and diet. Teach our children how to make the right nutrition and dietary choices as they get older and start to slow down.

There is an old saying "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for life."

Ladies and gentlemen, let's teach our kids to fish! Please contact not just your House Representative, contact them ALL! Let them know we are not willing to let them interfere in our kids' lives any more than they already do with decisions of this nature. I sent out a spreadsheet of e-mail addresses for as many house reps as I could get my hands on earlier this month. If you didn't get it or deleted it and would like it again please contact me and I will see that you get it. My e-mail address is President@grissomband.org. Also, please pass this along to each and every parent you know. Not just at Grissom but the middle schools, the other high schools, anywhere that a potential student will be impacted.

**Please send address corrections to
Becky Proaps or Jana Moody at
newsletter@grissomband.org**

Directors' Notes

All-State Band Festival

The All-State Festival will be at Auburn University again this year April 17-19. We will leave Thursday morning April 17 around 6:30 a.m. and return Saturday night around 8 p.m. The cost is \$150.00 per student and was due April 4. This does not include meals. Plan on eight meals total. Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into one of the All-Sate Bands or chosen as an alternate! Alternates will not travel with us to Auburn unless we are told by the state that they are to take the spot of someone who is unable to go.

Junior High Band

Clarinet	Elizabeth Smith
Bari Sax	Chris McNichol

High School Bands

002-White Band Trumpet	Olivia Funkhouser
002-Red Band Flute	Jinie Yang
004-White Band Bb Sop Clarinet	Katie McNichol
001-Unassigned Bass Clarinet	David Sampson
002-Unassigned Bass Clarinet	Amy Brown
001-Blue Band Baritone Horn	Tyler Daugherty
001-Unassigned Piccolo	Charles Page
001-White Band Baritone Horn	Matthew Keffer
001-Red Band Tuba	Corey Sherman
002-Blue Band Bb Sop Clarinet	Amelia Lane
004-Blue Band Bb Sop Clarinet	Shibli Rahman
001-Unassigned Baritone Saxophone	Chris Allison
002-Red Band Trombone	Josh Altonji
Unassigned Contra Bass Clarinet	M.G. Proaps
Unassigned Oboe	Eric Clark
Unassigned String Bass	Joel Keene

Chamber Music Concert

A new concert this year will be the Chamber Music Concert on Sunday afternoon April 20 at 3 p.m. This concert will feature our flute choirs, clarinet choir, trombone/euphonium choirs, percussion ensembles, and a few small groups. This concert is free and open to the public! Come out and enjoy an hour or so of

different music ensembles that have been working with our faculty clinicians that come weekly to teach your students.

Jazz Bands Spring Concert

Both "A" and "B" Jazz Bands will present their annual Spring Concert on Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Both bands are playing a variety of music and playing very well. For the finale both bands will be on stage for "dueling jazz bands." Come hear some great jazz!

Dixie Classic Grand NAI in Chattanooga

We are taking the bands back to Chattanooga for the Grand National Invitational Concert Band Festival Saturday, April 26. It will be an all-day event, leaving that morning and returning to Huntsville late that evening. This will be an extra cost to all students for the festival registration and transportation. The cost is \$75 per student and was due by March 14. Checks are payable to Grissom Band Parents Association. The tentative schedule: Depart GHS at 8 a.m. and return to Grissom early Sunday morning. The itinerary will be handed out soon.

Band Spring Concert

Our three concert bands will present their annual spring concert on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. The bands have done a tremendous job preparing lots of music this year and received all superior ratings at District and State Assessments. A former GHS band member tuba player Derek Fenstermacher, will be featured soloist with the Symphonic Band I this year so don't miss it! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

(Note: The spring concert is the last opportunity for parents to use the complimentary tickets distributed after all fees are paid in full. Lobby volunteers will be punching tickets at the auditorium doors.)

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Auditions for fall semester band

Auditions for the fall semester will be the week of May 5-9 during their band class. Students will be placed in a band class based upon their performance at this audition. Results will be posted on the band's Web site and Charms. This audition is part of the student's final exam grade.

Band Banquet

The annual Grissom Band Banquet is not to be missed! It is always the highlight of the Band's year where we honor our outgoing seniors, recognize our freshmen, show appreciation to all our band members and parents. The directors give out awards that range from freshman letters, leadership awards, outstanding musician awards, participation awards and two very special scholarships awarded to two deserving seniors. Not to mention the good fun with family and friends and of course the slide show! Please make sure your accounts are paid in full so you can participate in this memorable event. There is more information about the banquet on page 8.

Seniors of 2008!

Thank you for your years of service and dedication to the Grissom Band. You will always have fond memories of "the good, the bad and the ugly" but mostly the good we hope. The most memorable will be of course the MUSIC! You all have played so much music over the years that will be remembered more than those trophies gathering dust on the shelves. Remember the only thing you can take from your experiences in the Grissom Band is what you have inside. It's not the "black and white" notes on the page but the red inside your heart. That is the most important thing that you will keep forever.

Leadership Clinics/Interviews/Tryouts

All students interested in a leadership position for the 2008-2009 Grissom Band need to come to these clinics for information: May 6, 8, 13 and 15 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Please bring something to write with and to write on.

Color Guard Captain auditions will be Monday, May 19 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Drum Major auditions will be Tuesday, May 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Graduation Band



All underclassmen will participate in the graduation ceremony at the VBC on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. You will need to be at the VBC Arena by 6:45 p.m. to be ready to help set up. This is a required performance for all underclassmen and is part of your final exam grade.

Summer Marching Band Schedule

Wow! Is it already time to think about summer? Well, yes it is. Please check the following dates out when making plans so you will be sure to be here for these very important camps. Percussion mini-camp dates and times have been posted. Summer dates are listed here also for your convenience.

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Color Guard Clinic/Auditions	May 5-9	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Rookie-Camp (all incoming freshmen)	May 27-30	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Freshman Parent Orientation Meeting	May 27	7 p.m.
<i>Come get your questions answered from current GHS band parent board members and band directors.</i>		
Color Guard Camp #1	June 2 - 6	8 - 11 a.m. & 12 - 3 p.m.
Percussion mini camps	June 13	5 - 9 p.m.
	June 14	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
	June 27	5 - 9 p.m.
	June 28	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Color Guard Camp #2	June 30 - July 4	8 - 11 a.m. & 12 - 3 p.m.
Percussion Camp	July 14 - 18	9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 1:30-5 p.m.
Color Guard Frontline Camp	July 21 - 25	(3 days this week TBA)
Band Pre-Camp (ALL MEMBERS)	July 23 - 25	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Band Camp (ALL MEMBERS)	July 28 - Aug. 1	8am – 12pm (ALL MEMBERS) 1:30 - 4 p.m. (Contest Band Members) 6 - 9 p.m. (Contest Band Members)

After school marching band rehearsal schedule after school starts. (This runs up to Fall Break)

- Mondays 6 - 9 p.m. Color Guard
- Mondays 5 - 8 p.m. Percussion
- Tuesdays 6 - 8:30 p.m. All Members (Football Band members 6 - 7 p.m. only through Sept. 2)
- **Wednesday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Contest Band Members Only on weeks when we have Thursday games
- *Thursdays 6 - 8:30 p.m. Contest Band Members only
- *Fridays 3:30 - 4 p.m. All Members
- *On Thursday games we will do Thursdays 3:30 - 4 p.m.



Football Schedule

The Fall 2008 football game schedule is posted on Charms. **ALL** marching Band members are required to be in attendance at all football games.

Marching Band Contests



Tentative Marching Band Contest dates are **Sept. 20 and Sept. 27**. **ALL** Marching Band members are required to be in attendance for these so please mark your calendars.

2008-2009 Band Calendar

The 2008-2009 band calendar will be posted on Charms by mid June. 98% of all band activities will be posted at this time so please check them out so you will have no conflicts.

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PLEASE REMEMBER: ALL PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS OF THE ENSEMBLE THAT YOUR CHILD IS ENROLLED ARE REQUIRED. BAND IS A PERFORMANCE BASED CLASS. THEREFORE, ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL PERFORMANCES ARE A VERY LARGE PART OF THE STUDENTS' GRADE. THERE IS NO WAY TO TAKE A "MAKE- UP" PERFORMANCE LIKE A "MAKE-UP" TEST!!

2008-2009 Grissom Band 8th Grade Parent/Student Information

Here are some of the big questions that most parents have:

How much does it cost? Our band fees at GHS haven't changed since the early 1990s. \$500 is our fee, with \$300 payable with installments during the summer. That \$300 is due at the end of July during pre-camp when we fit everyone with a uniform. \$100 is due in December and the remaining \$100 in March. You are certainly welcome and encouraged to pay the entire amount before school starts. You receive two sets of free tickets for the band concerts that are given during the year (does not include jazz band concerts). *We have certain activities where you can earn \$\$ to go toward any expenses with the band, such as fruit sales, Scrip that are announced. You are strongly encouraged to participate in these activities!*

Exceptions — Instrument rental per semester, uniform accessories (shoes, gloves, tights, etc. for color guard). All-state trip (those that make all-state band), spring trip (if and when we go), any overnight trips we might take.

How much time does it take? The schedule from the beginning of school (second week of August) to fall break (first or second week of October) is a marching band rehearsal on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Percussion and guard will have a rehearsal on Monday evening approximately the same time. Please see the Marching Band Schedule discussed earlier for more details. The marching band attends all home varsity

football games and most of the away games. These are on Friday and occasionally Thursday night. We will go to two marching contests in September or early October. These will involve only Saturday, no overnight trips. After fall break, we have after-school rehearsals for symphonic/concert bands beginning in October. The schedule will depend on which band your son/daughter is in. The first band (Symphonic I) rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Symphonic II rehearses on Monday the same time and Thursday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (second semester only). Concert Band rehearses Wednesday after school from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. These rehearsals will continue after school until the beginning of May.

Please note: All performances and rehearsals are required attendance. Failure to do so results in a failing grade for the nine weeks in which the infraction occurs. Band in high school is a performance-based class.

Can my son/daughter participate in other activities besides band? We have students who participate in sports, theatre, dance and many other activities. If there is a conflict, we meet with the coach, teacher, etc., and work out the conflict. We will not put the child in the middle with other adults.

Does band count for a PE credit? Yes, band does count for the new LIFE PE credit that the state department of education has mandated. The one year of marching band required at Grissom will fulfill that credit. Of course, band your sophomore year takes care of the fine arts credit too.

Do I have to be in Marching Band? We require all band students to march in the band their first year in band. After their first year, they have the option each spring of choosing to perform in concert band only or performing in marching and concert band the following school year. The reason: Having at least one year's experience in marching band gives the student some information to make a logical choice as to whether they want to march or not the following school year. Fall 2008 will be the third year that we will have two marching bands, one that encompasses all the students in

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marching band and a more select Contest Marching Band that will perform in competition. Everyone in marching band attends the varsity football games and will travel with us to the marching competitions. However, only the Contest Band will perform at half-time and contests. You may choose which marching band you wish to participate in. The Contest Band is an auditioned group. The auditions are during pre-camp and band camp. The dates are listed on page 5. Any student not making Contest Band will automatically be in the Football Band, which performs a pre-game show at each of the home varsity football games.

·What about auditions? The Grissom Band Directors will come to your band class in late April/early May to hear you play. All the requirements are posted on the Grissom Band Web Site at <http://www.grissomband.org/freshman.shtml>. You can download the music and even sound clips to help you prepare. You may need a username and password to access the music and the sound clips.

Username: student
Password: swing



You can also download some of the marching band's stand music by going to <http://www.grissomband.org/showmusic.shtml>. Scroll down until you see **Stand Music**. Right now you can play whatever part you want to. Once we start marching band in the summer you will be assigned parts.

What about Jazz Band?

Grissom has two full jazz bands that meet during the school day. Any freshman that plays saxophone, trumpet or trombone can sign up without auditioning. If you need help with scheduling this class please contact Mr. Vernon. All piano, guitar, bass and drummers must audition for a spot. The audition music is posted on the Web site at <http://www.grissomband.org/JazzBands/jazzaudition.shtml>.

Username: student
Password: swing



A recording must be made and turned into to Mr. Vernon at Grissom before the last day of school. There is a \$150.00 fee for jazz band if you are a rhythm section player and not a part of the marching or concert band.

·What about Color Guard?

Color guard students focus on the visual enhancement and interpretation of the musical program through the use of flags, rifles, sabers and dance. Members are selected by auditions that are in May. Specific dates and details about this year's auditions are on page 10. Any high school or 8th grade middle school student may try out for color guard during the May session. Students who are playing an instrument in band when they try out for color guard must remain a



playing member in band to be eligible for color guard. If they do not continue playing their instrument in band, they will not be allowed to remain in color guard. See the schedule on page 5 for complete details.

·What about Percussion?

Percussion students have a week-long camp in mid-July to prepare their marching music for band camp. They also have two mini camps in June to prepare marching percussion playing techniques. Percussion ensembles meet during their band class in the spring and prepare music for a performance and possibly a festival in the spring.

·How do we get in touch with the band directors?

Band room telephone: 881-1075

Bill Connell: lennoc1@aol.com

Theo Vernon: jtvjazz@knology.net

Web site general address:
www.grissomband.org

Charms Music Site: <https://www.charmsmusic.com/>

Please refer to the **Calendar** on the Charms Music Web site at <https://www.charmsmusic.com> for a complete schedule of events for the Grissom Band. Enter **grissomhsb** in the School Code to access public calendar and forms. Also, it would be worth your while to read the **GHS Band Handbook** that can be downloaded from the band Web site.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE GRISSOM BAND BANQUET

Just a reminder that our annual Band Banquet is coming up on Friday, May 16.

Your reservation cards will be coming via the mail (USPS) the week of

April 14

and are due back **NO LATER THAN MAY 5!**

This year's theme is "The Red Carpet" and it is going to be a lot of fun.

Mark your calendars and check to make sure your band

fees are paid for the year. Remember student meals are covered, **BUT** only students with their band fees paid in full for the year may attend.

If you would like to volunteer please call or e-mail Nancy Willuhn at

426-4447 or nancywilluhn@kw.com.

Banquet volunteers needed

We are going to have a need for volunteers in the following areas to help with the end of the year band banquet. It is especially important that we get as many underclassman parents involved as possible. That way we have someone to pass on the knowledge to as our senior parents graduate and move on.

If you can help with one of the following areas please contact Kim Mills at kimmills101@comcast.net or Nancy Willuhn at banquet@grissomband.org:

- √ Cutting out decorations
- √ Setting up and decorating on the day of the banquet
- √ Clean up after the banquet

We cannot stress enough how important it is that we have some underclass parents involved. A great many of the folks involved at this point are senior parents and will be taking their knowledge with them when their students graduate. It is essential that we keep that knowledge so our students have the opportunity to have an event that they will always remember when they make that next step.

Nancy Willuhn
Kim Mills

Need, want your photos

Hello everyone! We are closing in on the end of the year, and I must tell you I have received some FANTASTIC photos for the end-of-year banquet slide shows. Please keep sending them because the more contributions we have the better the show will be.



Here is what you can do to help — send me your pictures by e-mail — of your student's band activities. I have lots from marching season, but more are always welcome, because only "you" have that unique perspective in your pictures. I also need pictures from rehearsals, jazz band, guard practice, on-the-bus, getting their game face on, cooling down from a performance, having a quick sandwich before showtime, and our kids just "chillin".

I also need "student" made photos — if your student has pictures from a trip, or at practice, or just goofing off with their buddies, send them in. Some of the best shots we had last year were students' photos of their pals in casual settings.

Finally, for the senior parents — be sure to send me your "before" and after pictures — a special baby picture and their senior picture. I'll get those into the Senior Album slide show that everyone enjoys seeing.

My e-mail address is jdmont@hiwaay.net, and I clean it out every night. The deadline for submittals is one week BEFORE the banquet, but earlier is always better. Thanks for your help — this will be a great show!

Dave Montgomery
Historian

Huntsville Air Show Fundraiser

We have been offered the opportunity to work this year's Huntsville Air Show scheduled for **June 28 and 29** as a fund raiser. This show will feature the world famous U.S. Army Golden Knights Precision Skydiving Team and the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron.

We will be looking for as many volunteers as possible to work both days of the air show. The primary activity will be working carts selling frozen lemonade and ice cream. There may be additional opportunities beyond this depending on the number of volunteers we get. This opportunity is open to all members of the band, their parents as well as rising 8th graders and their parents.

More details will follow as the event gets closer but it is essential that you sign up now to make sure we get this opportunity and that it isn't given to another group. If you are interested in working please contact Jay Simcox directly at president@grissomband.org.

Keep Buying Scrip!



The school year is winding down, but don't forget to continue to buy Scrip to help the band and earn credits for your student's account. When you purchase Scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash. Scrip is fundraising while you shop!

Our program allows you to purchase Scrip for everyday expenses while earning a percentage of each dollar of Scrip purchased back in revenue.

The reason for the effectiveness of Scrip is simple: families generate revenue through purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with Scrip. The Scrip is issued by the national and local retailers where we already shop. These merchants want to support non-

profit organizations, and in return ask you to support them by shopping with Scrip at their stores.

You, your friends and family members can use Scrip to purchase everyday purchases and with every purchase, you earn revenue for the band and your student's account.

As you know, we keep a limited selection of Scrip "on hand" but check the band Web site at

www.grissomband.org to see the full list of Scrip merchants that we can order from or go directly to the Scrip provider (<http://www.glscrip.com/>) to review the merchants.

We will continue to order and sell Scrip throughout the school year **and the summer**. We can make special orders based on your needs.

To order, contact the Stuckeys at scrip@grissomband.org. Also, be sure to use your rechargeable Kroger cards!



Support local businesses

The managers of Staples (Buy your Scrip first) and the Hallmark store at the corner of Whitesburg and Airport Road have supported our Band with donations. Let's return the favor. Please support these local businesses!!! Happy shopping!!!

Grissom Color Guard Clinic, Auditions

Clinic: May 5-8, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Closed Auditions: May 9, 3:30 – until selections made

Where: Grissom High School Band Room

Who: Current 8th – 11th graders interested in Fall Color Guard. No previous Color Guard, Dance or Band experience necessary. Everything you need to know will be taught during the clinic.

What to Wear: Wear comfortable clothes such as t-shirts, shorts or sweat pants and tennis shoes. No jeans or open toe shoes.

What to Bring: A positive attitude and a willingness to work hard and learn. All needed equipment will be provided.

Please pass the word to anyone you know that might be interested.

For more information, contact Margaret Haack, 479-9127 or the Band Directors.

Information about What to Wear, or in band terminology — Uniforms

White Tennis Shoes. We ask each member of the marching band to 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 primary color of the shoe is **WHITE**. This helps the directors fix many foot problems during the season when they all are close to the same color.

Summer band uniform. Each band member is required to have a pair of Khaki shorts, **WHITE** tennis shoes and **WHITE** socks to wear with the band T-shirt for the first few football games. We prefer knee length (or as close to that as possible) Khaki shorts for everyone. The band T-shirt will be handed out before the first game. Khaki shorts can become scarce toward the end of summer so you might want to start looking for them by the beginning of July.



Uniform Fitting. Uniform fittings will be during the week of Pre-Band camp. Each class will be assigned a specific time for fittings. All new marchers will be required to order a pair of black marching shoes from the band at approximately \$32.00. Any veteran marchers who need new shoes will order at this time also. It is **VERY** important that **ALL** marching band members be fitted during the scheduled fitting time. Black socks will be required once the band begins to perform in their marching uniforms. Black socks will be available for purchase during uniform fittings for \$3 a pair. Black gloves will be sold prior to the first performance in uniform. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Working with uniforms. Volunteering to work with uniforms provides a great opportunity to get to know the students and parents. Knowing how to sew is **NOT** a requirement. If you would be interested in helping with uniforms please contact Patti Preston at uniforms@grissomband.org.

Make friends, meet your kids' friends, have a great time in the process!!

By Teresa & Dave Montgomery

Sounds like fun, huh? As parents, we have the opportunity of a lifetime — to be a part of the Grissom Band organization. What other situation can you “be a part” of your kid’s group (without too much kick back from your kid). They actually enjoy when you get involved because ALL of the band members see your contribution in making this program possible for them. You get to know some really great parents too! I am departing as secretary of the board this year. Dave and I have been active parents for the past eight years, and I must say it has been quite a ride.

We have made friends and we all have a major common interest (our kids in the band). When our kids would talk about doing something with Jim, John, Kim, Lisa, etc., we knew who these names belonged to. Priceless!!!!

How do you become involved? Attend tailgates, picnics, marching rehearsals, ballgames, concerts, work fundraisers, work on the banquet. Grab someone and just ask — the opportunities are endless.

We want to thank everyone for their contributions to this wonderful program for our own children for the past eight years. It has truly been an experience of a lifetime and has created forever memories!!!

THANK YOU.

Support your head, band at same time

Looking for a great and comfortable way to support the band. The Grissom Tiger Pillows are \$10 and make the perfect gift for friends, family, Grissom graduates and current Grissom students. They will be available in the lobby at the Spring concert. Buy yours and support the band.



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.

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