



Magnolia High School Band Booster Club

AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Dennis Boucher and I am the new Head Band Director at Magnolia High School. Prior to accepting the Magnolia HS position, I was the Head Band Director at Killeen HS in Killeen, TX. I would like to thank the administration, parents, staff, and students for helping me to make my transition from being a Kangaroo to a Bulldog a pleasant one. I realize this change was late and sudden, but if everyone comes together we can accomplish our goals.

I recently put down a deposit on a place to live. This will be a fast move for me, as well as my fiancée Grace. Grace and I are looking forward to making Magnolia our new home, and I am looking forward to helping students achieve their musical goals. E-mail me @ DennisVibe@msn.com if you have any questions. I look forward to meeting the students on August 1st and meeting their parents on August 4th and 11th.

Sincerely,
Dennis Boucher

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our three drum majors attended camp at the University of Houston in July. They learned a lot and are now ready to lead our band into a successful Marching Season.

All three drum majors, Katie Magee, Holly Van Englehoven and Chelsea Voltz, were recognized for their marching technique as well as Katie Magee for her conducting. Great job ladies!

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Boosters would like to recognize any of our current or former Band & Guard students for their honors and accomplishments that they receive at summer music camps, school activities, or any other fine arts related honors. If you would forward the information to us, we would love to brag about all of their outstanding accomplishments!

CHILI'S POST-GAME PARTY

The new Chili's in our Target shopping center has generously agreed to host a post-game party and fundraiser for everyone in the MHS Band and Guard and their friends after the four home varsity football games.

We will have a coupon for you to present to your server so that **10% of the cost of all food and drinks that you order will be donated back to the band!** The date of the first Chili's post game party will be August 29.

CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to stop by Chick-fil-a for dinner Monday night, August 4. The first Monday of every month is Magnolia Band Night.

The MHS Band / Guard will receive **25%** of your total purchase that night from 5 - 9 p.m. when you present the flyer enclosed in this newsletter to the cashier. **You must have the flyer in order for the band and guard to benefit from your purchase.**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Band Boosters,

July has been a very busy month so far and the Boosters would like to start by saying "Welcome" to our new Band Director, Mr. Dennis Boucher. We are excited to have him, as he joins our MHS Band and Guard family at a very busy time of the year, with marching season only weeks away. He is already making Magnolia and the band hall his home and everything is moving forward very well.

I am please to announce the new uniforms are in and several moms are in the process of "setting the colors." Unlike our last uniforms, these can be washed at home, but there are very specific instructions. We are currently soliciting the help of "Section Moms," to sign up to wash the uniforms several times during the marching season. We are hoping to break this task up by instrument sections. The good news is that the uniforms can be washed more often than the old ones could be dry cleaned, but the instructions to do so are specific and only those who volunteer to be on the uniform committee will be able to check them out to be washed. If you are interested and would like to be involved, please let a board member know, and we will sign you up.

The boosters have been working hard all summer to prepare for this mailer. The hiring of a new Head Director delayed us a few weeks, but we hope that you will find the enclosed information most helpful in your planning and preparing for the upcoming school year. We have made it one of our missions to keep the parents well informed and aware of what is going on with the band, both by mail and on our website. Our website is updated regularly and will have many of these forms posted for future reference if needed. Please keep checking the website for updated information.

I can't say enough about how exciting this year is going to be. We have a bunch of "new" and different things going on in our band this year that are really great. We are continuing to make incredible progress and we know this will make a great year for the kids.

To the Freshman Parents we say "Welcome" and if you should need anything please feel free to get in touch with any of us. For the returning parents, we hope you will be involved and as motivated as the kids are - and for us Senior Parents lets make this the best year possible.

Thanks,
Lisa Lorton

ROCK-A-THON

It is time to start getting sponsors for this year's Rock-a-Thon. This is a great opportunity to start raising money for the out-of-state band trip or for the Guard's trip to World Championships.

For those of you new to band and guard, the Rock-a-Thon is an all-night party where you get sponsors to pledge for each hour that you spend rocking in a rocking chair. Everyone brings lots of snacks, games, and electronic equipment to keep them entertained. Rockers are given a 10 minute break each hour to stretch their legs.

Groups of rockers congregate around all of the electric outlets in the MHS Commons and hook up their Video Game consoles, DVD players, etc... and then rock the night away! Don't miss out on the fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28 – Aug 1	Color Guard Camp	9 am – 4:30 pm
July 28 – Aug 1	Percussion Camp	9 am – 4 pm
July 31	Leadership Training	9 am – 4 pm
Aug 1	New Marcher Camp	8 am – 10:30 am
Aug 1	Full Band Music Camp	10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Aug 4 – 12	Summer Band Practice	8 am – 3 pm weekdays
Aug 4	Open House	6:30 – 8 pm
	Meet the new Band Director	
Aug 11	MANDATORY PARENTS MEETING	7 pm
Aug 13 – 21	Summer Band Practice	5 -9 pm
Aug 22	Exhibition Night (Date Change)	
	Rehearsal	6 pm
	Exhibition	7 pm
	BBQ Dinner	7:30 pm
	Rock-a-Thon	11 pm Fri – 7 am Sat
Aug 25	First Day of School	
	After School Rehearsals Begin	
Aug 29	Football Game vs Galena Park	7:30 pm

After School Marching Rehearsal Schedule

Monday:	Percussion 3 – 5 pm
Tuesday:	Winds & Percussion 3 – 6 pm
Wednesday:	Winds & Guard 3 – 5 pm
Thursday:	Full Band 3 – 6 pm
Saturday:	Guard 8 – 11 am

Starting September 29: Full Band

Tuesday:	3 – 6 pm
Wednesday:	3 – 5 pm
Thursday:	3 – 6 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - See the enclosed Band Calendar to find events scheduled for the entire school year.

BAND / COLORGUARD WEBSITE

For updated information throughout the year, please visit the Band and Booster Club websites.

Band Website: <http://www.magnoliaband.net/home2.html>

Booster Website:

<http://magnoliabandboosters.tripod.com/index.html>

COLOR GUARD NOTICE

Color Guard members that will be attending the World Championships in April need to be aware that all students that do not have a driver's license will need to obtain a photo identification card from the local DPS office. A photo ID is required to board an airplane. Please don't wait until the last minute to take care of this. There is often a processing time of a few weeks to receive your ID.

PAVILION DETAILS

DATES	PERFORMERS	WORKERS REQUIRED
Sat., July 26	Journey	10 – 15
Sat., Aug. 2	John Mayer	10
Sat., Aug. 9	Kid Rock/Lynyrd Skynrd	10
Fri., Aug. 15	Dave Matthews Band	10 – 15
Sat., Aug. 23	Judas Priest	10
Sun., Aug. 24	Project Revolution/Linkin Park	10 – 15
Fri., Sept. 5	Maroon 5	10
Sat, Sept 6	Toby Keith	10
Sat., Sept. 20	Santana	10 – 15

IMPORTANT FACTS

Right now, we are scheduled to be selling beer, water and Gatorade on the lawn. It requires some lifting and moving around of coolers, so we definitely need several strong guys each time.

We would arrive 60-90 minutes early (free parking and shuttle service to the back stage area). Then we load up beer and drinks into the coolers and take them up to the lawn area. We sell from the sidewalks.

Attire: Khaki pants, Capri's or shorts...they provide a shirt. We can wear MHS Band/Guard caps/hats. Sunscreen is must since there is no shade.

Those selling beer have to be at least 18, but they can be a student. Anyone selling the beer **has to go through the TABC training**. You can take the class on line or at several locations each month. Please go to www.alcoholservers.com for locations of live training and online training opportunities. You can also go to www.learn2serve.com/TXSPECIAL and receive 40% off by using Discount Code TXSPECIAL This offer Expires 7-31-08

For additional training info or questions, please contact Dawn at Sunrisek@aol.com.

The minimum age for any worker is 16 (or if they look close, it'll be ok). They will only sell water and sports drinks. If we're ever in a concession stand, they can't touch the liquor.

Magnolia has committed to the dates above and if we have a good showing, we will be offered more in the future. This is an unbelievable opportunity to raise a lot of money, and very few organizations are given the chance to get their foot in the door at the Pavilion. Groups are able to make as much as \$2,500 per event, if it is sold out. Our commission rate is 10% on water and sports drinks, and 8% on beer. We can also ask for tips, which on a \$9.00 bottle of beer, many people will give us \$10 and tell us to keep the change.

This can be a lot of fun as well. So pick out your favorite artist, enjoy the concert and help raise a ton of money!!!!

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