



Magnolia High School Band Booster Club

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wanted like to say that we have a wonderful year to look forward to.

The 2008/2009 school year will be full of exciting changes and forward progress to bring our band to the next level. The Boosters plan to initiate new ideas and concepts in the way we approach everyday business to enhance the integrity of our Band Booster Club. We, the Executive Board, are holding ourselves to a high level of standards, as an example for the band members that we support. I would like to encourage every parent to become involved as much as possible during this transition period. We will need your help and support in many areas such as uniforms, construction, chaperones, and hospitality, just to name a few.

I would also like to thank in advance, the Executive Board members, as well as Mr. Choate, for the ability to communicate and work together as a positive team. Teamwork and communication are the keys to keeping our momentum as we move forward. So, in keeping with the theme of next year's marching program, I hope that everyone can "Get on Board" to keep the train rolling forward. I truly believe that if we are all rolling in the same direction, great things will happen to our band!

Food for thought: "The actions we choose are the consequences we choose."

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Booster Meeting in April, officers were elected to serve for the 2008 – 2009 school year:

President	Lisa Lorton
1 st Vice President (volunteers)	Janet Vaughn
2 nd Vice President (fundraising)	Dawn Korman
Secretary	Diane Hendrix
Treasurer	Theresa Chandler
Information Coordinator	Barbara Johnson

We are pleased to announce that Angela Sheppard has agreed to serve as our Concession Stand Manager this year.

THANK YOU

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all the dedicated parents who served on the Booster Club Board this year. Thanks to your hard work, the boosters were able to provide much needed support to our band and its students.

BAND BANQUET

This year's Band Banquet will be one of the biggest events of the year. This year we are pleased to be holding this very special event at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center. It will be held on May 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served and then be followed by a program where new band officers and the 2008 – 2009 Marching Show will be announced. Awards and scholarships will also be given out. The program will conclude with a slideshow featuring the students from the amazing MHS Marching Band and the award-winning Color Guard. A tribute to our graduating seniors will be the finale of the program. Following the program, we will celebrate the success of these wonderful students with a dance and deejay. A photographer will be on hand to take photos during the banquet. An order form will be posted on the Booster Club website so that you can preview the packages available and prices. The price of the photo packages start at \$15 and must be paid for when the pictures are taken.

All students should plan to attend this grand event. Be sure to mark your calendars! Parents are invited and are encouraged to attend. Tickets will go on sale May 1. Be watching for ticket order forms to come home with your students. We will also post this order form on-line on the Booster Club website.

SPRING CONCERT & DINNER

This year's Spring Concert will be held on May 20. The Booster Club will be serving a Fiesta dinner from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and the concert will follow. Dinner tickets will cost \$7.50. The money that we make at this dinner will help to underwrite the cost of the Band Banquet.

This will be your last chance to see our band perform with its graduating seniors. Come out and make it a special evening as our school year draws to an end!

SPRING TRIP

The Band/Guard Spring Trip will be held this year from May 9 – 11, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. All trip payments should have been paid by this date.

The band will perform at a festival upon their arrival in San Antonio. An evening of dinner and Salsa Dancing Lessons will follow the performance! On Saturday, the students will enjoy a fun-filled day at Fiesta Texas. On Sunday, everyone will spend the day at Sea World before heading back home.

CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL & CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Magnolia High School Band's Chamber Music Festival will be held May 12 – 13. The event will be held at MHS after school. All band students are required to perform a solo. There will also be some ensembles playing. Everyone is encouraged to come hear these great young performers!

Ten finalists will be selected from the eligible solos performed at the Chamber Music Festival to advance to the Concerto Competition Finals. This event will be held at Wildwood United Methodist Church on Friday, May 16. There will be cash prizes for the top three placements in this competition. This will be an incredible evening of musical entertainment. Don't miss it!

CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER

We have a great new opportunity to earn money to benefit our band. The new Chick-fil-a at FM 1488 at FM 2978 has designated the first Monday of each month as Magnolia Band Night! Take the family down to Chick-fil-a for dinner before coming to our May Booster Meeting! Our first night to take advantage of this great opportunity will be Monday, May 5.

The MHS Band will receive **25%** of your total purchase that night from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. when you present the flyer enclosed in this newsletter to the cashier. **You must have the flyer in order for the band to benefit from your purchase.** Each month we will enclose a new flyer with the newsletter and have copies available for downloading on our website.

Print copies for your family and friends! Every penny counts! EAT MORE CHICKEN!

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Band Booster Meeting Band Hall at 7:00 p.m.
May 9 – 11	Band/Guard Spring Trip
May 12 - 13	MISD Chamber Music Festival Solo & Ensembles
May 16	Concerto Finals at Wildwood Methodist Church Jazz Band performs with Choir
May 17	Band Banquet
May 20	Band Spring Concert & Dinner
June 7	Band plays at MHS graduation

FUNDRAISING

Watch for lots of new and exciting fundraising opportunities in the coming year to benefit the band program and your student's travel accounts!

CONTEST RESULTS

We would like congratulate our students for their many accomplishments this year.

BAND – Our MHS Band had a great year! During the Marching Season, the MHS Band made a ONE in the UIL Marching Competition. Our band also placed 2nd in class at the Sam Houston Marching Contest.

In Concert Season, the Wind Ensemble earned straight ONES on stage. (For those of you keeping track – that is three years in a row!) They also got straight TWOS in sight-reading.

COLOR GUARD – Our MHS Color Guard had a fabulous season. They were honored as "Outstanding Color Guard" at the Galena Park Marching Contest.

In our Winter Guard season, our guard won numerous awards. The "A" guard completed the season with 2 – 1st place, 2 – 2nd place, and 3 – 3rd place finishes. The "B" guard accumulated 2 – 2nd place trophies. A detailed listing can be found on our website.

To finish out the year, the members of our "A" Guard were awarded Class A bronze medals at the State Championship and our "B" Guard finished in the top 10 in Class AA! Note: our "B" Guard is the only JV guard to compete in that high of a classification. Way to go girls!

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE – Our Percussion Ensemble had a tremendous year. They placed 3rd in regional competition and continued on to place 2nd in their class in State Competition!

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