



# Magnolia High School Band Booster Club

OCT/NOV 2008 NEWSLETTER

## BAND FEE REMINDER

A big thank you to all of the parents who have paid or are making payments toward their Band Marching Fees, we appreciate it. We understand there could be circumstances that would hinder some family's ability to pay these fees. However, we have set up agreements with a few families to set up an installment plan so that it fits within their budget. There are even a few cases where help has been found for them within the band family. Please contact Mr. Boucher, myself, or our booster president to discuss your needs.

If you simply have questions about the fees, please call us. The fees allow us to do many things for the band and guard, so please send them in as soon as you can. The students have already received their band/guard t-shirts, band gloves, band shoes, and water. Away meals are provided once the fee is paid (even with installments). Please note that the Guard Marching Fee is separate from the regular guard fees that cover uniforms and supplies. All marching fees are made payable to the band through the boosters, so please make payments to MHS BBC. Thanks, Theresa Chandler, treasurer

## CONTEST RESULTS

The Boosters would like to congratulate our students on their spectacular performances at the two marching contests that they have competed in so far.

The first was the Lamar Consolidated Marching Contest on October 4. Magnolia received "1"s for their overall performance. They were also awarded: Top 4A Band, Top 4A Drum Line, and Top 4A Color Guard! Our Guard was also the highest scoring of all schools in attendance!

At the Marching Contest in Aldine last weekend, the band once again received a "1" for their halftime show.

Great job and good luck in your upcoming contests!

## SPRING TRIP UPDATE

Mr. Boucher has announced that this year's Spring Trip will be to Walt Disney World in Florida in May of 2009. The trip is expected to cost \$800 and will include charter buses, hotel, 3 day park hopper passes, all meals while in Florida (meals in transit are not included), nightly pizza parties at the hotel, and security guards each night at the hotel.

Starting in November, those planning to go on this trip should begin depositing money in their trip accounts to ensure that sufficient funds are available to secure their spot. Watch the Band website for more information.

## WINTER GUARD INFORMATION

The Color Guard will be unveiling their halftime show in its entirety by the Lone Star Preview Contest. Be on the lookout for some new flags for the show. They are expected to arrive shortly.

The practice schedule for the Color Guard has been updated for the Winter Guard season. Starting October 27, the guard will begin practicing on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 – 7 p.m. Once the football season is over (including playoffs), the practices will be moved to Mondays and Fridays.

More information will be coming shortly for those planning to attend the World Championships in Ohio on April 1 – 5, 2009. We will be sending home information from the travel agent about the projected cost of the trip and the necessary payment dates. Mr. Gilbreth will be sending home Letters of Commitment for you to sign to indicate whether your Guard student will be participating in the competition. This is necessary to make travel arrangements, choreograph the show, and order uniforms and/or equipment.

In order to reserve an adequate number of airline tickets and hotel rooms, any adults that are planning to accompany the Guard on the trip need to notify Mr. Gilbreth to be added to the list.

## THANK YOU

Thank You to all Game Volunteers!

We'd like to thank all the parents, friends and siblings of our band members that have volunteered for our first four football games. You guys have done an amazing job, and we can't begin to express our gratitude for all your hard work. With each game we get better and more efficient at our various tasks. Our busy contest season continues and we need your continued participation more than ever. We have a contest every Saturday in October and we will need help loading and unloading as well as your support in the stands. This Saturday, we travel to Conroe for our third contest. Also, next Tuesday afternoon, the band will perform at the UIL Marching Contest in The Woodlands. With our performance time in the afternoon, we anticipate that we could need additional help moving equipment on and off the field. Please contact us at [mhsbbc.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mhsbbc.volunteers@gmail.com) if you can help with any of these events. Again, thanks for all your help - we couldn't do it without you!

The Boosters would also like to thank the Cunningham family for their donation of our four new "all-terrain" wheeled coolers. They are great!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents that are looking for opportunities to volunteer in order to be eligible to receive a gift of \$50 to their child's trip account, can now work at the concession stand on Thursday nights for the remainder of the football season. Only two adults are needed each week from 4:30 – 8:30 pm. To sign up or find out what times are still available, contact Angela at [mhsbbc.concession@gmail.com](mailto:mhsbbc.concession@gmail.com)

Parents will also be given the opportunity to volunteer at the Magnolia High School Winter Guard Competition this spring to earn their "Fair Share" credit.

A committee is being formed to plan the Christmas Dinner and Fundraiser this December. Any parents that would be interested in serving as a chairperson or member of this committee, please contact Diane Hendrix at [mhsbbc.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:mhsbbc.volunteers@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Oct 17 | Football Game at MHS (Homecoming)<br>Post-Game party at Chili's                   |
| Oct 18 | Lone Star Preview Marching Contest – Conroe<br>Homecoming Dance at MHS            |
| Oct 20 | Full Ensemble Rehearsal (Monday)  |
| Oct 21 | U.I.L. Marching Contest – Conroe ISD  |
| Oct 24 | Football Game at Huntsville 7:30 pm   |
| Oct 25 | Sam Houston State Marching Contest  |
| Oct 31 | Football Game at MHS (Brenham)<br>– Senior Night<br>Post-Game party at Chili's    |
| Nov 3  | Band Booster Meeting 7:00 pm  |
| Nov 7  | Football Game at Magnolia West 7:30 pm<br>BBJH Band Night<br>(possible home game) |

Playoff Games – If MHS advances to the playoffs, band and guard students are required to participate in half-time performances.

## NOVEMBER BOOSTER MEETING

Be sure to add November 3 to your calendars. At the next Band Booster meeting, we will be discussing options for this year's Band Banquet. Come join us as we begin the planning phase of this year's big event!

## CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to stop by Chick-fil-a for dinner Monday night, November 3. The first Monday of every month is Magnolia Band Night.

The MHS Band / Guard will receive **25%** of your total purchase that night from 5:00 - 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 and guard to benefit from your purchase.**

## 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.net>

## FUNDRAISING

### PAVILION

This year's Pavilion Fundraising was a huge success, thanks to the many families who participated by selling water and beer on the lawn. We enjoyed the shows, people watching, and working together as a band family. Due to the extensive damage caused by Ike, however, the rest of the season was canceled and we will eagerly await for it to reopen so that we can continue to raise money for the band and guard. We are waiting for the final check, but between tips and commission, we anticipate the total raised to be between \$4,000 and \$6,000.

### DRIVE YOUR DREAM RAFFLE

This is the month that we really need to push raffle ticket sales. The drawing is on October 31st. We have at least 2,000 tickets left to sell, and that is only 20 per student. Just imagine what we can do for the band with \$20,000 or \$30,000!!!! We will be coming to the school to hand out tickets to the students, so that they can bring them home for their parents to sell. PLEASE encourage your son or daughter to take tickets when we hand them out so all of our band/guard families can participate and all of the band and guard can benefit! If you own a business, please consider taking them to work. They aren't that difficult to sell....last year, when they were \$100 each, one band mom sent out an e-mail to all of her friends and she sold 3 right away. This year they are only \$20 each. If you have any questions, look at the flyer that is posted on the website or contact Dawn at [mhsbbc.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mhsbbc.fundraising@gmail.com)

### CHICK-FIL-A CALENDARS

The students will have their own fundraiser this month, for their trip accounts. They will be selling Chick-fil-a 2009 calendars, filled with coupons. The calendars sell for \$6, with half going directly to their trip accounts.

### CHILI'S POST GAME PARTY

Our next Chili's Post Game Party will be Friday, October 17. Even though Ike took away our party after the last home game, we had a blast at our August party, while earning 10% of everything we ordered for the Boosters. Come join the party!!

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