



Magnolia High School Band Booster Club

December 2008 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Band Booster Parents,

This has been a very busy and fun football season. To all the parents that have volunteered on the field, on the buses and in the stands, I would like to say Thank You Very Much. Without you, none of this would be possible. The play-offs have been a fun and exciting experience for all of us.

As we move into the Christmas season, we are seeking Silent Auction items for our Christmas Concert and Dinner. If you know of anyone, or have anything you would like to donate, please contact me or Dawn Korman with the details. This event is scheduled to take place December 16th and will surely be a lot of fun for everyone. The dinner this year will be a lasagna and pasta dinner with salad and bread. The Color Guard will be selling homemade desserts. So come on out and enjoy a nice dinner and concert by our bands. Tickets will be made available after the Thanksgiving break.

With this year moving so quickly and with many events still to come, please refer to the Band Booster website for all the latest news. We try to keep it updated with the most current news and schedule of events that are going on with the MHS Band. Also, please make sure you have given us a current e-mail address as we have been utilizing e-blasts to send updates and last-minute changes whenever needed.

We are having an amazing year! Please join us at the next Booster Meeting on December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Band Hall. Stay in the know!

Thanks,
Lisa Lorton
MHS Band Booster President

BAND / COLORGUARD WEBSITE

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

Band Website: <http://www.magnoliaband.net>
Booster Website: <http://magnoliabandboosters.net>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1 - Chick-fil-a Band Night 5 – 9 pm
- Dec 8 - Region Band Auditions at Huntsville HS
- Dec 8 - Band Booster Meeting ** 7 pm**
**** Please note date change ****
- Dec 12 - Region Band Clinic at Klein Forest
- Dec 13 - Region Band Clinic & Concert at Klein Forest
- Dec 13 - Magnolia Christmas Parade
- Dec 15 - **Deposit of \$200 Due for Disney Trip**
- Dec 16 - Christmas Dinner, Concert & Fundraiser
- Dec 22 – Jan 2 Christmas Holidays

BAND CONCERT/DINNER & FUNDRAISER

This year's Band Concert, Dinner, and Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, December 16. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with an Italian dinner and silent auction. Following the dinner, a live auction will begin with several exciting items available for you to bid on! The evening will conclude with a spectacular Christmas Concert from our MHS bands! Please see the attached flyer for ticket information.

The boosters are in the process of collecting items to include in both our silent and live auctions. We already have several items including: 2 golf packages, tickets to the Houston Ballet, Symphony and Grand Opera, and a Wine Tasting for 20 at the Messina Hof Winery! We also have tickets to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Sea World, Splashtown, the Alley Theatre and the Sam Houston Race Park. Many local businesses have already been contacted, but if you have any connections, please feel free to ask them to contribute to our great cause! Those of you with home-based businesses can use this event to raise awareness of your products and/or services. These items, along with your baked goods, will definitely help us raise a lot of money!

CALLING ALL GOURMET BAKERS

We know you're out there! Bring your most beautiful holiday baked goods to the Christmas Dinner, Auction and Concert, where they will be auctioned off by the administration to the highest bidder. Last year, several gorgeous cakes helped us raise over \$1,000.00!!! This is your chance to show off your baking skills and raise money for the band program.

COLOR GUARD BAKE SALE

The Color Guard will be providing yummy dessert items for purchase during the pre-concert dinner on December 16. Guard members are needed to bake items for the sale and to work at the Bake Sale table during the dinner that night. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Guard room next week.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers will be needed to help at the Band Dinner on December 16. Help is needed with set-up, serving, and clean-up. Contact Diane Hendrix if you are available to help in one of these areas.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Magnolia High School Band and Color Guard will be marching in the Magnolia Christmas Parade. The parade is on Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. Details about the Band arrival time will be announced.

FUNDRAISING

It is now time for the students who are planning to go on the spring trip to get busy selling. After the New Year, we will once again be selling the ever popular World's Finest Chocolate. Last year, many students raised several hundred dollars for their trip accounts. In addition to the chocolate sale, your student will have the opportunity to sell Chick-fil-A 2009 calendars and candles this month.

Participation is optional and students will have had to have made a commitment to go on a trip this year, or deposit all proceeds from the fundraisers into their trip account for future years. This is not an opportunity for students to raise personal funds.

And don't forget you can always go on-line and purchase magazine subscriptions, gift wrap, and Christmas presents through QSP. Be careful when you log on to create an account under your student's name so you receive credit.

COLOR GUARD INFORMATION

There has been an update to the trip payment schedule for World Championships. The second payment for the Color Guard's trip to World Championships has been changed. This payment will now be \$380 and will be due by January 10, 2009. More information about the third payment and fundraising opportunities will be available soon.

LETTER FROM THE TREASURER

I would like to try to clear up some of the confusion that a few of you have had regarding this year's Band / Guard Marching Fees. These Marching Fees were due September 1st and were decided upon and approved by our administrators before the end of the last school year. The boosters are simply administering the Band / Guard fees for the directors. This is a service to the school staff and kids. There is a portion for shoes, gloves, and meals. There is a portion to cover booster-sponsored events for the kids, mailings, etc... There is a portion which helps us cover the expense of lack of volunteers and as a thank you to those families who did volunteer at the Pavilion and the concession stand, we will be gifting that portion to your child's travel account.

All of this information has been discussed numerous times in both booster meetings and in print. Yet there still seems to be some confusion. Even though most fees have been paid, there are still some outstanding balances. No one is exempt from these fees. We have made payment arrangements with a few families and it has worked quite well.

To those of you who have paid and are paying, we are very grateful. It would be helpful if those of you who have not yet paid to please call and ask me, the Booster Treasurer, Lisa Lorton - Booster President, or our Band Director, Mr. Boucher for more information. Once again, these fees are not discretionary fees... everyone is expected to pay them. It is a Band/Guard fee not a Booster fee.

NOTE: The guard portion of the Marching fee is separate from all other guard fees paid to the band program for uniforms and supplies. The Marching fee is paid through the boosters. If there is still any clarification needed, please refer to any of the people mentioned above. Please make your Marching fee payments payable to MHS BBC and leave them in the Booster basket in the Band Directors' office.

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