



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

October 2008

Jason Prasifka & Brian Davis - Directors

The Shepton Band is off to a great start. Our August band camp was extremely productive. The kids worked hard through the Texas heat and humidity and our 2008 program is beginning to take shape. Our theme this year is Americana! It will feature some great contemporary American music.

By the time you receive this, our performance calendar will be heating up. Please be sure to check the Charms calendar often for updates to our schedule. You can also find game day and marching contest itineraries via the Charms site in the "handouts" section. Also, be sure your contact information is accurate. This will allow you to receive my email updates.

Now that school has started, please help us stay on top of student grades. Per the state no-pass, no play rule, no student can participate with us if they don't pass their classes. Please use Parent Viewer and encourage your child to attend tutorials if needed. Every student is crucial to the overall success of the group. The last day of the 1st six weeks is Thursday, October 2nd. Students not passing all non-exempt classes will lose their ability to participate with us the following Friday, October 10th. This means they will miss both our marching contests and most of the football games.

I also want to take this time to encourage all students to participate in the PISD private lesson program. One-on-one individual instruction is one of the main reasons why programs, especially in North Texas, are extremely successful. Please contact me if you need help getting set up with a teacher.

Finally, I can't begin to tell all of you how excited I am about this year. It's already obvious we have some of the hardest working kids in the school. We are all primed to accomplish great things!

Jason Prasifka



Karen O'Donnell - President

Fall is here! It just so happens to be my favorite season of the year. The weather, the decorations, the clothes, and yes....FOOTBALL! (OU Sooners, Dallas Cowboys, West Wolves & Shepton Stallions) I must admit, I like my teams to win their games, but winning isn't everything.....there is also a half-time show! And that is exactly what our directors & kids deliver....a FABULOUS show! I am so proud of their dedication, commitment, and hard work....yes, the Shepton Band Rocks!

The Shepton Band Booster Board also rocks! A huge "thank you" to those who have helped to get this year off to such a great start! Since we will no doubt see each other *a lot* as this year continues, I look forward to getting to know each of you better!

I encourage all band parents to get involved in this awesome organization. Besides attending football games & concerts, consider chaperoning on the bus or at socials. It is a great way to get to know other parents as well as the kids! Also, it is vital that *everyone* SUPPORTS OUR FUNDRAISERS!

Lastly, I can't stress enough how important it is that you stay informed of all band-related activities. Besides monthly booster meetings, look for e-mails, log on to our website, *sheptonband.org* and check CHARMS regularly!

Thanks for your support!



Heather Miller – VP Volunteers

Band Parents, thank you to all who have already completed their PISD online background clearance form. In order to volunteer, we all need to do one. If you still have not found the time, now would be a great idea to just sit down at the computer and submit your information. It won't take more than 3 or 4 minutes of your time, and you will be ready to volunteer for the school year! Should you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact me at 972-964-5648 or millerkhsm@aol.com.

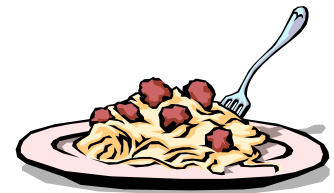


Anita Brown – Spaghetti Dinner

Annual Band Booster Spaghetti Dinner Is Coming

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 15th in conjunction with the Silent Auction and Concert. This is the largest Band Booster night of the year, and we need everyone to participate. As usual, we will have Renner and Frankford Middle Schools joining us as guest. This year the caterer for the event will be Miaggiano's. The tickets will go on sell in mid-October so be on the lookout for this fun and festive event.

Contact me at brownfamily391@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions concerning this event.



Cindy Adams – Silent Auction

The Silent Auction, held in conjunction with Shepton's Spaghetti Dinner and West Cluster Show on November 15th, is our band's largest fundraiser in terms of money raised. By now, you will have received a mailing detailing the auction and asking for your help and participation. In order to make this fun and exciting event a success, we must have help from every single family. Please thoughtfully consider soliciting donations from local businesses, purchasing items to donate, making a cash/check donation to the band, or creating other imaginative donations.

As Silent Auction Chairman, I will be collecting your donations. You can mail your donation to me or drop it off at my home (1708 Burning Tree Lane). Please contact me at 469-737-6968 with questions, ideas, concerns, or if you need to make alternate arrangements to get your donations to me no later than Sunday, November 9th.

The Shepton Band Booster Silent Auction is an awesome place to do some of your holiday gift shopping at great prices. You also get to support your child's band! Thank you for supporting your child by participating in the Silent Auction.



SILENT AUCTION DONATION IDEAS

- Cash/Check donations payable to ÓShepton Band Boosters
- Jewelry and accessories
- Restaurant certificates
- Home decor items
- Gift Baskets – let your creativity show
- Arbonne, Mary Kay, Beauty Contrd, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, or other home-based business gift baskets
- Autographed items
- Sports tickets and memorabilia
- Electronics
 - *Game systems
 - *Video games
 - *Televisions
 - *Cameras
 - *Stereos
- Gift cards for area businesses
- Airline miles
- Hotel or Vacation packages
- Spa or Gym certificates
- Handcrafted items – personalized items are especially popular
- Books, CDs
- Games and sporting goods
- Entertainment tickets (movies, concerts, etc.)
- Music and band related items
- Service certificates
 - *Maid service
 - *Yardwork
 - *Handyman service
 - *Beauty service
 - *Medical consultations and service

Think about what you and your family would like to purchase

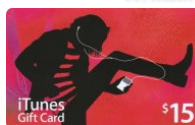
Monica Susman & Vicki Pinch – Passbook Captains

Passbook Sale was a success! We have all of you to thank! We had over 75% of the band members participate, selling 270 books, making our profit \$2800! We know it takes everyone to make any fundraiser go off without a hitch. So, thank you to all of the band students who were responsible for getting the books home, selling some, and turning in the money. Thanks to the parents for selling or just buying the books! There were several students who sold over 15 books! Way to go! We couldn't have done it without your support!



Lauren Charbonneau & Laure Sinclair – Scrip Captains

Support the Shepton Band Buy Gift Cards!



- Buy Gift Cards at face value and a percentage of each card sold goes directly to the Shepton Band!
- Gift Cards are available at football games, Band Booster meetings and other band functions.
- You can also order cards online at

shopwithscrip.com

Shepton High School Band Boosters
Enrollment Code: FL282DC65L34

Questions?

Contact Lauren Charbonneau at 214-886-6905 or laurenviolin@yahoo.com or
Laure Sinclair at 972-998-5884 or 4sinclairs@tx.rr.com

Gift Cards IN STOCK NOW!

Part of your purchase goes directly to the Shepton Band!

The Band Boosters has a variety of gift cards IN STOCK. **Buy the cards at face value** and the band gets a percentage of every card sold! Cards are available at football games, Band Booster meetings, and other band functions. If you don't see what you want from the list below, check the www.shopwithscrip.com website for additional offerings. You can order online or place your order in the Band Black Box. Please make checks payable to Shepton Band Boosters and add \$1.00 for shipping.

Cards **IN STOCK** and available for immediate use at these area retailers:

American Eagle Outfitters \$25	Chili's/Maggiano's/Macaroni Grill/On The Border \$25	Pei Wei/P.F. Chang's \$25
Barnes & Noble \$10/\$25	Chipolte \$10	Pizza Hut \$10
Bath & Body Works \$10/\$25	Cinemark Cinema \$25	Qdoba \$25
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25	Gamestop \$25	Starbucks \$10/\$25
Blockbuster \$10	Home Depot \$25	Subway \$10
Borders \$10/\$25	iTunes \$15	TGI Friday's \$25
Boston Market \$10	Macy's \$25	Tom Thumb \$25
Office Depot \$25	Wal-Mart \$25	Wendy's \$10
Panera Bread \$10		

Shepton Band appreciates your support!



Becky Stoughton – Website Manager

Calling all photographers...



Having a child in band definitely provides plenty of “photo opportunities”. If you have digital pictures that you would like to share with others, feel free to send them to me and I will post them on the band website for all to see and download. If there are only a few, you can e-mail them to me at bstought@swbell.net. If you have more than a few, perhaps you can send them to school with your child on a labeled CD. My daughter, Laura Stoughton has band 4th period and plays saxophone.

Linda Rosen – Membership/Directory



Band Directory News! This year's band directory is ready for distribution! Your student will be bringing home the directory any day now. A "parent helper" email will go out to let the parents know when the directories are distributed. Please contact me at flutelover@verizon.net or 972-523-7104 with any questions or changes.

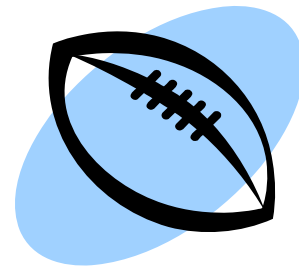
Many thanks to Heather Miller, Karen O'Donnell, Karen Overton, and Mr. Prasifka for their proofreading and edit expertise.

Karen Dibble – Football Meals

Thanks to all who have helped prepare and clean up the game day meals this year. It's a great opportunity to see the kids and be with them before they get ready to play. If the game day happens to fall on or near your child's birthday, please feel free to bring cake/cookies for the 100 students. They would love it!

The game day meals are:

- September 18th – Jason's Deli
- September 26th – Chick-Fil-A
- October 2nd – Subway
- October 23rd – Pizza Hut
- October 30th – McAlister's Deli
- November 6th – Firehouse Subs



Joy Allington-Baum – Concert Refreshments



Concert Information

We will have the opportunity to attend three band concerts this year so save these dates:

Thursday, December 4th Winter Concert

Tuesday, February 10th Mid-Winter Concert

Tuesday, May 19th Spring Concert



This is our opportunity to see all the hours of practice and sectionals pay off. Come sit back, enjoy some great music and reconnect with old friends.

The Band Booster needs your help to provide snacks (nut free as we have some allergies) after the concert. Please e-mail me at joyallington@tx.rr.com or call 972-964-2027 if you would like to donate snacks or help set or clear up for any of these events. Watch the snacks disappear.

What is Charms?

Charms Office Assistant is a great online tool to keep track of all Shepton Band information and events for the school year.

Log on at www.charmsmusic.com

Enter **sheptonhsb** at **Parent/Student Login**

Enter your child's student ID number in the **Enter Student ID/Password** field

Update your child's student information screen with your e-mail so that you will receive the latest news from Mr. Prasifka.



Fall Calendar of Events

October 2 - Football Game

Shepton vs. McKinney 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

October 8 – Stadium Rehearsal

5:45 – 9:15 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

October 11 – Plano East Marching Festival

6:45 – 11:45 a.m. (Clark Stadium)

October 18 – UIL Marching Contest – Clark Stadium

October 23 – Football Game

Shepton vs. Williams 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

October 30 – Football Game

Shepton vs. Vines 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

November 6 – Football Game

Shepton vs. Jasper 5:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

November 15 – Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Concert

Shepton High School

December 4 – Winter Concert

Location: TBD

[Check Charms for event itinerary.](#)



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