



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

May 2009

Jason Prasifka & Brian Davis - Directors

As our school year nears its end we can celebrate some outstanding accomplishments by our students. The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble participated in the Region 25 UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contest in April. The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble both received 1st division, superior ratings in both concert and sight-reading. While in San Antonio, the Symphonic Band received a 2nd division, excellent rating and the Wind Ensemble received another 1st division, superior rating. The Wind Ensemble was also awarded a special "Outstanding Performance" trophy. In addition, Charlotte O'Connor received special recognition as an outstanding soloist. The Jazz Band had another successful performance at the CCCJ Jazz Festival in March. The band received great comments from the judges and participated in a clinic afterwards. Our percussion students were simply amazing at the Cluster Percussion Concert. They represented Shepton well and got to play some fantastic music! Our winter guard wrapped up their competitive season at the NTCA Championships placing 9th in their division. The girls got a great experience performing along with Plano West. It's been a very successful semester for our kids.

Thanks to all the students and parents for helping to make this another great year. As I say goodbye to Shepton, I want to say a special word of thanks to our outstanding sophomore class. As they head for Plano West, we remember their two years of service, and honor their efforts to keep the tradition of excellence alive and well here. They are some of the most remarkable kids that I have ever had the honor of teaching. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to our Booster Board. Under the leadership of our President, Karen O'Donnell, the board has put in a ton of time and effort to ensure our kids get the best experience possible. We sincerely appreciate all you do.

All the best,

Jason Prasifka



Karen O'Donnell - President

Dear Band Parents,

What an incredible year we have had! Our spring flew by with UIL, the San Antonio trip and the end-of-the-year Banquet! (All three were a huge success!!) Thank you to each and every one of you that helped to make that happen. I had a lot of fun serving as Booster President this year, but only because of the amazing board members, directors and kids! THANK YOU!! For those of you going to Plano West and continuing in the band program, I look forward to working with you again! Stay involved in Boosters.....you don't want to miss out on the amazing experience of the Mighty Wolves Marching Band!

For the returning parents....Welcome to Shepton Band 2009-2010! There is an important parent meeting on Saturday, May 30th, starting at 3:30. It is very important that at least one parent of each of your students attend this meeting. You have a terrific new board to lead the way, but they will need your help! Please be thinking about how you will help next year. Most importantly, you will get a chance to meet the incoming 9th grade parents and show them how great the Shepton Band is!

Thank you.....and have a great Summer!



Michele Cavenee – VP Ways & Means

Dear Shepton Band Parents,

Thank you for everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this year! Your generous support of our Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction, Gift Card sales, Passbook sales and Restaurant Night enabled us to meet our budget requirements for the year. Thanks especially to Cindy Adams, Anita Brown, Lauren Charbonneau, Laure Sinclair, Monica Susman and Vicky Pinch for heading up these fundraising events. It was my pleasure to work with everyone this year, and I look forward to returning next year for more of the same!

Thank You

Heather Miller – VP Volunteers

This Band Rocks!

What a great bunch of parents! You have been very generous volunteering your time and helping with the many activities for our Shepton Band. From riding the bus to football games, helping serve game day meals, taking a shift (usually even 2 or 3!) at the Spaghetti Supper or Silent Auction, serving refreshments at concerts and chaperoning various events you have all graciously responded to the call for volunteers. It is always a busy time in the band world. I hope you have enjoyed participating in these activities and that you will continue your great tradition of volunteering for next year. I would ask those of you who will be parents of sophomores to make sure you mentor and take care of the incoming freshman parents so they will know the ropes of volunteering with band and how much fun we have. There are ways for everyone to help, don't miss out! We always need and want our band parents to be involved. Plan ahead and complete your Volunteer Registration for the 2009-2010 school year online starting in July. We all have to do this now. Go to www.pisd.edu and enter the volunteer application page. Should you have any questions, our new VP of Volunteers is Joy Allington-Baum and I know she will be pleased to guide you through the process. You may reach her at joyallington@tx.rr.com.

Thank you very much for making my board position so fun and easy!



Joy Allington-Baum – Concert Refreshments

The students had a wonderful time.

Thank you to all the parents who donated sweet treats, and a special thanks to those who showed up early to set up and stayed after to clean up.



Lauren Charbonneau & Laure Sinclair – Scrip Captains

Parents,

Thank for supporting the band this year with your purchase of Scrip/Gift Cards! We'll be selling starting with band registration next fall!



Linda Rosen – 2009-2010 Secretary

SAVE THE DATE!

Band Registration is set for Saturday, August 15, 2009. This is the day for final band uniform fittings, purchasing band-related items (shoes, gloves, shirts, lyres), joining Band Booster, and signing up to volunteer/chaperone with the band once or several times during the year. Mark your calendars NOW for this important date. More information will follow in the summer.

It's definitely a day you don't want to miss!



Spring/Summer Calendar of Events

May 30 – Marching Clinic for Incoming Students

Shepton HS

May 30 – Parent's Meeting for 2009-2010 Band Parents

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June 22 thru 26 – Drumline Camp for Incoming Students

Shepton HS



Band Booster Board Openings for 2009-2010

Please contact Anita Brown, 2009-2010 President, at brownfamily391@sbcglobal.net if you are interested or would like more information regarding any of the open board positions.



