



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

January 2009

Jason Prasifka & Brian Davis - Directors

What a great 1st semester! It's time to celebrate some outstanding achievements. Our spaghetti dinner concert was a big hit. We went with a slightly different schedule and format this year and it made for a wonderful evening. The students performed well, and the dinner and auction were extremely successful. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who spent countless hours working to make this a wonderful event, especially Anita Brown for organizing the dinner, Cindy Adams for organizing the silent auction, and Heather Miller for rounding up so many helpful volunteers. Our kids also had a great performance at the Plano Christmas Parade and many of our jazz band and full orchestra students gave a beautiful concert at St. Andrews. They are making great progress!

In late November and early December we had several students audition for the all-region band. We are proud to announce Sam Reiter, Claire Charbonneau, Jess Moore, Megan Spinhirne, Carolyn Pereira, and Lukas Thompson, were selected to the 9th grade band, HyeJeong Ryu was selected to the 5A Symphonic Band, and Charlotte O'Conner was selected to the 5A Wind Ensemble. In addition, Charlotte has advanced to the area level and will audition again in early January for a spot in the Texas All-State Band. Congratulations to these students for this outstanding achievement. We have one of the most competitive regions in the state. Being selected to one of these honor groups is a huge accomplishment.

As we look forward to the New Year our main focus will be preparation for the solo and ensemble festival. The Shepton solo/ensemble festival will be here at SHS on Saturday, February 7. All students should have a solo selected by now and be well under way in preparations. Students participating in the festival will need to order an original copy of their piece. Pender's Music has just opened a new store in Carrollton off of Trinity Mills. This should make it very convenient to order music.

I am looking forward to a great spring semester!

Jason Prasifka



Karen O'Donnell - President

Happy New Year! I hope this finds everyone rested and looking forward to Band, part 2! While the frenzy of marching season is behind us, there is still a lot to accomplish over the next several months. Our directors and students will be busier than ever preparing for concerts, Solo & Ensemble & UIL competition. We need to "boost" them along! Please do your part by contributing to the efforts of the board members as they work toward their goals. Our concert chair, *Joy Allington-Baum*, and our banquet chair, *Leeanne Hay*, will be especially busy this semester, so be on the lookout for any way you might be able to help them. Although the bulk of our fundraising was accomplished in the fall, we will need to continue to raise funds. Look for e-mails from our VP of Ways & Means, *Michele Cavenee*, in the near future and please continue to support these efforts!

Next, we will soon be forming the 2009-2010 Shepton Band Booster Board and Committees. If you are the parent of a current freshman, please consider how you would like to be involved. In early February, I will be sending out a packet to each of you and to the parents of incoming freshman, describing the board and leadership opportunities, along with a response form to indicate areas of interest. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me if you are interested or have any questions.

I'm looking forward to a great semester and Band, part 2!!



Heather Miller – VP Volunteers

A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

I would like to thank the **over 130** band parent and student volunteers who made the Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction such a success. Many thanks for so generously giving your time, and enthusiasm while volunteering for this event, you are the ones who made the evening all run so smoothly. It's wonderful to be a part of a group who is so willing to do what's needed to get the job done, and have fun at the same time! We had many people who even offered to stay on and help some more after their shift was over. I appreciate you making the commitment to support your student's involvement in band. It doesn't get any better than that, Shepton Band Parents and students are the best!

Thank You

Leeanne Hay – Band Banquet

Our 2008-2009 Banquet Dinner and Dance will be held at the Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco on Thursday, May 21, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The evening is semi-formal so dress up! Suggestions: Gentlemen should wear a suit and tie, or a sport coat with dress shirt and tie. Ladies should wear cocktail-length or long dresses, or dressy slacks, or skirts and nice blouses. Please - no jeans, khakis, shorts, or polo shirts. We are representing Shepton Marching Band's finest - its members!

More details to follow in March!



Joy Allington-Baum – Concert Refreshments



Don't Forget the Desserts

Looking for sweet treat finger food donations for after the Mid-Winter concert on Tuesday, February 10th. Please contact Joy Allington-Baum at 972-964-2027 or joyallington@tx.rr.com to volunteer.



Cindy Adams – Silent Auction



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Silent Auction a great success. Many parents and students donated or solicited items or services and gave their time to help raise funds for our band.

*With appreciation,
Cindy Adams
2008-2009 Silent Auction Chair*



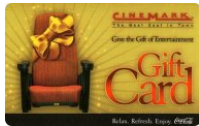
Linda Rosen – Membership/Directory



There are a few extra Band Directories. If you or your student would like another directory, or if you have not joined Band Boosters yet and really need a directory, contact me at 972-523-7104 or flutelover@verizon.net. Extra directories are \$5 each. Band Booster membership, which includes a free directory, is \$20. First come, first serve.

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 laurensinclair@yahoo.com or
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Winter Calendar of Events

January 29 and 30 – All-Region Clinic/Concert

McKinney North HS – for students selected in All-Region Band

February 7 – Shepton Solo/Ensemble Festival

Shepton HS

February 10 – Mid-Winter Concert

Plano West SH

February 21 – UIL Solo/Ensemble Festival

Plano East SH

February 24 – Orchestra Pre-UIL

Plano West SH



Check Charms for event itinerary.

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.charmsoffice.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.



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