

Band Notes

From the Band Directors

We are excited about our first game performance on Thursday, August 25th. The students have worked very hard and are looking forward to the reward of the audience response. Please make plans to attend. The full itinerary is in the calendar portion of the website.

Thanks to all of the volunteers for making the August 13th registration so smooth! Uniform fitting is this weekend (the 27th) from 9:00 until 2:00. The uniforms will arrive on Friday! Individual pictures will be shot on this day, also.

Group pictures have been changed to Thursday, September 1st. They will be taken in full uniform right after school is dismissed. The full band will be a 4:45. Colorguard and Drumline will follow at 5:00 and 5:15.

The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will have a clinician come and work with the groups on Tuesday, August 30th after school. Symphonic Band will be 4:30-5:30. Wind Ensemble will be from 5:45-6:45. The clinician is Tom Bennett, Director of Bands from the University of Houston. We had originally scheduled this during class time last week, but he was unable to come because of an injury. This was our only opportunity to reschedule with him. We are honored to have such a great musician and mentor come and work with our groups.

Our Stadium Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd. This is an extremely important rehearsal that takes place at Kimbrough Stadium. We will be rehearsing from 10am-12pm at the stadium. This is our only chance to have a solid amount of time on the turf. We will transport the students on buses from Shepton on that day.

Our first contest is on Saturday, October 1st at Standridge Stadium in Carrollton. We will perform before lunch on that day. A full itinerary will be sent home and posted on the website in a few weeks.

Please make plans to attend the first booster meeting on September 13th. The booster executive board works very hard to streamline these meetings to exactly one hour. Much information is exchanged at these meetings. Please make plans to attend each one throughout the year.

Our Car Wash will be on September 10th at various sites in the near area. The Car Wash is always very successful each year. It is really great to see the students and parents work together (and have fun!) Each student will be asked to work one shift at one location.

There are so many parents who are working very hard behind the scenes to get our year off to a great start. Thanks so much to all of you who have contributed your time and energy! We could not have this high of quality in our program without your tireless efforts. Thanks for your continuous support!

Glenn Lambert and LaRae Duff

From the President - Priscilla Young

We made it through Band Registration Day! I'm sure many freshman parents are suffering from shock after writing their checks, but be assured, it won't be so bad when your students are sophomores! Thanks again to all the volunteers who came on the 13th and helped in so many ways. It was a lot of work, but we registered 165 band students that day; only four could not be there — that is some kind of a record, I'm sure! Volunteers make all this happen; be sure to participate whenever you can.



Our students have been arriving in the dark each morning and putting in hours of practice already. You can be proud of their hard work. We will begin to see the fruit of their labor in the coming weeks. Make sure you have all the band dates on your family calendar, and check the website often. When you enter the parking lot each morning, pay careful attention to the safety of the students who are there early to get the cones set up and ready for the 7:00 start time. They deserve our thanks and respect.

Finally, don't forget uniform fitting this Saturday, August 27. EVERY BAND MEMBER needs a uniform. After the students are fitted for uniforms, they will walk into the next room and have their picture taken. (Heads up to the girls about their hair!) These pictures can be purchased and will also be used in the band composite. Each student or parent received an order envelope on the 13th, and we will have some there. This is an important day!

Thanks for your participation in the musical development of your son or daughter!

Priscilla Young

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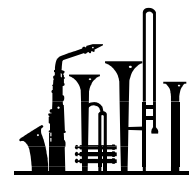
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Shepton Band Calendar



August 23 Open House

August 24 Pep Rally—Wear tennis shoes, jeans, white t-shirt

August 25 Football Game

Shepton vs. Jasper 6:30 pm (Clark Stadium)

Band T-shirt, khaki shorts and tennis shoes

August 27 Fitting for Uniforms and Pics - Sophomores 9-11; Freshmen 11-2

September 1 Band Group Pics After School at 4:45 pm

September 8 Football Game

Shepton vs. Vines 6:30 pm (Clark Stadium)

September 10 Car Wash Fundraiser

September 13 Band Booster Meeting

September 14 Pep Rally

September 15 Football Game

Shepton vs. Clark 6:30 pm (Clark Stadium)

September 17 Car Wash Fundraiser

September 23 Stadium Rehearsal 10am-12pm

September 29 Football Game

Shepton vs. Williams 6:30 pm (Kimbrough Stadium) 8th graders coming!

October 1 First contest at Standridge Stadium in Carrollton

Important News

Plans for the November 5th Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner are well under way. Kim and Tony Barracco of Prego Express will cater a delicious menu of their homemade Italian food. We are delighted to have them cook for you!

The adults will indulge in a fresh baked dinner of Chicken Italiano under a light lemon sauce with a side of penne pasta and the house red sauce. Children will love the penne pasta and mild red sauce (or plain) with handmade mini meatballs. A salad and garlic toast accompany all dinners.

Your dinner also includes dessert comprised of an assortment of goodies provided by the middle schools. Lemonade and iced tea will be served.

Ticket prices will be the same as last year; adults \$12.00, children \$6.00 and a show only ticket for \$5.00. Look for your band student to bring tickets home to sell in October (it will be here before you know it!).

Thank you to the band parents who have signed up to be on the committee. 'It takes a village to host the Shepton Spaghetti Dinner' so if you missed signing up you can call me to join in the fun.

**Lori Brenner
Spaghetti Dinner Chairman**

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Entertainment Passbook Sales Drive

August 13 through September 2, 2005

Everyone is being asked to sell *AT LEAST 2* Passbooks this year. Purchase one for yourself, and sell another to your neighbor. It's easy, because there are so many great offers inside that people will use everyday. There are grocery store \$5 off/month coupons, as well as savings for restaurants, pizza, videos, hotels, and just about everything else. Thanks to Ruth Webb, past Booster parent, for the following poster idea. Create a poster and put it up at work – take orders for passbooks, and we will get them to you ASAP!

20 Reasons to Buy a Passbook

- 1. Reduced admission to local attractions (Medieval Times 25% off).**
- 2. \$60 worth of Tom Thumb coupons (\$5 each month)**
- 3. Try new restaurants: Fine & Casual Dining (Texas de Brazil, 25% off)**
- 4. National and chain-wide savings (IHOP, Cinemark, Regal Movies)**
- 5. \$10 Target gift card with new/transferred Rx (plus \$2 off photo processing)**
- 6. HOTELS at HalfPrice®**
- 7. Terrific gift: birthday, clients, housewarming, dear old mother**
- 8. \$-off coupons: Ace Hardware (\$5), Radio Shack (\$10) & Sharper Image (up to \$50).**
- 9. Airfare, Cruise, & Rental Car specials**
- 10. Penny-pinching for the budget-minded, thrifty consumer.**
- 11. \$60 worth of Kroger coupons (\$5 each month)**
- 12. Video & Vision values (Blockbuster FREE movie rentals)**
- 13. Save lots of money – you do like to save money?**
- 14. Tons of FAST FOOD coupons (McDonalds, Burger King, Arby's, Marble Slab!)**
- 15. Ticket offers: Mavericks, Rangers, Tornados, Desperados, Sidekicks, Mustangs, Horned Frogs, FW Cats.**
- 16. Your car needs to be washed (Blue Planet Car Wash 50% off)**
- 17. Golfing at bargain prices.**
- 18. \$60 worth of Minyard/Carnival/Sack 'n' Save coupons**
- 19. Floral, Footwear, and Fudge savings galore (Harry & David, \$10 off FTD)**
- 20. Great return on your investment (and it's for a good cause!)**

You may also order on-line, with the band receiving credit. See the instruction sheet that came with your passbook envelope. **Special Note! All books ordered either through me or on-line will have a price increase. Sell any new orders for \$25.00 per book, instead of the special registration price of \$20.00 per book!**

Contact me with any questions.

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SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction Chairmen have been busy this summer soliciting donations for our annual Silent Auction to be held November 5. We are very grateful for all of the donations so far from businesses and band families—thank you! We do expect 100% participation from band families to make this event successful! You may bring any donations to the August 27 uniform fitting or to the September 13 booster meeting. If you would prefer to make a cash/check donation in lieu of an item, you may do that, also.

Also—it is tradition for each band section to compile a gift basket to be included in the auction. Your student's section leader will be communicating details later. These are very popular items at the auction and the sections have a lot of fun putting them together. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate this effort—contact Rebecca or Susan if you are interested!

Silent Auction donations will be accepted at all Band Booster meetings and the August 27 band registration/uniform fitting. Also, please feel free to call one of us and we will happily pick up your donations or you may drop them by one of our homes. Refer to the summer mailing from us for suggested donations. Don't be shy—ask at local businesses that you frequent—IT'S FOR A GREAT CAUSE and IT'S AN INEXPENSIVE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Finally, if you are willing and able to help make follow up phone calls or to help out in any other way, please let us know. Thank you all for helping make this, our largest fundraiser of the year, as successful as possible!

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Budget Cat _____ Check # _____

**SHEPTON BAND BOOSTERS
REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

NOTE: SALES TAX IS NOT REIMBURSEABLE BY BOOSTER CLUBS

PROCEDURE:

1. Complete this form and attach receipts or invoices.
2. Place the request in the President's mailbox in the Band office for signature.
3. President will approve and give to Treasurer.
4. Treasurer will mail a check to you or vendor.

Requestor's Name: _____

Date: _____ **Amount:** _____

Budget Category: _____

Description: _____

Make and Mail Payment to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Booster President's Authorization to Pay: _____