

# Band Notes

## *From the Band Directors*

Well, we made it! The toughest part of the year is now behind us. Thank you so much for all of your support through this very compact marching season. The booster board and volunteers who fed our students, chaperoned, raised funds, ordered shoes and clothes, sewed flags, etc. performed their job to perfection. We could not have been successful without your help.

The UIL marching contest was a fantastic performance. The students really felt like it was the peak of all of their efforts this season. The feelings after the performance were very upbeat and positive. This show has been a lot of fun! Believe it or not, we are already in the planning stages for next year's show!

The Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction was a huge success. All of the groups had great performances. The evening ran very smoothly. The donated auction items were fantastic, including the section baskets! We would like to thank everyone for their contributions of time, item solicitation, effort, and money! Congratulations to all of the parents and students who worked so hard to make that evening so successful.

The Winter Concert is around the corner. The dress rehearsal will be on Monday, December 12th. All students will need to be dressed in concert black. Information on concert black attire is listed in the band handbook.

Students should be selecting solos and ensembles at this time. Entries are due before the Winter Break. This contest takes place on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Plano West.

The Parade is on Saturday, December 3rd. The full itinerary has been posted at [www.sheptonband.org](http://www.sheptonband.org). Students will need a "Santa Hat" to accompany their uniform.

A huge congratulations goes to the drumline for their great performance at the Lone Star Drumline Contest. Participating in this type of competition is an amazing accomplishment, and a super end to this season!

The Shepton Band students had great results at the All-Region tryouts. The following students made the All-Region Band: Will Gorman, Krista Chen, Amar Pathak, Michael Xing, Kristi Kim, Zulay Zambrano, Mallory Cavenee, Jesse Thompson, Lauren Wolfe, Larry Li, Mitra Shirmanesh, Kevin Modisette, Heidi Michaels, David Kitchens, Melissa Rift, Rick Song, and Michelle Chu. Congratulations to all of the students who worked so hard for this audition.

***Thanks for all you do! Have a great Winter Break. Glenn Lambert and LaRae Duff***

## *From the President - Priscilla Young*

It's December and we are all breathing a big sigh of relief, as marching season is officially over. The kids had a super season; they worked so hard and it paid off with a great show. I hope everyone was able to hear "The Color of Rhythm" played one last time at the Spaghetti Dinner. It was amazing! Thanks to the directors and instructors for all the hours they put in to give Shepton such an outstanding band program!

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who made the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction a resounding success. You can read more about the outcome later in the newsletter. The fundraising efforts this fall have given us what we need to strongly support the band program throughout the year and set them up to start next year well. That's what we aim for, and it's exciting to see it happen.

Believe it or not, we are already working on the year-end video, and we need YOUR pictures or video clips from the fall events. One of the Band Dads, Berk Smith, is our official Video Guy, so please send your best pictures to him. If they are digital, you can send by email, as attachments to [berk.smith@comcast.net](mailto:berk.smith@comcast.net). If you have more than just a few, please copy them onto a CD, clearly mark it, including your name, and send it with your child to the mail box in the band office. That's a good way to send any paper copies as well. Be sure to label with your name so they can be returned. We want to include every band member in the video memories of the 2005-2006 year.

Thanks again to everyone who volunteered this fall. Without you we could not have such a great program. I hope to see everyone at the Winter Concert coming up soon. ***Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!***

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# Shepton Band Calendar



December 9 Pep Rally

December 12 Dress Rehearsal for Winter Concert 4:30-6:00 p.m.

December 13 Winter Concert at 7 p.m.- Wear Concert Black

December 14 Scale Exam - All Classes except percussion

December 22 Winter Break

January 7 Area Auditions

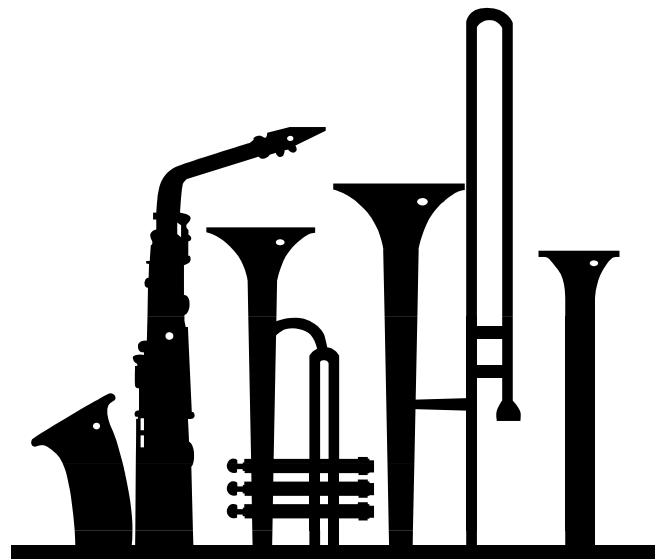
January 13 All Region Clinic and Concert

January 17 Band Booster Meeting in Band Hall

January 21 Winterguard Contest at Fossil Ridge

January 28 Winterguard Contest at Thomas Col.

February 4 Contest at Plano West



## *Important News*

### ***Winter Concert – December 13***

**The Winter Concert is set for December 13th at 7 p.m. Dress Rehearsal is December 12th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Dress is Concert Black.**

**Concert Black:** Ladies—solid black dress, skirt/blouse, pantsuit; NO color unless small hints of white or silver; dress and skirt length must be below the knee when seated; black, closed-toe dress shoes, (no sandals), hose. Gentlemen—black or very dark colored dress slacks (no khakis, jeans, etc.); white, long sleeved dress shirt; conservative tie; black dress shoes and socks (marching band shoes are acceptable).

### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

**Please Note:** If you have signed up to volunteer at any band or school event, PISD requires that you have two documents on file: A signed and notarized volunteer agreement, and a completed background check. For assistance with either of the two forms, log on to the district web-site, [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu), or e-mail Cheryl Murzyn at [cheryl@murzyn.com](mailto:cheryl@murzyn.com).

**Attention!! All dessert makers (or those familiar with the bakery department at Tom Thumb) We will serve refreshments during the Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 13. If you are able to contribute store-bought or homemade cookies, brownies or other "finger" food, please call or e-mail Cheryl Murzyn at (972)608-1847 or [cheryl@murzyn.com](mailto:cheryl@murzyn.com). I will be setting up at Shepton from 4:30 until the concert begins, so any deserts can be dropped off when you pick up your student after school. Thank you for your support of the band during the hectic holiday season!**

### ***Congrats!! All-Region Band Members***

**The following students are members of the All-Region Band:**

**Will Gorman, Krista Chen, Amar Pathak, Michael Xing, Kristi Kim, Zulay Zambrano, Mallory Cavenee, Jesse Thompson, Lauren Wolfe, Larry Li, Mitra Shirmanesh, Kevin Modisette, Heidi Michaels, David Kitchens, Melissa Rift, Rick Song, and Michelle Chu.**

***Congratulations !!***



## *A Successful Spaghetti Dinner*

**The 2005 Spaghetti Dinner was profitable, entertaining, had great food and promoted good relations with the Middle Schools. How many people does it take to throw a Shepton Band Booster Spaghetti Dinner? About 100! Thanks to all the parents who did everything from cutting hundreds and hundreds of tickets to those mixing and serving hundreds and hundreds of glasses of lemonade and iced tea! Margaret Chen logged all those checks and dollars as the accountant; Tara Sikes organized all the volunteers and was personnel manager; Cathy Coats and Becky Stoughton worked as middle school liaisons and collected a bountiful supply of scrumptious desserts from middle school parents; Lisa Williams designed the placemat/program and negotiated free printing from Pinnacle Graphics; thanks to all for jobs very well done! Together we raised about **\$4,685** for the bands. **Renner** outdid everyone in ticket sales and earned themselves \$401. **Frankford** increased their tickets sales sharply over last year and earned themselves \$73. **Shepton** will bank about **\$4,200**. Come to the January Band Booster meeting to hear final numbers. Prego Pizza Express was well received as guests enjoyed dining on excellent Italian food hand made by owners Kim and Tony Baracco. They enjoyed the music as they worked and were very impressed by the high level of performances by all the musicians'. This year the Spaghetti Dinner evening again brought together most all in a unique community. Middle school students and parents enjoy seeing what is in their near future at Shepton. Shepton students and directors enjoy seeing the talent pool that will be joining them shortly. It is an evening of good friends and new friends coming together to enjoy a meal and support their children in a great cause that will have a very positive influence on their futures. Thanks to all for your participation.**

**Shepton High School Band Boosters Spaghetti Dinner Chairman  
Lori Brenner**

## *SILENT AUCTION*

**We hope the Silent Auction was a fun and exciting time for all! Thank you to everyone that donated, solicited, helped set up, work and clean up the event! Thank you to everyone that bid on items! **When all was said and done, we cleared (after all expenses) approximately \$8,000 for the Shepton Band program!****

**Shepton High School Band Boosters Silent Auction 2005 Chairs  
Susan Talavera & Rebecca Clayton**



## **Shepton High School Band Boosters-Membership Meeting Minutes November 1, 2005**

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Shepton High School Band Boosters was called to order on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 7:42 pm in the band hall by president, Priscilla Young. Members present were Patrick Murzyn, Joan Gaudet, Lisa Williams, Baifei Zeng, Karen O'Donnell, Susan Talavera, Rebecca Clayton, Becky Stoughton, Sandra Poe-Gerhart, Joan Smith, Lori Brenner, Michelle Kocurek, Carol Bradley, Michele Cavenee, Hazel Alterman, Diana Gorman, Lynn Young Lawton. Also present were band staff members Glenn Lambert and LaRae Duff.

**President's Report:** Priscilla Young welcomed everyone to the meeting. With the end of marching band for this school year, she said a special thank you to Li Jane Shu, Holly Trester and Diana Gorman for organizing the meals and water on football game nights. There was also a big thank you to Karen O'Donnell and the Fall Band Party chaperones. Priscilla asked for a motion to approve the October 11, 2005 meeting minutes. Michelle Kocurek so moved and Sandra Poe-Gerhart seconded the motion. Motion to approve passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michelle Kocurek reported we had \$14,995.60 in the Money Market Account and \$11,660.95 in the Checking Account for a total of \$26,656.55. See Budget Sheet titled "As of October 31, 2005".

**New Business:** Carol Bradley announced ticket request forms are now available for Glenn Miller Night. The dinner and dance fundraiser for the Plano West Band Boosters will be held in their Cafeteria Tuesday, November 22, 2005 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

**Spaghetti Dinner Update:** Lori Brenner reported Prego Pizza Express will serve meals from 5 to 8 pm. Show (show and auction) tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00. Only students wearing band shirts may get in the door at no charge. This year we will stamp everyone's hand when they come in the door. You must have a food ticket to get your meal. Place mats are being printed for free in exchange for a small comment—that is a \$1000 value thanks to Lisa Williams. Tara Sikes organized the volunteers and we are in good shape.

**Silent Auction Update:** Susan Talavera reported the auction item count is 316, not including the consignment items, and there are more things coming in. The auction brochure has been printed. The listings are available on the Band website. There will be no "live" auction this year. Silent bidding, done by anonymous bid by number, starts at 4 p.m. with a staggered close between 7:45 and 8:00 pm. Rebecca Clayton called for volunteers to help set up Friday after school and Saturday, starting at 9 am. Volunteers are needed for shifts during the auction. Please sign up with Rebecca or Susan to work some time during the auction—we are really short on help at this time!

**Scrip and TV Raffle Report:** Scrip orders will be taken through the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Saturday evening, November 5<sup>th</sup>. You can leave them in the black box in the band office or give them directly to Trish Donaldson. Next scrip orders are due Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Amy Richards said there are still TV Raffle tickets to sell. We will be selling them right up until the drawing time (approximately 8:50 pm Saturday evening).

**Director's Report:** We made straight I's at UIL Marching Band Competition on October 22. The judges loved the show. They liked what the kids did and how well they did it. The directors and kids were pleased with the performance. The recruiting meetings at the middle schools on October 17 and 18 when well. Lots of Shepton Band students came and the feedback from 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents has been good. The band students and staff had a great time at the Fall Party at Whirlyball. Thank you to all who planned and helped with the event. Last week Shepton Orchestra placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the state. Plano West won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Jasper also placed toward the top. We are fortunate to have such a great program and talented kids in our area. We just had orchestra tryouts. Shepton has 24 guys and gals trying out for Winterguard. Mrs. Duff and Ms. Stephanie Darimont are in charge of Winterguard. This year we will have a consultant for Winterguard--Sam Woodfield.

## **Shepton High School Band Boosters-Membership Meeting Minutes November 1, 2005 (continued)**

Our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will perform at the Plano West Homecoming game on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. You are to have loaded your instrument into the truck during the day at Shepton and meet at the Plano West practice field in full uniform at 5:15 pm. Plan to take your uniform and instrument home with you for the weekend as the bus from the football game will return only to Plano West. Pick up time there is 11 pm. Don't forget practice for the performance will be at the Plano West practice field from 5 to 6:30 pm on Wednesday.

Schedule of practice for and performance at Spaghetti Dinner Concert is:

Jazz Band—regular practice Tuesday morning; Saturday call 6:35—band hall. Perform 7:00.

Concert band—5 to 5:30 Thursday; Saturday call 7:00—orch room. Perform 7:50.

Symphonic band—6 to 6:30 Thursday; Saturday call 7:25—band hall. Perform 8:15.

Wind Ensemble—5:30 to 6 Thursday; Saturday call 7:45—orch room. Perform 8:30.

Full marching band—4:30 to 5 Thursday; Saturday they will play their show at 8:50.

Drumline is preparing for their next competition which is on Saturday, November 12th.

All-region 10<sup>th</sup> grade Phase I tryouts are Tuesday, November 15. All-region 9<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are Thursday, November 17. All-region 10<sup>th</sup> grade Phase II tryouts are Saturday, December 3. Shepton Band second semester auditions will be just before Thanksgiving break and audition music will be parts of the All-region tryout selections.

We are marching in the Plano Christmas Parade, wearing uniforms and Santa hats. Meet at Shepton at 7:20 am. Parade starts at 9. Our step off time is 9:45 and pick up time back at Shepton is 11:35.

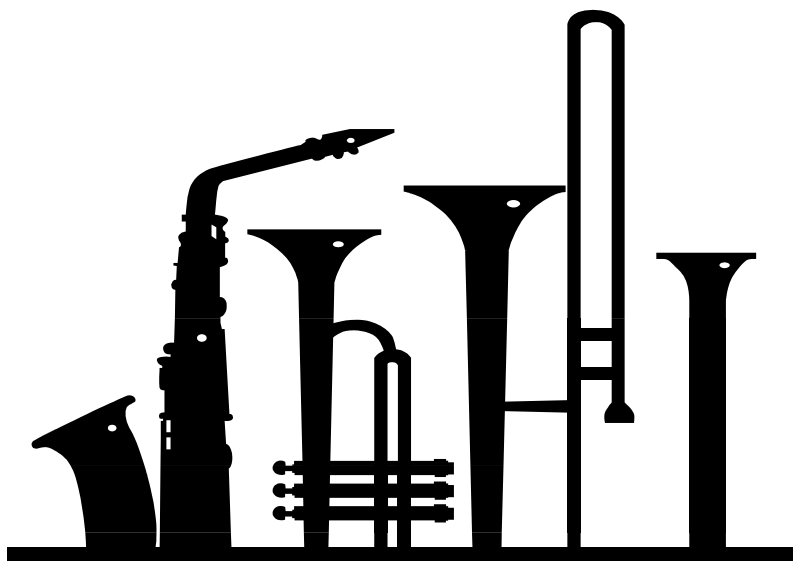
The winter concert is Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Rehearsal will be on Monday, December 12.

Please keep checking the Band website for schedule details and information. The directors want to say thanks for all the support and we are looking forward to this weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

There is no Shepton Band Booster meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:30 pm in the band hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Young Lawton, Secretary



## Treasurer's Report-October 2005

INCOME	PROJECTED			ACTUAL		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
<b>Booster Membership</b>	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,400.00	183.28	2,216.72
<b>Fundraisers</b>						
Car Wash	3,100.00	100.00	3,000.00	3,004.69	73.35	2,931.34
Cookie Dough	3,800.00	2,300.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eisemann Event	7,600.00	7,000.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Fundraising	500.00	0.00	500.00	6,080.00	0.00	6,080.00
Passbooks	6,500.00	3,500.00	3,000.00	5,180.00	2,602.50	2,577.50
Raffle	6,500.00	1,500.00	5,000.00	4,540.00	1,870.00	2,670.00
Reward Cards						
Kroger	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tom Thumb	150.00	0.00	150.00	39.40	0.00	39.40
Scrip	30,000.00	28,000.00	2,000.00	5,691.00	5,289.20	401.80
Silent Auction	17,000.00	6,000.00	11,000.00	420.00	749.74	-329.74
Spaghetti Dinner	12,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	2,515.00	2,000.00	515.00
<b>Total Fundraisers</b>	<b>87,300.00</b>	<b>57,400.00</b>	<b>29,900.00</b>	<b>27,470.09</b>	<b>12,584.79</b>	<b>14,885.30</b>
<b>Registration</b>						
Jackets	2,300.00	2,000.00	300.00	2,920.00	2,323.85	596.15
Yard Signs	1,150.00	1,000.00	150.00	1,110.00	970.00	140.00
Decals	650.00	500.00	150.00	558.00	0.00	558.00
Cleaning Fees	1,600.00	1,400.00	200.00	1,630.00	0.00	1,630.00
Water	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,620.00	514.75	1,105.25
Shirts, Shoes, Ponchos & Supplies	9,000.00	8,000.00	1,000.00	10,686.14	8,030.59	2,655.55
Shorts & Socks	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,409.50	1,284.50	125.00
<b>Total Registration</b>	<b>16,100.00</b>	<b>14,300.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>19,933.64</b>	<b>13,123.69</b>	<b>6,809.95</b>
<b>Interest (Money Market)/Bank Fees</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>26.76</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>22.26</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>106,000.00</b>	<b>71,700.00</b>	<b>34,300.00</b>	<b>49,830.49</b>	<b>25,896.26</b>	<b>23,934.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>						
Insurance	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Administrative	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	276.81	276.81
President's Fund	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website Hosting	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	20.04	20.04
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>396.85</b>	<b>396.85</b>
<b>Clinicians/Supplies</b>						
Band Clinic	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	302.00	-302.00
Color Guard/Winter Guard	7,000.00	10,500.00	3,500.00	2,666.00	8,580.00	5,914.00
Drumline	2,500.00	12,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	4,735.26	4,735.26
Leadership	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Clinicians/Supplies</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>24,050.00</b>	<b>14,550.00</b>	<b>2,666.00</b>	<b>13,315.26</b>	<b>10,649.26</b>
<b>Contest Fees</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>3,350.00</b>	<b>850.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>350.00</b>
<b>Director Meetings &amp; Conventions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Director's Wish List</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,215.95</b>	<b>1,215.95</b>
<b>Fundraising Surplus</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>7,467.00</b>	<b>-2,533.00</b>
<b>Drill, Movement Package &amp; Clinic</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>						
Banquet	10,600.00	11,100.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Concert Refreshments & Programs	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ice Cream Social	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	95.91	95.91
Fall Party	2,450.00	2,450.00	0.00	0.00	2,157.00	2,157.00
Football Game Food	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	3,526.00	3,769.00	243.00
Leadership	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Swim Party	375.00	375.00	0.00	430.00	534.03	104.03
Spring Party	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Hospitality</b>	<b>21,125.00</b>	<b>21,925.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>3,956.00</b>	<b>6,805.94</b>	<b>2,849.94</b>
<b>Marching Show Arrangement</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,650.00</b>	<b>2,650.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,950.00</b>	<b>1,950.00</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,118.40</b>	<b>1,118.40</b>
<b>Off-Site Storage Rental</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>783.00</b>	<b>783.00</b>

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: \_\_\_\_\_