

Band Notes

From the Band Directors - Glenn Lambert and Jason Prasifka

Almost there! The toughest part of the year is almost 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 Tournament of Champions Marching Competition was a very successful performance. The band ranked 16th among the 29 competing groups. Shepton was the only band that did not have 11th and 12th grade students. We are very proud of the students' accomplishment in this competition.

The UIL marching contest is Wednesday, October 18th. This show has been a lot of fun! Please come to the performance and support the band on this final performance of this show. Believe it or not, we are already in the planning stages for next year's show!

The football games have been very smooth productions. Again, thanks to the army of parents who help for every event.

All of the students should be practicing the all-region music. There are tapes due on small segments of the music periodically. The students have demonstration cd's recorded by professional musicians for reference. They should be listening to these regularly. The auditions are held on November 14th and December 2nd. The end of semester auditions for Shepton band placement use the material from this music, as well.

We are going to have a winterguard again this year! Winterguard is an indoor colorguard. Practices and performances are held on basketball courts. This is a non-audition group of girls and guys who are interested in enhancing their marching and movement skills. Practices will be once a week on a weeknight from 6:30-9:30 pm at Shepton. The students are VERY excited!

The Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction are right around the corner. Please help us by soliciting donations to the auction from businesses you may frequent. Also, please help us by submitting your dinner orders in advance. This helps us to plan properly for the numbers to feed that evening. This is going to be a great evening of fun and music. Please make plans to attend and stay all evening!

Thanks again for your endless support of our students and our program. *Glenn Lambert and Jason Prasifka*

From the President - Karen O'Donnell

Hooray! Fall is officially here! It just so happens to be my favorite time of year....It not only brings cooler temperatures, pretty fall colors and *Fall Break*, but it also means football! Football season is pretty intense around our house...whether it's the Big 12 (Go OU!), the NFL (Go Cowboys!), Fantasy Football (Go Dallas Doom!) and of course...Shepton football (Go Stallions!). It's always fun to go to these games and see all the other parents, grandparents and reluctant siblings who have come to see the kids perform. There's the football players, the cheerleaders, the drill team and THE BAND! With 140 members, we can make or break the attendance of these games! They need us! Our directors and kids have been working so hard, perfecting each piece of their show...so make sure to get to the games and show your Band Pride!

Next, our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction is right around the corner on Saturday, Nov. 4th. This will be a fun-filled evening for your family and friends which includes dinner, catered by Carrabbas, music featuring all of the West cluster bands and exciting items to bid on in the Silent Auction. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and its success depends on everyone's participation. If you haven't done so already, please take the time (this week!) to get your Silent Auction donations to Susan Talavera.

Lastly, if you missed our last Booster meeting, you probably have heard by now, how much you missed! Yes, it was quite exciting...but I guess you had to be there! Don't worry, you have another chance...Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm in the band hall. Come and hear "never before heard late-breaking news" from the Booster Board and Mr. Lambert. It is also a good time to come and look in your child's band locker!

Hope you had a great fall break! *Karen O'Donnell*

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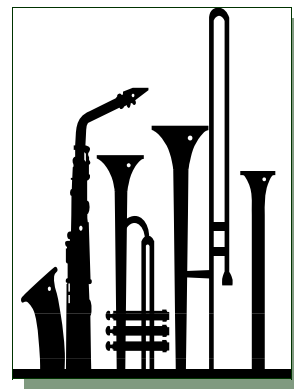
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Shepton Band Calendar



October 16 Advance ticket sales for Spaghetti Dinner start

October 18 UIL Marching Competition, Clark Stadium

October 24 8:00 am rehearsal

October 25 Sophomores practice after school with PWSH band

October 26 8:00 am rehearsal and Game 4 with Vines @ Clark Stadium

October 27 Sophomores perform with PWSH band @ football game

October 31 Return Raffle Ticket Sales (see page 8)

November 3 Dress Rehearsal 4:30 to 6:00

November 4 Spaghetti Dinner at Shepton (See pages 5 and 6)

November 7 Booster Meeting @ 7 pm

November 8 8:00 am rehearsal

November 9 8:00 am rehearsal and Game 5 with Williams at Clark Stadium

November 10 Fall Band Party @ Whirlyball (see page 4)

November 14 9th grade All-Region Band Auditions

November 28 All-Region Jazz Clinic and Concert

December 2 Plano Christmas Parade in AM/10th grade All-Region Auditions Phase I

December 4 10th grade All-Region Auditions Phase II

December 7 Pep Rally

December 8 Dress Rehearsal 4:30 to 6:00

December 11 Winter Concert



Important News

Social -

We will be playing Whirlyball and Laser Tag on Friday, November 10th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Whirlyball is located at 3155 W. Parker Rd. (N.W. corner of Parker and Independence). We will have light snacks but dinner is not included. The cost per student is \$25 and that includes Whirlyball and Laser Tag. Video games are available to be played at an additional cost. Last year, over 90 students came...so plan to be there!

Ways & Means -

Please remember to support our efforts in selling SCRIP. It is the easiest way for the Shepton Band to raise money, since it costs us nothing and does not require any of your time! Order forms are found on the website, and orders may be dropped off any time in the Band Hall drop box (in Mr. Lambert's office). Orders will be placed once a month, and you will be notified when your order is ready. Please don't forget to add \$1 to your order to cover the cost of shipping.

We also have Academic Planning Calendars for sale. They are a great way for Freshmen and Sophomores to begin planning for the college application process. They give a month-by-month account of what your student should be doing as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior, and include important testing dates for SAT and PSAT tests, as well as useful tips for organizing and keeping track of information that is needed for college applications. The calendars are sold for \$15; the current calendar is for the current academic year, 2006-2007. Please contact Michele Cavenee at caveneemom@aol.com if you would like to purchase a calendar. They will also be available at the next Band Booster meeting.

Scrip Reminder -

Just a reminder to all band families....Scrip is available all year long. With the holidays coming up Scrip is a great way to let someone know you care. The scrip gift cards with most never expiring are great to have as last minute gifts. Go to GLScrip.com and look at the list of retailers available. If you want to use someone not on the preprinted Shepton Band Booster Form, feel free to add them in at the end. Please turn your order in at the next Booster meeting or into the "Black Band Box". Don't forget to add the additional dollar for shipping charges. Remember, if you eat, go to movies, grocery shop, you can help the wonderful band program at Shepton at no major cost to you. If you have any questions about Scrip contact Nancy Gier @ giergantx@mac.com, or giergantx@aol.com or phone 972-473-8769.

Save The Date !!
Saturday,
November 4, 2006



Come to Shepton High School for a wonderful evening of fine dining catered *by Carrabba's Italian Grill*, fabulous music by Shepton, Frankford and Renner bands & fantastic shopping at the Silent Auction.

You won't want to miss the biggest evening for the Shepton Band & Booster Club of the year. Plan to buy your tickets early. Band students will have advance tickets available starting October 16th.



Adult entrée: Chicken Marsala with Penne Pomodoro - \$10/person

Children's entrée: Penne Pomodoro - \$5/child

Show and Auction Only Tickets - \$5/person

All dinners include: Bread, Oil & Herbs Mix and assorted Desserts by Frankford and Renner Parents

**Buy Advance Tickets Starting 10/16 – 10/27
Limited Dinner Tickets at the Door**

If you have questions or would like to assist in this exciting evening, contact Becky Regian (972) 608-9914 (beckyregian@aol.com) or Cheryl Murzyn (972) 608-1847 (Cheryl@murzyn.com)



SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction Committee has been busy trying to solicit donations for our annual Silent Auction *to be held November 4*. We are very grateful for all of the donations so far from businesses and band families—thank you! We have received some terrific items from businesses—hotel stays, restaurants, merchandise, etc. The band sections are putting together baskets and the band and section themed ceramic plates are always popular items to bid on. Thank you to everyone involved in putting those together!

The Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction are rapidly approaching on November 4. We are still working hard to solicit donations from area businesses to make the auction as successful as possible. There is still a desperate plea from Silent Auction Chairman, Susan Talavera: Out of over 138 band families, less than 25 have made donations or promised donations to the Silent Auction. In order for the Auction to be successful, **we need help from every single family**. Families can solicit donations from local businesses, purchase items and donate them, or make cash/check donations to the Band.

Here are some great ideas for donations--Susan's Silent Auction Top Ten List!

- Sports Tickets
- Golf Packages
- Entertainment Tickets
- Home-Based Business Gifts (Arbonne, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Homemade Gourmet, BeautiControl, Pampered Chef, Jewelry, etc.)
- Gift Certificates to Restaurants, Movie Theaters, Businesses, etc.
- Music-themed or Shepton-themed merchandise (jewelry, jigsaw puzzles, art/decor, clothing, etc.)
- Clothing, Accessories, and Jewelry
- Electronics, Small Appliances, Video Games and Systems
- Be creative! We've received some wonderfully creative donations from families in the past:
 - A gourmet tea party basket with a tea set, and the gourmet cook Mom makes a variety of tea time treats for your party when scheduled
 - Hand-knit items
 - Hand-beaded jewelry
 - Any themed baskets are popular!
- If you're not creative and are strapped for time-- purchase SCRIP certificates to donate to the Auction. Gift certificates of ANY kind or amount are always top sellers and are very welcome! Donate SCRIP you purchased in September, or order some at the October 10 meeting. If you purchase SCRIP gift certificates, the Band earns money twice (a percentage of the SCRIP sale and the proceeds from the auction)!

Because we will be sending the auction brochure to print a week in advance of the event, we would appreciate receiving any donations by October 15. Of course, we will accept donations up to the last minute, but we would love to acknowledge all donors in our auction brochure. Please mail or deliver any donations to: Susan Talavera 18019 Windtop Lane, Dallas, TX 75287. There is a plastic box on Susan's front porch in which you may place any donations. If you must leave donations at school, please let Susan know to go pick it up. Please attach a filled-out donation form with any donations. The donation form and solicitation letter may be printed from the <http://www.sheptonband.org> website. Thank you!

We truly appreciate your support of the Band Boosters and we look forward to seeing you on November 4 at the annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction. Be sure to check your e-mails frequently as we will be seeking help with specific volunteer needs for the auction and will be sending out some photos of items up for bidding! And be sure to bring your checkbooks and have fun shopping at the auction! Thank you!

Susan Talavera, Silent Auction Chairperson
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Raffle News

Attention! *Huffines Dodge* and our *Shepton High School Band* have teamed up for the Hometown Scholarship Program – a local campaign to raise funds for band students.

The Texas Dodge Dealers have given Texas High School Band Programs a 2007 Dodge Mega Cab.

Each Shepton Band member will be required to sell 10 raffle tickets for our fall fundraiser. Each student has or will soon bring home the tickets valued at \$5 each to sell. The students can sell these to neighbors, friends, and family or you can choose to buy all 10 yourself. By making the donation to *Shepton High School Band* you are entered to win a brand-new 2007 Dodge Mega Cab truck. After making your donation, take your ticket stub to *Huffines Dodge on Plano Parkway at Ohio* to receive a 50/50 cotton T-Shirt compliments of *Huffines Dodge* for each ticket stub you have.

Also, check out all the new Dodge truck at the *Shepton games and in front of the school on the Spaghetti Dinner Night*. Remember, support *Shepton High School Band* students by buying a Dodge Program Donation Ticket; every dollar is a profit for the band!

Please kind in mind that our fundraisers help pay for all of the music, composed routines, and activities in which the band will participate this year, also to include payments toward their spring trip to San Antonio, too!

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ATTENTION PARENTS...MORE RAFFLE INFO

Tickets sales will help benefit the Shepton Band. The raffle will be held after the night of the Shepton Spaghetti Dinner and Auction (winner need not be present.) Winners will be notified directly from Huffines Dodge.

Tickets were sent home with students. Please make sure your student did not leave these tickets in their locker or backpack. Treat these tickets like cash. If you lose them, you will be responsible for the \$50 to the band. Ticket sales are tax deductible if you are not the winner. All proceeds go directly to the Shepton Band.

The tickets can be sold two ways:

- 1. Sell each ticket for \$5 each to whomever you want, or**
- 2. Sell all 10 tickets to one person for a total of \$50.**

Remember to fill out the ticket stub which needs to be returned to be entered in the drawing. Have them keep the larger portion of the ticket. Phone numbers are required! (We will not share any numbers or addresses with anyone else, it is simply for contact info only.) Sell to family, friends, neighbors, teachers, but do not go door to door to strangers!

Remember, there is a stub to receive a FREE t-shirt, too!

Return all stubs and money from tickets sold to the black lock box in the band office ASAP.

Please return the money and stubs no later than Friday, October 31st.

Thank you,

Lisa Williams

?’s - call 214-334-0194 or email Texaspretzels@aol.com

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: _____