

Band Notes

From the Band Directors - Glenn Lambert and Jason Prasifka

Contest season is here! Both bands are working very hard to finish preparations for the UIL and San Antonio contests. We are very excited about the progress of all three groups. The Midwinter Concert was a great performance for all three of the bands. What a great opportunity to perform in such a wonderful hall. Thanks so much to all of you who attended.

The UIL Solo and Ensemble competition was very successful. The Shepton students did a wonderful job of preparing and performing for this important event. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the contest.

Congratulations to Will Gorman for being selected as an All-State Bassoonist. He participated in the Texas Music Educators Convention and All-State Symphonic Band during the 2nd week in February.

The Booster Nominating Committee has been working diligently to fill the slate of officers for next year. Please give some thought to being involved with this great organization. The booster club is a great way to stay involved in the students' activities at school! It is also a tremendous asset to the staff. (Far too many reasons to list here!) We hope you will give this careful consideration as you plan for the next school year. Please contact Priscilla Young for more information.

The Eisemann Center was another successful evening. Thanks so much to all of the parents who helped organize this event.

The Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band will be competing at the UIL Concert and Sightreading Contests on April 11th-12th at McKinney North High School in McKinney. An itinerary for the event will be sent home with the students when we receive performance times. We would love to have parents attend the events. They are held during the school day.

The Shepton Winterguard is having a great season! Their final contest is taking place this weekend in Grand Prairie. They placed 1st in their last competition!

All of the students are involved in section and full band rehearsals outside of the school day. Be sure to check this schedule for times and dates. The students receive a 100 for being on time and having their materials. The students have received a printed schedule of these rehearsals. The rehearsal schedule is also posted on www.charmsmusic.com.

The mandatory trip meeting for students and parents is on April 10th at 7pm in the gym. Every student and a minimum of one parent must attend this informational meeting so that the student may be eligible to travel. **Thanks so much for your continuous support!!** *Glenn Lambert and Jason Prasifka*

From the President - Karen O'Donnell

Spring has sprung and there is no better way to celebrate than with a picnic...a trip...and a banquet! You might as well put **FUN** at the top of our calendars! First of all, be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, April 1st. This first time-ever Band Picnic will no doubt be **fun, fun, fun** for the kids and perhaps a little relaxing for the rest of us! Don't forget your lawn chairs! Next, after all of the time spent preparing for UIL concerts and contests, our kids will be ready for some serious **fun** in San Antonio! Our directors have some great activities planned, and you will want to be sure to attend the parent meeting on April 10th to hear all about it. Finally, you won't want to miss the Year-end Banquet, which is being held on May 3rd at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Frisco. This annual event is a special evening that celebrates a year of hard work, many accomplishments, and yes, **fun!**

A huge thanks to those of you who have volunteered your time and energy to this organization these past few months. A special thank you to Lisa Naboulsi for collecting and counting, (over and over) the trip payments as well as co-chairing the Eisemann Concert, and to Ann Sutton, Becky Regian, Lynn Lawton, Sharla Stack and Cheryl Cox for helping me with the storage closet!!

Lastly, all freshman parents should have received a packet in the mail, describing the Board and Committee leadership opportunities for next year, along with a response form to indicate your areas of interest. The nominating committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to begin sorting and putting together the Booster Board for 07-08. Thanks to those who have already jumped on the **Band Wagon** for 07-08. For those of you, who have not responded, please consider how you can be involved next year. A large or small contribution of time has a tremendous cumulative effect. (*Many hands make light work!*)

Thanks for your support! Here's to a fun spring! *Karen O'Donnell*

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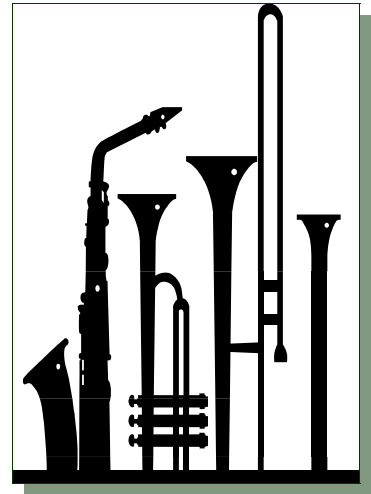
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Shepton Band Calendar

- April 1** 1st Annual Band Picnic at Old Shepherd Park (next to Huffman Elementary) from 1-3 p.m.
- April 6** Student Holiday
- April 10** Band Booster Meeting/Trip Meeting
- April 11** UIL concert & Sightreading Contest
- April 12** UIL Contest, Wind Ensemble
- April 13-15** Band Trip to San Antonio
- April 16,17 & 19** Drum Major Clinic
- April 20** Drum Major Tryouts
- April 23-27** 1) WW/Brass Auditions
2) Drumline clinics/audition
3) Color Guard clinics/auditions
- May 2** Jazz Band Studio Session
- May 3** Shepton Band Banquet at Embassy Hotel Suite Frisco
- May 5** Jazz Band performs at the Porsche Store
- May 7** Dress Rehearsal for Spring Concert
- May 8** Spring Concert
- May 23** Last Day of School!!!
- May 25** New Marching Band Clinic and Parent Meeting





Important News

1st Annual Shepton Band Picnic

Please plan to join other Band members and their families on Sunday, April 1st at a special Band Picnic and Fundraiser. The picnic will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Old Shepherd Place Park (next to Huffman Elementary School). Our rain location is the Shepton Gym. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Prasifka have agreed to let us raffle off tickets for chances to hit them with pies and/or water balloons! We will have lots of other activities including a Cakewalk, Tug-of-War, Football & Frisbee. Boxed lunches from Baker Bros may be preordered by March 28th (nkurkowski@sbcglobal.net)

What we need:

- 1. Your attendance (we will make money for Band members through the boxed lunches, cakewalk and raffle tickets)**
- 2. Cakes (we need at least 25 people to send in cakes in disposable pans...please have them at the picnic by 1:30 pm)**
- 3. Water Balloons (we need hundreds of balloons....your NJHS/NHS kids can get "in school" hours by filling the balloons at home and bringing them in large plastic trash bags). ***
*** *Students may also receive service hours for baking cakes and helping with clean-up!***
- 4. Folding card tables (we need them to use for selling tickets, storing cakes up off of the ground, selling SCRIP, etc.)**
- 5. Someone to take pictures for the website**
- 6. Volunteers to help with the games and clean-up.**

If you are willing to provide any of those things, please contact Ann Sutton (annelizabz@aol.com) or Nancy Kurkowski (nkurkowski@sbcglobal.net) as soon as possible.

Your Band students have been given an order form for the Boxed Lunches (from Baker Bros). Remember to have them turn those in with appropriate payment **NO LATER THAN next Wednesday, March 28th.**

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and plan to spend a couple of hours with the Band.....and thanks for helping us make some money along the way!



Important News

Scrip Reminder -

Just a reminder to all band families....Scrip is available all year long. Scrip is a great way to let someone know you care. The scrip gift cards, with most never expiring, are great to have for 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 @ gierangtx@mac.com, or gierangtx@aol.com or phone 972-473-8769.

Volunteer News -

I can't believe how much we have accomplished this year. We have been busy bees. I think we all sighed a breath of relief when we hit the end of the first semester. Thank goodness the marching season is over! We are not, however, done or even slowing down. The wonderful Shepton Band Booster Volunteer Corps is still active and on the move. Nancy Kurkowski's team is planning the Band Picnic on April 1st. I'm looking for you to provide cake(s) for the Cake Walk, fill water balloons, sell game and raffle tickets or be a "Territory Protector". Watch for e-mails to call you to action.

We are also getting ready for the Band Trip to San Antonio. Our brave, adventuresome chaperones will be: Marlys Bratton, Michele Cavanee, Larry Fulton, Karen O'Donnell, Becky Regian, Meg Rift, Susan Taylor, Sandy Walters, and Lisa Williams. Ya'll are the best!

Don't forget that the Band Banquet will be May 3rd. Many of you have also generously volunteered to help Hazel Alterman make the banquet happen. It's not too late to join the fun. Call or e-mail me if you want to help.

Finally, I'd like to ask you to think about what YOU want to volunteer for next year. Karen O'Donnell and the nominating committee are looking for people to fill the next Band Booster Board. Please think how you'd like to help for the 2007-08 school year.

Once again, I'd like to thank each and every one of you who has worked with the band this year. It has been an honor to work with so many willing spirits, so many smiling faces, and such overwhelming enthusiasm. I think the Shepton Band Boosters are the best group of people I've ever worked with. Thank you.

Warmly, Ann Sutton ,VP - Volunteers

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: _____