

Band Notes

From the Band Directors - Glenn Lambert and Jason Prasifka

The end of the football season was great! The last two performances went well. The 8th grade night was great fun. It was wonderful to see all of those students in the stands at one time! Thanks to all of the students who helped or spoke at the recruiting meetings at Renner and Frankford. Thanks also to the parents who went to those meetings and helped.

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 Friday, December 8th, at Shepton. The performance will be on Monday, December 11th at PWSH. All students will need to be dressed in concert black for the performance. 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 3rd at Clark High School.

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 9th grade students had great results at the All-Region tryouts. The following students made the All-Region Band: Avery Whitmore, Michelle Patterson. Yasmin Matthew was selected as an alternate to the band. Congratulations to all of the students for their efforts who participated in this audition.

The 10th grade All-Region Audition process begins with a Phase I audition on Saturday, December 2nd. Details for this day are listed on www.charmsmusic.com.

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

From the President - Karen O'Donnell

Dear Band Families,

It's hard to believe that the winter season is upon us. Time flies when you're having fun! Speaking of fun... there is nothing quite like a parade to start your holiday season off right! Our students will be marching the Plano Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Be sure to head out early and find a good spot to site and watch the floats, BANDS and Santa go by! After that, the fun continues because it's also Concert Season! Our students are already busy preparing for the winter concert which will be held on December 11th. There will also be a mid-winter concert and the annual concert at the Eisemann Center. This is a beautiful venue, so be extra sure to invite your family and friends. Of course, I want to remind you to attend the monthly booster meetings! Talk about fun!! Come show your support and hear first hand all of the latest news from our board and directors. As always, there will be many volunteer opportunities.

Lastly, it's not too early to start thinking about next year. If you are a 9th grade parent, please start considering how you might like to be involved next year. In early spring, we will start putting a new board in place and will be recruiting in-coming 9th grade parents.

Thanks for your support! Here's to a wonderful winter! *Karen O'Donnell*

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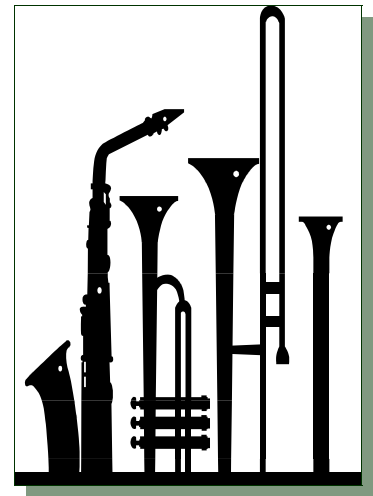
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Shepton Band Calendar



- December 7 Pep Rally
- December 8 Dress Rehearsal 4:30 to 6:00 pm
- December 11 Winter Concert at 7 pm
- December 13-15 Spring Semester Wind Auditions (look for handout on Charms)
- January 16 Band Booster Meeting at 7 pm
- January 18/19 All-Region Clinic/Concert at McKinney North H.S.
- January 20 Winterguard Contest at Fossil Ridge H.S.
- February 3 UIL Solo/Ensemble Competition at Clark H.S.
- February 5 Dress Rehearsal
- February 6 Mid-Winter Concert at SMU Caruth Auditorium
- February 8 Pre-UIL Orchestra at PWSH
- February 24 Shepton Percussion Solo/Ensemble
- February 28 Orchestra UIL at PESH
- March 1 Jazz Cluster Concert at PWSH
- March 1 Orchestra UIL at PESH



Important News

Spaghetti Dinner -

We survived AND made money! We are so thankful to everyone who helped us with Spaghetti Dinner. All of you joined forces to make it a great success! We almost DOUBLED our goal! Our children will have an awesome second semester thanks to all of you!

Thanks to our fabulous committee and sponsors:

Susan Talavera - wisdom galore

Keri Schuller - comptroller

Ann Sutton - volunteers

Colleen Beard - Frankford Representative

Diane Kitchens - Renner Representative and Student Labels

Lisa Williams - Program

Lynn Lawton - Dolce Cafe Captain

Yolanda Joosten - Brass Beverage Bar Captain

Carrabba's East Plano - Crescendo Cafe

Starbuck's @ Lakeside - Coda Coffee Bar

Pinnacle Graphics/Addison - Program Printing

Loretta Littlejohn/Keller-Williams - Supplies

Anna Williams - Wonderful posters

Many thanks to our directors, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Prasifka, Mr. Weyer, Mr. Kitchens and Ms. Kronk, for doing an outstanding job preparing our bands. A huge thank-you to the students. They sounded beautiful and made us parents proud. Also, our appreciation to all the volunteers that worked shifts, ran errands, made donations and many more tasks too numerous to mention. We care about all of you and always remember - *YOU ARE APPRECIATED! Becky Regian and Cheryl Murzyn, Co-Chairs, Spaghetti Dinner*****

Silent Auction -

I hope the Silent Auction was a fun and exciting time for all! Thank you to everyone that donated cash or items, solicited, helped set up, worked and cleaned up the event. Thank you to everyone that bid on items! It was a huge community effort and everyone really came through and worked together to pull it off. When all was said and done, we made a profit (after all expenses) of approximately \$11,000 (including cash donations) for the Shepton Band program! *Susan Talavera, Silent Auction 2006 Chairman*****



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News

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 gierangtx@aol.com or phone 972-473-8769.

Volunteer Thank You -

A big "Thank You!!" to all the volunteers in the Shepton Band Booster Organization. We have handed out thousands of bottles of water, ridden countless miles in buses, plumed and plucked hats, fed hundreds of meals, checked names on lists, picked up rental trucks, and taken too many pictures to count. That doesn't include the many willing spirits who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction. I don't know a volunteer chairman in any other organization who has people working beyond their commitments with smiles and such willing spirits. You have helped to make this fall semester a great one.

We have events coming up and I will be looking for your help. Everyone can help in one way or another. The best part about volunteering is the fun we have. I look forward to working with all of you in the near future. Watch for e-mails. Come to the booster meetings to hear about opportunities. Don't miss the fun of being a Band Booster!

Ann Sutton
Vice President 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: _____