



# SHEPTON BAND NOTES

October 2009

## Ellie Murphy & Brian Davis - Directors

Dear Shepton Band Family,

It is hard to imagine that the school year is flying by so very quickly!! The first 6 weeks of school is over, and we are right in the middle of the busiest time of the fall. I want to take this moment to update you on all of the events that are coming up very quickly.

We will be going to our two marching festivals in the next few weeks, and I want to encourage all of you to come out and support your awesome kids! Cheer for them, yell for them, clap for them – they have worked so hard and deserve it. We are also looking forward to having the 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students from Frankford and Renner joining us at the game on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a great time to get to know, and have fun with next year's freshman band members!! We are also looking forward to joining the PWSH Band at their game on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. We will be marching halftime with them – it will be wonderful to have them all on the field at the same time. The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is also approaching quickly! I know that we will need everyone to be involved! I look forward to that wonderful evening!

I want to close by saying that the SHS Band kids are the BEST KIDS!!! I am very impressed by how hard they work, and how dedicated they are! They are a joy and privilege to work with on a daily basis! If you ever need anything from me, feel free to email me at [Ellie.Murphy@psd.edu](mailto:Ellie.Murphy@psd.edu), or call the band office phone at 469-752-7762.

Have a great day and GO STALLIONS!!!

*Ellie Murphy*  
Director of Bands



## **Anita Brown - President**

What a busy few weeks we have had!!!!

While our kids were marching around the parking lot, we were very busy too!!

Our Booster organization has been preparing for and carrying out:

Uniform fittings

Registration

An Ice Cream Social

Our first Football Game

We attended a great Starlight Concert and a pool party. Two of our fundraisers, Scrip and Passbooks are well underway.

Plans are already being made for the Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and Banquet. Please make sure you have your auction items ready.

Marching supplies and spirit wear were ordered, counted, sorted and taken home.

Game Day meals have been organized and provided twice. One hundred cases of water have been delivered, and chaperones and truck drivers have been rounded up!!

Show shirts have been designed and printed, and our kids should soon have awesome locker decorations. The directory should be coming soon.

Our first football game was Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and the band was awesome. It is amazing how far they have come in a short period of time. If you were unable to attend the game, please make every effort to come to the next one. Your kids will be very happy to see you there.

For those of you who participated in all the work that has taken place so far, Thank You for all that you do. For those of you, who have not had the opportunity to do anything yet, please make sure you take the time to be a part of your child's band experience.

Looking forward to a great marching season.



## Joy Allington-Baum – VP Volunteers

I wanted to say a big thank you to all of those who volunteered to help the first band activities of the year. Without these parents we wouldn't be able to support our band and all the students. Thank you!!! Thank you!!!!

### **Uniform Fitters**

Marlys Bratton, Catherine Remmele, Paula Sanborn, Lauren Charbonneau, Ruby Gibke, Elizabeth Kerner, Denise Castelli, Diane Earley and Robin Zweig

### **Photography Helpers**

Diane Earley and Christina Andrea

### **Registration Workers**

Catherine Remmele, Karen Overton, Sue Barber, Elizabeth Kerner, Denise Castelli, Danna Halsey, Terry Wach, Ruby Gibke, Linda Martin, Lori Spinhirne, Diane and Allison Funkhouser, Heather Sleman, Candy Waller, Amy Bullington, Elizabeth Hairston, Karen Dibble, Marlys Bratton and Lauren Charbonneau.

Special thanks to Linda Rosen for coordinating the whole event.

### **Ice Cream Social**

#### **Scoopers**

Sue Barber, Ruby Gibke and Ella Baum

#### **Pool Party Chaperone**

Howard Baum



Special thanks to Susan Cooley for organizing two great events to begin our band school year!

## How to be a Band Volunteer

1. Log on the [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu). Go to the volunteer prompt. Sign up to help at Shepton.
2. E-mail [joyallington@tx.rr.com](mailto:joyallington@tx.rr.com) and let her know you have completed your sign up and want to volunteer.

Call Joy at 972-964-2027 or 214-755-5328 if you have any questions.

This is your opportunity to volunteer directly for your child. Please consider helping out.



## Volunteer Opportunities

### October 10<sup>th</sup> Pre-UIL

Bus chaperones needed – Arrive at school at 7:00 a.m. to board bus for UIL and return with students.

### October 17<sup>th</sup> UIL

We will need to help Plano West host UIL this year. Various jobs will be available all day long. Will get more details later.

### October 23<sup>rd</sup> New Football Game Date

Bus chaperones needed – times and locations to be announced.

If you can volunteer for any or all of these activities, please contact Joy Allington-Baum at [joyallington@tx.rr.com](mailto:joyallington@tx.rr.com) or call 214-755-5328 (cell) or 972-964-2027 (home). Thank you in advance.



## Michele Cavenee – VP Ways & Means

Thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts thus far. We are off to a great start!

The Passbook Sales are over; a special thanks goes to Candy Waller and Amy Bullington for organizing this fundraiser.

We are now looking forward to the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction in November, so be sure to get your auction items in early!

We had our first Restaurant Silent Fundraiser at Tin Star last week, and our next Restaurant Night is Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Mooyah. Plan on one Restaurant Night per month throughout the year. Stay tuned for more dates.

Don't forget about our Gift Card program; this is such an easy way to generate money for the band, with dollars we are already spending! Contact Lauren or Laure, our Scrip Gift Card captains, if you have any questions on ordering Gift Cards.

It takes the support of each and every Band Family to ensure the success of our fine program.



## **Ruby Gibke & Heather Slemon – Spaghetti Dinner**

### **The Annual Band Spaghetti Dinner Is Coming!**

The Annual Band Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, in conjunction with the Silent Auction and Concert. This is the largest band fundraiser of the year, and we would like for every family to participate. The Shepton, Frankford and Renner bands will provide the entertainment. The dinner will be catered by Buca di Beppo. The tickets for this fun event will go on sale at the end of October.

Please contact Ruby Gibke at [rubymg@aol.com](mailto:rubymg@aol.com) or Heather Slemon at [h.slemon@tx.rr.com](mailto:h.slemon@tx.rr.com) if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer. Thank you for your support!



## **Elizabeth Hairston & Denise Ratley – Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction, held in conjunction with Shepton's Spaghetti Dinner and West Cluster Show on November 21st, is our band's largest fundraiser in terms of money raised. You received information detailing the auction and asking for your help and participation in the band packet from registration. In order to make this fun and exciting event a success, we must have help from every single family. Please thoughtfully consider soliciting donations from local businesses, purchasing items to donate, making a cash/check donation to the band, or creating other imaginative donations.

As Silent Auction Co-Chairman, we will be collecting your donations. You can mail your donation to me or drop it off at my home (5908 Hilton Street, Plano 75093). Please contact me at 972-403-3192 with questions, ideas, concerns, or if you need to make alternate arrangements to get your donations to me no later than Sunday, November 1st.

The Shepton Band Booster Silent Auction is an awesome place to do some of your holiday gift shopping at great prices. You also get to support your child's band!

Thank you for supporting your child by participating in the Silent Auction.



# Lauren Charbonneau & Laure Sinclair – Scrip Captains

## Shepton Band Gift Card Fundraiser (Scrip)

### 1. What is Scrip?

Scrip is an online version of gift card kiosks that you see in grocery and drug stores. However, when you purchase the card through Scrip, the Band receives a percentage of the value of the card.

### 2. What is the cost to me?

**Nothing, nada**, except for a \$1 handling fee per order (regardless of size).

**Example:** Your child wants to visit UT. Purchase a \$100 Marriott card, a \$100 American Airlines card, and a \$25 Chili's card. You pay \$226 and the band receives \$22.75.

### 3. This doesn't *sound* like much.

No, but If 70 band families did this just once during the year, the band would earn just under \$1,600. It adds up!

### 4. But, I don't buy many gift cards...

Do you buy groceries? Eat out? Purchase clothes, electronics, or pharmacy items? How about movies? Christmas, Hanukkah, birthday, & graduation gifts? You may not normally use gift cards for these items, but would you do it if it helps the band?

**Example:** A \$100 Tom Thumb (Safeway) card earns us \$4 and \$100 for Walgreens earns \$6. If those 70 families step up and purchase these items just once, that's \$700 for our programs.

### 5. What retailers participate in this program?

Visit the website at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the offers from over 400 retailers, such as:

American Eagle, Macy's, Dillards,

Barnes and Noble, Border's, Blockbuster, and Cinemark

Chili's, Maggiano's, On the Border, Macaroni Grill, Pei Wei, Starbucks

Home Depot and Lowe's

Wal-mart, Tom Thumb, Central Market

I-Tunes, GameStop, Best Buy, Staples

### 6. Is this convenient? **Absolutely.**

The easiest way is to go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and enroll. The Band's number is FL282DC65L34.

Place your order and turn in a check to Shepton Band Boosters for the amount plus the \$1 service charge and put it in the black box in the Band Hall. Please note "Scrip" on the check. We turn in orders at least twice per month and the cards are delivered to you within the week. However, we **cannot** release the order for the cards until we have payment.

Paper order forms for some of the more popular choices are available at Booster meetings.

This is such an easy way to support our wonderful band and **we challenge each of you** to buy some Scrip this year!

Questions? Please feel free to contact your scrip coordinators, Lauren Charbonneau at [laurenviolein@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenviolein@yahoo.com) or Laure Sinclair at [4sinclairs@tx.rr.com](mailto:4sinclairs@tx.rr.com).

## Terry Wach – Concert Refreshments



### Concert Information

We will have two opportunities to hear our students perform in concert this year:

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>                      Mid-Winter Concert**

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>                      Spring Concert**

This is a great time to experience the fruits of the band's hard work throughout the year. After listening to the great music, refreshments will be served.

The Band Booster needs your help by providing snacks, such as cookies or brownies. Please contact me by email at [wacher@msn.com](mailto:wacher@msn.com) or by phone at 972-267-1820 if you are able to donate snacks or assist with set up or clean up for any of these events. The students will certainly appreciate the treats.

## Sue Barber – Website Manager

Thank you Christina Andrea (our Band Booster Historian), Parvin Stiles, and Dianne Earley for the wonderful pictures posted on our Shepton Band website at [www.sheptonband.org](http://www.sheptonband.org).

Please email any digital pictures that you would like to share with others on our website to [suecbarber@hotmail.com](mailto:suecbarber@hotmail.com). Please specify the date and event of the photographs.



## What is Charms?

Charms Office Assistant is a great online tool to keep track of all Shepton Band information and events for the school year.

Log on at [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)

Enter **sheptonhsb** at **Parent/Student Login**

Enter your child's student ID number in the **Enter Student ID/Password** field

Update your child's student information screen with your e-mail so that you will receive the latest news from Mrs. Murphy.

## Fall Calendar of Events

### October 8 - Football Game

Shepton vs. Vines 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

### October 10 – PESH Marching Competition

6:45 – 11:45 a.m. (Clark Stadium)

### October 14 – Stadium Rehearsal

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

### October 16 – UIL Rehearsal

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

### October 17 – UIL Marching Contest – Clark Stadium

### October 20 – Night at Mooyah Fundraiser

### October 22 – Football Game

Shepton vs. Williams 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

### October 23 – Plano West Football Game

Combine Performance with PWSH 7:30 p.m. (Clark Stadium)

### November 5 – Football Game

Shepton vs. Jasper 6:00 p.m. (Kimbrough Stadium)

### November 21 – Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Concert

Shepton High School

### December 12 – Plano Christmas Parade

Location: TBD

[Check Charms for event itinerary.](#)



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