



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

January 2010

Ellie Murphy & Christopher Agwu - Directors

Dear Shepton Band Family,

I hope that everyone had a very relaxing Winter Holiday. It seems like this semester has gotten busy very quickly! We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Chris Agwu to Shepton and to the SHS Band Family!! He is our new Associate Director, and is doing a wonderful job.

We have a number of events quickly approaching. We are hosting our own Solo and Ensemble contest here at SHS on February 6th. Every student in the program is required to participate and play a solo. I anticipate that the contest will run from about 8am until 1 pm. If there are any time requests, please let me know ASAP, so that I can try to accommodate everyone's needs. Our MID-CONCERT is also coming up very shortly. All three bands will be performing in our Mid-Winter Concert on February 9th at 7pm on the stage here at Shepton. We would love for everyone to come out, hear all of the incredible hard work that each band has done, and support your students.

Your student should be attending a sectional every week. This is a very important part of our success at Shepton, and attendance is mandatory. If you have questions about your student's sectional, feel free to contact Mr. Agwu or myself. UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest is right around the corner, and sectionals is one of the best ways for us to give each student more individual attention.

As always, we are so glad to have so many supportive families in our Band Family. If you ever have a question, you can contact me at 469-752-7762 or email either Mr. Agwu at Christopher.Agwu@pisd.edu or me at Ellie.Murphy@pisd.edu.

Go Stallions!!

Ellie Murphy
Director of Bands



Anita Brown - President

Hi All Shepton Band students and parents,

Hope you all had a happy holiday season and looking forward to a happy and prosperous new year. Wow!!! What a great marching season we had. The band performed great at the UIL concert and all the football games. As well, the kids and parents had a great time. Our fundraising effort at the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction was awesome and we achieved better results than we have had in years. Thank you to everyone who participated in these events.

What a semester we have to look forward to in concert season. We have an upcoming fundraiser in the spring as well as a concert and competition. Hope you all are using Charms to keep up with it all.

Thank you again for your support and help. I would like to extend a special thanks to our Band Booster Board for their tremendous support.



Ruby Gibke & Heather Slemon – Spaghetti Dinner

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank the over 100 parents and student volunteers who made the Band Spaghetti Dinner a success. Thank you to all of you who worked one or several shifts to ensure that things went smoothly. We really appreciate your support during this big fundraising event. This was truly a joint effort by all, and we could not have done it without each one of you!



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 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 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 or Laure Sinclair at 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 9th Mid-Winter Concert

Thursday, May 20th 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 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.



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

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.

Spring Calendar of Events

February 6 – Solo and Ensemble Contest

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shepton

February 9 – Mid-Winter Concert

February 22 – Band Booster Meeting

7:00 p.m. Band Hall

March 22 – Band Booster Meeting

7:00 p.m. Band Hall

April 20 thru 22 – UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest

McKinney Boyd HS

April 26 – Band Booster Meeting

7:00 p.m. Band Hall

Check Charms for event itinerary.



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