



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

Winter 2008

From the Directors: Mr. Jason Prasifka & Mr. Brian Davis

It's hard to believe we have completed the fall semester. It's time to celebrate some great achievements. Our spaghetti dinner concert was a big hit. The students performed well and the dinner and auction were extremely successful. A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who spent countless hours working to make this a wonderful event. Our kids also had great performances at the Plano Christmas Parade and our Winter Concert. They are making great progress!

In late November and early December we had several students audition for the all-region band. We are proud to announce Kara Blomquist, Chris Murzyn, Charlotte O'Connor, Hyejeong Ry, and Danielle Tilford, were selected to the 9th grade band and Eric Diener was selected to the 5A Concert Band. Congratulations to these students for this outstanding achievement. We have one of the most competitive regions in the state. Being selected to one of these honor groups is a huge accomplishment.

As we look forward to the new year our main focus will be preparation for the solo and ensemble festival. The Shepton solo/ensemble festival will be here at SHS on Saturday, February 9. All students should have a solo selected by now and be well under way in preparations. Students participating in the festival will need to order an original copy of their piece. Pender's Music has just opened a new store in Carrollton off of Trinity Mills. This should make it very convenient to order music.

Looking forward to a great spring semester....!

Jason Prasifka

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Ann Sutton : President

Thank you to all the band families that have supported the Shepton program throughout the Fall. It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of winter season. Time sure flies when you are having fun. Please try to attend the Band Booster monthly meetings. This is a great way to keep informed and hear all the latest news. There are also wonderful volunteer opportunities that are announced and we sure want to keep everyone involved and having fun.

Spring is right around the corner and this is the time for 9th grade parents to begin thinking about the Band Booster Board opportunities for next year. Also, if you know of an in-coming 9th Grade parent we will begin recruitment efforts very soon.

Have a wonderful winter! Ann Sutton, President

Michele Cavanee VP Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped out with the Shepton Band this year! You have handed out water, chaperoned busses to various events, plumed hats, fed hungry band kids, picked up rental trucks, taken too many pictures to count. You also solicited donations, wrapped baskets, served and cleaned at the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, and performed countless tasks behind the scenes too numerous to mention here. The Directors and students really appreciate all that you have done to make this fall semester a great experience!

We have more events around the corner and I will be looking for your help. Everyone can help in one way or another. The best part about volunteering is the fun and friendships! I look forward to working with all of you the rest of the year! Watch for the emails. Come to the Band Booster Meetings to hear about all the opportunities. Don't miss the fun about being a Band Booster!

Michele Cavanee

Marlys Bratton: Ways & Means Chair

The Boston Market Fundraising Feast was a huge success. Thank you to all the students and parents who gave their time on a Saturday to help us raise \$1300. The kids seemed to have a lot of fun waving posters, beating drums and greeting customers. Thanks also to those families who came to Boston Market for a meal that day. The results show what we can achieve when we all work together!

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction/Raffle held on Nov. 10th was a big success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the dinner and the show provided by the talented musicians from Frankford, Renner and Shepton. The Silent Auction exceeded our expectations with some wonderful section baskets and donated items. Thank you to all who helped make this event a success. We could not have done it without those of you who donated time, money, auction items, baked goods, etc.

A very special thank you to Anita Brown who worked tirelessly to organize the dinner, to Karen O'Donnell who spent hours putting together the Silent Auction and to Cindy Adams who was instrumental in making the Raffle profitable. Also, thanks goes to Stephanie Golem (our Spaghetti Dinner/Raffle bookkeeper) who was kind enough to give her time keeping track of dinner and raffle orders for all three schools. When you see these ladies, be sure to thank them for a job well done! There were also many "behind the scenes" volunteers whose help was greatly appreciated!

After the Winter Break, the band will be conducting its final (hopefully) fundraiser of the school year. We are planning to have a Bowl-a-thon for the band students and families in February. More information will be forthcoming. I would like to find a parent volunteer "captain" for this event. If you are willing, please contact Marlys Bratton, 972-473-7880 and I will be happy to help you with this project. Have a wonderful Winter Break!

Do you know where your Shepton Band Student Directory is??

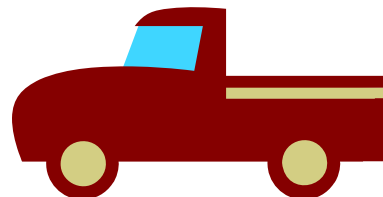
Parents...if you joined The Band Boosters and haven't seen the band directory, double check with your student. You should have received yours by now, unless it's lurking in your student's band locker or backpack! Please double check your information to make sure it's current. If you have corrections or changes, please contact: Heather Miller, millerkhsm@aol.com. The directory includes lots of information and is useful for both parents and students.



KAREN O'DONNELL: Silent Auction/ Raffle Chair

TRUCK RAFFLE-----

A HUGE thank you to the 77 families who participated in this year's Dodge Hometown Scholarship Program...aka "truck raffle". We made (almost) \$4,000! This money will be put to great use by our booster organization and our band directors. The drawing for the 2008 Dodge Ram Mega Cab truck will be held in early December. I will post the results ASAP! Be sure to visit the dealership, present them with a ticket stub and get your free t-shirt!



Cheryl Cox: Football Meals

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped with game day meals. Most went very well...and as for the "one" that did not, everyone received a voucher for a free sandwich from them. This year all of the meals were pre-paid at registration - what a great idea from Sandy McGuire! It really made things run much smoother. Also, thank you to all the students and band directors for their friendliness and patience. You all were great!
Cheryl Cox

Leeanne Hay: Banquet Chair

Although it is a long way off, please make a note in your 2008 calendar for the Shepton HS Band Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 15, at the Gleneagles Country Club on Park Blvd. Attire is semi-formal / nice dress clothes for a special occasion.

Our banquet theme is "Rhythm of the Night."

When time gets closer, I would welcome help with making the table centerpieces and decorations.

Leeanne Hay

