



SHEPTON BAND NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2007

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

From The Director,

The Shepton Band is off to a great start. Our August band camp was extremely productive. The kids worked hard through the Texas heat and humidity and our 2007 program is beginning to take shape. Our theme this year is Ride! It will include selections from a current American band composer, Sam Hazo. The music is full of energy, emotion, and intensity and should take our audiences for a great "Ride".

By the time you receive this, our performance calendar will be heating up. Please be sure to check the Charms calendar often for updates to our schedule. You can also find game day and marching contest itineraries via the Charms site in the "handouts" section.

Now that school has started, please help us stay on top of student grades. Per the state no-pass, no-play rule, no student can participate with us if they don't pass their classes. Please use Parent Viewer and encourage your child to attend tutorials if needed. Every student is crucial to the overall success of the group. The last day of the 1st six weeks is Friday, October 5th. Students not passing all non-exempt classes will lose their ability to participate with us the following Friday. This means they will miss both our marching contests and most of the football games.

I also want to take this time to encourage all students to participate in the PISD private lesson program. One-on-one individual instruction is one of the main reasons why programs, especially in North Texas, are extremely successful. Please contact me if you need help getting set up with a teacher.

Finally, I can't begin to tell all of you how excited I am about this year. We all have some big shoes to fill. Shepton has a proud tradition and heritage of musical excellence and achievement. We will all work hard to continue this legacy, and have a good time doing it.

Jason Prasifka



*Shepton Band Department Welcomes
Mr. Davis!!*

Getting to know Mr. Brian Davis.....

A graduate of The Florida State University, The University of North Florida and the University of North Texas, Brian Davis comes to Shepton High School from Vines High School and Plano Senior High School. He just spent 1 year as the Assistant Band Director at Vines and Music Theory Teacher at PSHS. Before that Mr. Davis was the Band Director at Lee Middle School in Grand Prairie. Before becoming a band director Mr. Davis was on the faculty at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and also maintained a large private studio of low brass students in the DFW Metroplex. Mr. Davis still actively performs on trombone and euphonium in such classical groups as the Dallas Wind Symphony and Dallas Symphony. Other groups he currently performs with are the variety band Soul Tsunami, the salsa / meringue group Caribbean Breeze, big band Pecos River Brass. In addition to these duties Mr. Davis is also the Low Brass Instructor at Richland College in Richardson.

Mr. Davis is very excited to join the faculty at Shepton High School and be a part of a very high-achieving band program. He encourages parents to visit rehearsals as often as possible. The students always love it when their parents watch, even if they may say otherwise. He also encourages frequent contact with any and all questions as he enjoys the relationships built with parents.

Ann Sutton: President

I am so excited about our 2007-2008 band year. The kids have been working diligently on their music and marching. Did you have fun joining the band for a short time before the ice cream social? I heard some moans and groans after Mr. Prasifika and Mr. Davis led us through the warm up exercises. I also heard some giggles from our children. I guess we can now add "comic relief" to our list of booster duties!

Marlys Bratton, VP Ways and Means, is quite the go-getter. She has been "thinking outside the box" to generate the funds needed to run our band program. The Shepton Band Boosters will be generating almost \$40,00 to supplement the funds provided by PISD this year.

In addition to raising money for the band, the Booster Organization provides manpower to make events happen. We drive trucks, ride buses, put plumes in hats, move percussion, hand out water, and feed the hungry students. Michele Cavanee, VP Volunteers, will gladly put you to work this year. There is a place for everyone to volunteer. I know you want to join the fun and contribute your help to make the work go quickly.

I know it's not polite to brag, but I must. This 2007-2008 Band Booster Organization is the best I've worked with to date. The Board has been working their jobs to make the band program and accompanying events run smoothly. Many of you have already volunteered to step in to lend a hand when needed. I look forward to working with all of you to make this year wonderful. Thank you to all the families who are helping to make the 2007-2008 Shepton Band the very best ever!!

Michele Cavanee: VP Volunteers

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many Band Parents who helped out at both Band Registrations!! Your willingness to step in and give up your Saturday morning or Thursday evening resulted in a smooth, successful registration for the students. We are off to a great start!

Now we are ready to begin marching season, and we will need more help! Several more chaperones are needed for the upcoming football games and marching competitions, so check your email frequently for these opportunities. Just a reminder, in order to chaperone a game or any other band function, you MUST have turned in a notarized volunteer agreement. You also must be cleared by PISD through the online background check. Please do this ASAP if you have not already done so.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped out in any way to get the year started. I will

Maryls Bratton: Ways and Means Chair

Our Entertainment Passbook sale is over now and we would like to thank everyone who helped make it a success! Kudos to our top seller, Robyn Blanchard who sold 26 Passbooks! Special thanks to Rita Gander who gave so much time and effort on this fundraiser.

Our next fundraiser is the Hometown Scholarship Program led by Karen O'Donnell. The Shepton Band receives 100% of each \$5 donation and the donor gets a free t-shirt and a chance to win a 2008 Mega Cab Truck! We need everyone's help to ensure the band meets its fundraising goals.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 29th and the Shepton Band Fundraising "Feast at Boston Market"! Plan to have lunch or dinner at Boston Market at Park & Preston. The band will earn up to 40% of sales during this event when the customer mentions the Shepton Band. The band students will sign up for 1 hour shifts to show their "Band Spirit" and hand out flyers to incoming customers. Be sure to tell your friends and family about this event. There's nothing to sell, just come to eat!!



VICKI WHITMORE: HOSPITALITY CHAIR

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out in the hospitality area this year. We are off to a great start! Greta Abtahi began working back in the summer on planning our Pool Party and Ice Cream Social. Cheryl Cox is making arrangements for our meals on game days and Larry Fulton has graciously agreed to transport water to the games again this year. Thanks to Monica Susman for heading up our spirit wear and to Leeanne Hay, who is already working on details for our Spring Banquet. Hazel Alterman will be taking care of refreshments for concerts as we enter concert season.

Again, thanks to all of these wonderful volunteers for giving their time and efforts to the Shepton Band!

NANCY GIER: SCRIP CAPTAIN

Just want to remind all the band booster families about our SCRIP program. So far we have made over 250.00 for the band. The SCRIP cards are great to have on hand for gifts, daily usage, and just to show someone you care. Our band kids would enjoy the Game Stop, I Tunes, and movie cards especially. Also, Barnes and Noble and Borders work great for buying some of those books the kids are needing for English classes. SCRIP cards for clothing stores would allow the kids the freedom to shop for themselves. If you have any questions about SCRIP, please ask. The orders are placed on the 1st and the 15th of each month, with the delivery being about 5-6 days after they are ordered. There are even cards for the grocery stores and I know we all eat. Please take the time to visit: Shopwithscrip.com and look under retailers for a listing of all participants. What a great way to help the band all year long. You may also invite family and friends to use the site. The Shepton Band Booster code is FL282DC65L34. It would be helpful if they could put the Booster members last name in parenthesis after theirs, so I will know who to give the cards too. Thanks again for your support in this great

KAREN O'DONNELL: Truck Raffle Chair

The Hometown Scholarship Program! For the second year, the Shepton Band is partnering with the Huffines Chrysler Jeep Dodge Dealership of Plano to raise funds for our program!

Basically, it's a "win-win" for everyone involved. The donation is a "win" for our band because we receive 100 percent of each \$5 donation. (The dealership has paid all printing costs). It is a "win" for the donor because they not only have chosen to support our band but they also receive a free t-shirt (valued at more than their donation), plus a chance to "win" a 2008 Mega Cab Truck!

Each student is bringing home 10 tickets, valued at \$5 each. These tickets need to be sold to friends, neighbors and family members! Each donor needs to fill out the ticket stub, which you will collect along with the \$. The donor will take the other stub to the dealership and will receive their free t-shirt!

The dealership is providing a Dodge truck to be displayed at our football games. This will be a great opportunity to sell tickets! If you are interested in selling your tickets at one of our football games, there will be a sign-up sheet at our September booster meeting, or you can e-mail me! Once you have finished selling your tickets, place the \$\$ and the ticket stubs in an envelope with your student's name on it and have your student put it in the black box in the band office.

All \$\$ and ticket stubs are due no later than October 19th .

Questions? Karen O'Donnell 972-608-0409 Kpod614@aol.com



SHEPTON BAND BOOSTER BOARD

2007-2008



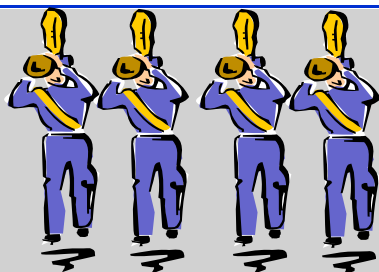
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SHEPTON BAND CALENDAR

September 2007

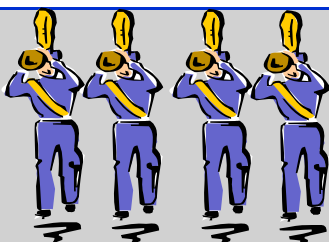
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>2</u> DWS Con- cert	<u>3</u> Labor Day/ No School	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> High School Open House	<u>12</u> PWSH clus- ter rehearsal Ⓡ	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> PWSH Com- bined Game Ⓡ	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> DWS Con- cert-Charles Villarubia, Tuba.	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> FB Shepton vs. Mesquite Ⓡ	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> DSO-The Planets	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> All-Region Jazz Audi- tions Ⓞ
<u>30</u>	September 2007					



SHEPTON BAND CALENDAR

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<u>1</u> Shepton Jazz Audi- tions	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> FB: Shepton vs. Clark (R)	<u>5</u> Last Day of 1st six weeks	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm (R)	<u>11</u> FB: Shepton vs. Jasper (R)	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Plano East Marching Festival (R)
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> UIL Marching Contest (R)	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> DWS Con- cert	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> FB: Shepton vs. Vines (R)	<u>26</u> Parent/ Teacher Conference Day	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Orchestra Woodwind Auditions	<u>30</u> Orchestra Brass Audi- tions	<u>31</u> Orchestra Percussion Auditions	OCTOBER 2007		



Have you become familiar with Charms.?

Parents, this is a great tool to keep track of all band information.

Www.charmsmusic.com

Scrolll down to Student/parent log in: sheptonhsb

Student ID:

Review calendar, forms and much more.

