



# SHEPTON BAND NOTES

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

As our school year nears its end we can celebrate some outstanding accomplishments by our students and look forward to preparations for next year. The symphonic band and wind ensemble participated in the Region 25 UIL Concert & Sight-Reading contest in April. The Symphonic Band received “Excellent” ratings on stage and “Superior” ratings in sight-reading. The Wind Ensemble received “Superior” ratings in both concert and sight-reading and was awarded the sweepstakes Trophy. The jazz band had another successful performance at the CCCC Jazz Festival in May. The band received great comments from the judges and participated in a clinic afterwards. Our percussion students were simply amazing at the Cluster Percussion Concert. They represented Shepton well and got to play along with a world-renowned guest artist. Our winter guard wrapped up their competitive season at the NTCA Championships placing 4<sup>th</sup> in their division. Their ranking placed them above many 9-12 schools. It’s been a very successful semester for our kids.

As we look ahead, our calendar stays busy. Preparations for next year are already underway. We’ve completed guard and drumline auditions and wind auditions will take place during the week of May 5-8. All three of our concert bands will perform at the Metrofest Music Festival in Denton on Friday, May 9 and then head to Six Flags on Saturday, May 10. We’ll conclude our year with the band banquet on Thursday, May 15 at Gleneagles Country Club and our spring concert is May 20, here at Shepton. Thanks to all the students and parents for helping make this another great year at Shepton. We say goodbye to our sophomores. Thanks so much for your contributions to the Shepton Band and for keeping the tradition of excellence alive and well. I also want to say a particular word of thanks to our booster board. Under the leadership of our President, Ann Sutton, the board has put in a ton of time and effort to ensure our kids get the best experience possible. We sincerely appreciate all you do.

## *Ann Sutton : President*

I can't believe that the year is almost over. We have a few big things coming up on the calendar...6-Flags, the Band Banquet, the Denton Festival, and our Spring Concert. It doesn't seem like much compared to all the things we accomplished this year. I hope everyone has had as much fun as I have. As the end of my term as President draws to a close, I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for every hour you spent working with and for the Band. You have made a difference for our students. The Boosters really exist to help our students and their band. For those of you whose student didn't choose to continue with band next year, I would urge you to help them find a niche at Shepton or Plano West. We are very lucky in PISD to have a great variety of clubs, teams, and activities for the students. If your student is continuing in band, I ask you to remain involved with the Booster Clubs. Whether you're at West or at Shepton, your help is essential to making the programs successful. Even if you can only volunteer at one event, please step forward. If every family contributes a few hours, the programs will function very well. In just a few years, your student will be off to college and you will be wondering where the time went. Get involved! I don't want you kicking yourself in the future for missing out on your student's high school years.

## *Michele Cavanee VP Volunteers*

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has volunteered in any capacity with The Shepton Band this year. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated! Hope to see everyone at the year-end concert, and look for an email for volunteers to chaperone the annual trek to Six Flags on May 10th!

## *Marlys Bratton: Ways & Means Chair*

Thank you to all the band families who made donations to the band in February to help us meet our budget for the year. Our fundraising for this school year is officially over, with the exception of SCRIP and grocery rewards which will be ongoing until the end of the year. Please continue to purchase the SCRIP gift cards and use your reward cards at Tom Thumb and Kroger. This is an easy and painless way to raise money for our band. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

## *Heather Miller: Membership/ Directories*

Parents of current 9th graders— please check phone #s, emails, and address information on CHARMS and update us with any changes. This will be helpful as we build our new band roster for the upcoming year. It would give us a head start on membership records for registration in August!

## *NANCY GIER: SCRIP CAPTAIN*

Band Boosters: It's not too late to order SCRIP. There will only be two more orders placed before school lets out for the summer. Stock up now on Blockbuster, Cinemark, AMC, On the Border, Chili's, Panera, and Subway to help beat the summer heat in Texas. If your band student is driving now wouldn't it be nice to know they had a gas card handy. Also, those fun filled summer picnics can be accomplished with cards from Safeway (Tom Thumb) or Walmart. Please visit [Shopwithscrip.com](http://Shopwithscrip.com) and place an order today.



## *Leeanne Hay: Banquet Chair*

Plan on attending 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 center pieces and decorations..

### **Dates to Remember:**

Friday, May 9th: Metrocrest Music Festival Denton

Saturday, May 10th: Six Flags

Thursday, May 15th Annual Shepton Band Banquet—Gleneagles CC

Sunday, May 18th: Annual Shepton Band Picnic

### **The Second Annual Shepton Band Picnic!!!**

#### **Rescheduled**

When: Sunday, May 18th, 1 - 4 p.m.

Where: Old Shepherd Place Park (next to Shepton)

Some of you have already ordered and paid for box lunches. We will place these orders unless you contact us to cancel or change your order.

If you have not placed a previous order, you can still do so. There are order forms in the Band Hall or contact me to send one to you — Cheryl Cox 972-473-6659

**ORDER FORMS ARE DUE BY MAY12TH.**



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*Have you become familiar with Charms.?*

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

*Www.charmsmusic.com*

*Scroll down to Student/parent log in: sheptonhsb*

*Student ID:*

*Review calendar, forms and much more.*

*Good Luck Next Year!*

