



PARADE REST...

Newsletter of the Gulf Breeze Band Booster Association

PRIDE!

November/December 2017

Band Website:

www.gbhssoundwave.com

If You're Keeping Time...

NOVEMBER

11/30 Concert Band Dress Rehearsal

DECEMBER

12/2 Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade

12/4 Symphonic Band Dress Rehearsal

12/7 SoundWave Band Christmas Concert, 6:30pm @Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church

1/9 All-County Honor Band Practice, 6pm-8pm @Milton High School

1/16 All-County Honor Band Practice, 6pm-8pm @Milton High School

1/18 All-County Honor Band Practice, 6pm-9pm, @Milton High School

1/19 All-County Honor Band Practice, 9am-3pm @Milton High School

1/19 All-County Honor Band Concert, evening (time TBD), Milton High School Auditorium

2/16 Solo and Ensemble @

From the Top

Band Booster President

Hello SoundWave Family!

Wow! We marched a long way this year. It is amazing how quickly marching season went by! It seems like yesterday we were ordering new uniforms and preparing for the summer camps. The energy and momentum we began the year with, carried us to an incredible season and successful end to the football season as well.

The energy quickly increasing in excitement and energy (with lots of work and lots of practice) through the season and became what ended in our version, our magnificent SoundWave creation that is "The Streets of New York". In my 4 years here, I don't recall a better show, both with exquisite sound and spectacular visuals from our band, soloists and color guard.

Our spirit and energy helped the football team to their 2nd straight playoff year!! We were missed at the East Gadsden game and I hope the county can plan for band buses in the future!

Going forward, the band takes many new avenues with **CONCERT BAND, SYMPHONIC BAND, JAZZ BAND, INDOOR PERCUSSION AND MORE ENSEMBLES!** I don't think most realize the year-round effort from individuals and groups within the band by these amazing students.

I want to reflect a moment and highlight some key accomplishments and **BIG THINGS** we did this marching season:

- **The Uniforms final payment check has been sent!** This couldn't be a reality without the hard work and dedication, starting with last year's exec board, continuing with the "uniform ladies". Y'ALL ROCK!
- **Band Camps** were a momentous success with the help of dedicated volunteers and contributors with water, fruit and food. While others worked hard on uniform measurements, MFSC, and all the behind the scenes work!
- **Competitions** (and juggling schedules) were a

Escambia High School

3/1-3/3 Concert MPA @ Ft. Walton Beach High School

3/26 State Solo and Ensemble is in Jacksonville for those who qualify and want to participate.

Looking Ahead...

BAND CAMP 2018

JUNE

6/11 – 6/22 Rookie Band Camp, 8am-1pm

6/19 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

6/21 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

JULY

7/10 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

7/12 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

7/16 – 7/27 Full Band Camp, 8am-5pm, lunch @12pm

AUGUST

8/7 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

8/9 Music Rehearsal (Winds, Guard & Percussion), 5pm-8pm

SUPERIOR SUCCESS! We succeeded in producing a show that was both entertaining and competitive and the superior ratings proved again how talented our students are!!

- **The Blue Note Café** had a SCRUMPTIOUS SEASON! The Concessions Advancement Team (CAT) led by HEATHER CADY-BRAGG, did some great new things this year, such as POS tablets for tracking for all sales at each counter, new nacho warmers, a new dual propane cart, fountain drinks and a new glass food warmer. The idea "Throughput", proved to be more profitable for the kids. OUR WORLD-FAMOUS FUNNEL CAKES CONTINUE TO BE A DELICIOUSLY DELIGHTFUL SUCCESS!!
- **The March-A-Thon** was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS THANKS TO DOUG AND BARB SCOTT! We came close to repeating last year's outstanding results. The goal is to make this our largest, sustainable fundraiser year after year for the fall marching season. We raised 16k last year to banish the beard. ***This year's gross total was \$15,173.31.*** I am honored and humbled to raise this amount of money with this fantastic group of students, parents and staff!

The SoundWave had remarkable success throughout the year and it was a rewarding season; but, success sometimes can make us complacent and the great momentum can be slowed or lost! We can only maintain momentum and grow with the support of US, The parents! Our VOLUNTEERS are the heart and MFSC is the life-blood of our commitment to our Band Students. People and Money allow your SoundWave band students to grow and succeed. I encourage each of you, individually to contribute to the whole...SoundWave Band! This only happened because of YOU and YOUR Wonderful students.

Many Thanks to my Exquisite Exec Peeps, Courageous Chair Peeps and all Beautiful Band Peeps!

Scott J. Stonebraker
PresidentGBBB@gmail.com
Gulf Breeze Band Booster Association, INC. proudly supporting the Gulf Breeze SoundWave Band

Band Director Notes 

Zach Dykes

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Hello Band Families!

What a wonderful time of the year it is with Marching Season in the books and Thanksgiving only a few days

**Sign up on CHARMS for
volunteer opportunities!**



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www.charmsoffice.com

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away. Marching Band this year was fantastic from the show, in the stands, the new uniforms and the wonderful support from all the parents and guardians. I am so grateful that I get to work with such a great organization that keeps getting better each passing day.

Marching Season might be over with but Concert Season is ramping up in preparation for the Christmas Concert on December 7th at 6:30pm at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. We have a lot of great music planned for the concert and our performing ensembles are hard at work to make it a fantastic night. We do have a dress rehearsal for each of the bands to make sure everyone is dressed appropriately. Concert Band's dress rehearsal is on Thursday, November 30th and Symphonic Band's is on Monday, December 4th. Gentlemen are to wear slacks, dress shoes, dress socks, a button-up shirt and a tie. Ladies have the option to wear either a nice dress with flats/heels or slacks and a button-up shirt.

The second half of the year is going to be jammed packed with a lot of great opportunities for our students. All-County Honor Band will practice January 9th and 16th from 6:00 - 8:00pm, Jan 18th from 6:00P - 9:00 pm and January 19th 9:00am - 3:00pm all at Milton High School. The Concert will be the night of January 19th at the Milton High School Auditorium. Solo and Ensemble will be at Escambia High School on February 16th. Concert MPA will be March 1st-3rd at Ft. Walton Beach High School. State Solo and Ensemble is Monday, March 26th in Jacksonville for those who qualify and want to participate.

Looking into the future and to help with everyone planning for the Summer, I wanted to include the schedule for the Band Camp 2018. June Rookie Camp will be June 11th - 22nd from 8:00am-1:00pm. Full Band Camp is July 16th-27th from 8:00am-5:00pm with lunch at 12:00pm. Music Rehearsals (Winds, Guard, and Percussion) are June 19th and 21st, July 10th and 12th, and August 7 and 9th from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

We have a lot of momentum coming out of such a wonderful marching season and I am looking forward to all of the growth we are going to make as a band.

Zach Dykes
Director of Bands
Roll Dolphin!!!

Percussion News

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Congratulations to all the members of the SoundWave as they complete yet another successful season of marching

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Patrick Barnett
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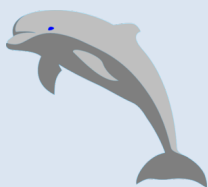
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band. As the Friday night lights fade away, concert music is pulled of the shelf, students audition for the All-County Band, and plans are made for the upcoming indoor percussion season. With that being said, congratulations to all our percussionists who made the All-County Band this year!

Indoor Percussion is already up and rolling with auditions being completed and fundraisers rolling out! The first Friday of each month, the IP team will be selling doughnuts in front of the school for \$9 a dozen so come out and get that sugary craving filled! As well as doughnuts, the IP team is also selling tickets to an Ice Flyers Game in December. The tickets sell for \$20 which includes a free hat! Get a group together and contact an IP team member to get your tickets today!

The January newsletter will have a listing of all IP competitions and events throughout the spring term. Until then, calendars have been handed out to the members at the initial meeting. All rehearsals and trips are included in that calendar. As always if you have any questions, please feel free to email Patrick Barnett at patrick@gbsoundwave.com. Have a great Thanksgiving! We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas concert!

- Gulf Breeze Percussion Staff

Color Guard

First off, let's just say...Wow! What a season we had for Marching Season. The staff and boosters could not be prouder of the Color Guard and ALL their accomplishments on and off the field! As it has been said, you made the impossible possible! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to your sport and the desire to make Gulf Breeze SoundWave Color Guard the best it can be for the 2017 Marching Season.

As we go into the indoor season, we have decided to take time off from competing to train and build the Color Guard program to be better than it has ever been. We have some amazing, experienced instructors coming in to assist in molding our group to progress to the next level. This will be a great season of personal and team growth and a great time to take advantage of some fundraising and recruitment opportunities. It will be an exciting time for the Gulf Breeze SoundWave Color Guard.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all our SoundWave families!

Contact Mrs. Dampson if you have any questions: dampsonart@gmail.com

2017-18 Gulf Breeze Band Booster (GBBB) Meetings

Band Booster Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, in the band room, from 6:30-7:30pm. ***We will not meet in December.*** Meetings will resume in January 2018.

A Good "Reed" *Find out the latest on the Band Booster Committees...*

Committees in need of assistance:

•**Grant Writing**

•**Program Sales (for next year)**

Email Dan Hecht, danhecht2.0@gmail.com if interested in volunteering for these positions.

Communications: Want information at the click of a button? Check out our band website <http://www.gbhssoundwave.com/> where there is everything like online student forms, musical notes that play the Alma Mater, how to contact the instructors or Band Booster officers and how to sign up for the Remind App. You can also "Like" our page Gulf Breeze Sound Wave on Facebook. We are also on Twitter and Instagram @gbhssoundwave. Volunteer opportunities, your child's account and calendar events can be found on CHARMS. Use **gulfbrrhsband** for the school code. You will need your student's ID# the first time you log on. Make sure your email address in CHARMS is correct to ensure delivery of this newsletter and emails from Mr. Dykes, committee members and important events. You can submit pictures for the newsletter, website or social media by emailing them to CommunicationsGBBB@gmail.com.

Concessions: Greetings SoundWave Band! Concessions has ended on a very positive and profitable last home game...we took in just shy of \$5,000!!! My deepest appreciation to EVERYONE that has volunteered their time in Concessions...it is because of your dedication that we are so successful! Thank you all!! And to the Concessions Advancement Team, you guys ROCK!! Thank you all for being so motivated, dedicated, and hard working in making Concessions really successful this year!! It had been a very busy, and wonderful season here in concessions. Our equipment has been immensely helpful in increasing our throughput, and overall profitability. The Navarre game alone we made over 100 funnel cakes, and thanks to our new fryer, could handle the demand and keep the line steadily moving!!

We recently received new equipment in the form of a food warmer. It has been a huge help to keep it stocked and ready to serve items from the grill, immediately to our customers!

As always, at the end of the season, we must do a deep clean of Concessions. More than likely I will do it in early January, so as not to impact any holiday plans. We will need volunteers to scrub, power wash, sanitize, and organize. With many hands, we can make quick work of it! With Concessions absorption of Hospitality, we are going to be switching our focus on some upcoming events like the December concert, and the Band Banquet, to name a few. Be on the lookout for volunteering opportunities soon!!

Many thanks to all parents; may you enjoy much love, laughter, and safe travel during your Holiday Season!!

With gratitude,
Heather Cady-Bragg
Concessions Committee Team Leader

Fundraising: As we close out marching season, we have once again completed three successful fundraisers. Another strong March-A-Thon, improved productivity at the concession stand, and a focused effort with the football program have generated over \$40,000 for the band!!! These three fundraisers are sustainable programs we want improve every year. I believe we have the opportunity to make each of these even stronger as we move forward.

Working on these committees is a fun and rewarding experience and we welcome you to get involved. As the kids say, "Be good. Do good. Have fun!"

If you would like to be involved in any of these rewarding committees, please reach out to me (Dan Hecht) at danhecht2.0@gmail.com or 561-213-8420.

Grants: Unfortunately, we did not make the WILL DO grant finalist list this year, We will apply again in the spring. We did receive grants from both Walmarts this year! Please remember to thank Walmart for their support when the opportunity arises.

Transportation: Wow, what a great year we have had as we wind down the marching season. I would like to take this time to give praise and thanks to those who have given so much help to Transportation in making this marching season happen. Dave Bleiler, AKA speed racer, has been instrumental in ensuring all equipment made it to each event. He pulled the yellow trailer with the podiums, gator, and water to each away event and drove the gator moving around equipment ensuring everything was in place when needed for every occasion. Dave also set up and broke down the bleachers, no small task by any means, at each home and away game. Dalton and Michele Kennedy for providing the contact and setting up the construction of the new piano carts, donation of the aluminum stock, and providing tools to work on instruments. Michele pulled the yellow trailer back from the competition when we had issues with the tow vehicle. Dalton also provided a generator so we could finish the construction and rebuild of the podiums at Pride Field as well as provide power for the front ensemble during events where power was not available and drove the truck and trailer when I was not available. Rob Engle, has "come to the light" and joined the Transportation crew in the latter part of this year after running the fry section at the concession stand most of the year. Rob stepped in when Dave was not available to pull the yellow trailer and helped set up the bleachers. I would also like to thank all of the parents who helped set up the bleachers and podiums at halftime shows and competitions. I would also like to thank Scott Stonebraker for driving the truck when needed, but he is the President and had to fill in when someone was away. ☺

The truck is running strong, pulling the trailer and hauling our equipment with ease. The loading crews have been consistent in their loading, ensuring a very stable drive. Our trailers are in good working order, however some need maintenance in the near future now that the marching season is winding down. We will be turning in the gator soon because it will not be required now that the marching season is over.

Transportation is still in need of parents to help out even though the marching season is over. We will be working on the instruments, conducting maintenance on equipment, and getting things ready for the Indoor Percussion season. If you want to increase your involvement or start getting involved, please sign up on Charms, contact Keith Whelan at (850)530-7548 or Dan Hecht at (561)213-8420.

Uniforms: In order to keep the new uniforms looking and smelling good, we need some wonderful volunteers to help us clean them. If you can volunteer to clean up to 10 uniforms, we will provide detergent and written washing instructions. They are machine washable in cold water and hung to dry. Please contact Tonya Duke at tonyaLduke@gmail.com.

Volunteers/Chaperones: Volunteers are the life-blood of the booster organization and the

time you spend volunteering shows your kid you value and support them.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who collectively put in over 2,000 hours just this marching season alone! This is a tremendous testament of your commitment and support of these talented kids. Parents/guardians have served as chaperones, concession stand helpers, truck drivers, equipment haulers, uniform caretakers, program sales, band camp helpers, water runners, platform and prop construction, and many more.

A special thanks to the "regulars" and committee chairs who literally help at every game/event. Your experience keeps the SoundWave "machine" running smoothly. Thank you also to everyone who has stepped up to help in any way to support our talented kids and this amazing program. I hope you've felt the positive energy and many inner workings of the school's largest organization. Our kids truly could not shine out there without the help from YOU behind the scenes!

Now let's keep this momentum going as we embark on Indoor Percussion and prepare for next year!

Dan Hecht
VP/Volunteer Coordinator

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What's making Waves...

This month's Person(s) with a Porpoise : All the parents and guardians that volunteered to make the 2017 Marching Season a success!



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