



# PARADE REST...

Newsletter of the Gulf Breeze Band Booster Association

PRIDE!

February 2016

## If You're Keeping Time...

### **FEBRUARY**

- 2/1** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/2** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/5** Gulf Coast Marching Arts  
Premiere, IP & WG perform @  
Gulf Breeze, 6:30pm
- 2/6** IP & WG Competition @  
Choctaw HS
- 2/8** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/9** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/9** GBBB Board of Directors  
Meeting, Band Room, 6:30 pm (all  
welcome)
- 2/13** IP & WG Competition @  
Escambia HS
- 2/15** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/16** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/19-20** Solo & Ensembles @  
Gulf Breeze HS\*
- 2/19** WG Competition @ Gulf  
Breeze HS
- 2/20** IP & WG Competition @  
Pace HS
- 2/22** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/23** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 2/27** WG-WGI Regional @ Tate

### **MARCH**

- 3/4** IP Fundraiser-middle school  
dance @ Rec Center

## Letter from the Band Booster President

Welcome to the second half of our school year and the 2016 Sound Wave's Symphonic Band season. This year promises to be another great one. Competitions for symphonic and concert bands are just as exciting as the marching competitions. However, you don't have to sit on hard bleacher seats, rain or shine, you don't have to struggle up 22 bleacher seats with your stale popcorn charred dogs and ice drink in the same hand. You don't have to get neck strain from trying to watch while the guy in front of you tries his best to get all 150 of his students seated. The competitions are held in nice auditoriums where you can sit in comfort and quietly listen. Ratings for symphonic and concert bands are much the same as marching competitions. Superior, excellent or good (1's, 2's and 3's) are given by three judges. Sight reading is done off stage and rated by the same system. You are urged to put the dates on your calendar and attend. Let's support our students with their efforts and practice schedules. This is a very demanding part of the school year and we should all strive to help our students in any way possible. Please remember to attend the meetings, competitions and performances. Your student will learn from your involvement. This semester we will be focusing on fundraising. With several ideas taking shape, we should be able to hit the ground running for expansion, procurement and to finish off our school year with a big bang! Please be receptive and prepared to assist when called upon to participate in your child's musical talents. Hopefully I have had the opportunity to say thank you on a one to one basis but for those I may have missed, let me say how much your efforts have been appreciated this year.

Bruce DeMotts  
jbdemots@gmail.com

## Band Director Notes

Even though marching season has passed, it is difficult to find a time before, during or after school on any day of the week when there is no activity in or around the band building. In addition to the concert and symphonic bands, we have indoor percussion and indoor color guard preparing impressive shows, jazz band, solo and ensemble practice, and an occasional pep band. The energy surrounding these groups is awesome, and many thanks go to the directors and volunteers who make them possible.

Mr. Dykes and I have determined the concept for next year's marching show, but all I will reveal at this time is that the show will amaze you. We have opportunities this year that were not as

**3/3-5** Concert & Symphonic Bands perform for MPA

**3/8** GBBB Board of Directors Meeting, Band Room, 6:30pm (all welcome)

**3/12** WG Competition @ Daphne

**3/19** IP Competition @ Hattiesburg

## **APRIL**

**4/2** IP & WG Competition-Championships @ Tate

**4/12** GBBB Board of Directors Meeting, Band Room, 6:30pm (all welcome)

**4/12-17** IP Competition-World Championships @ Dayton, OH

\*Volunteers/Chaperones needed-please sign up through Charms



**CHARMS** [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)  
and **CHARMS APP**

School Code: GulfBrHSBand

Password: first log-on is your student's #ID, then you are prompted to create your own password

### **GBBB Board of Directors:**

#### **Executive Board Officers:**

President *Bruce DeMotts*

Vice President *Barbara Scott*

Secretary *Jill Whitesell*

Treasurer *Scott Goette*

Band Director *Jason Olson*

Associate Band Director *Zach Dykes*

#### **Committee Chairmen:**

Communications (newsletter, website and social media)

*Suzanne Ides*

*Barbara Scott*

available to us last year because of the speed the show had to be assembled. We will challenge students musically by having the show written with the many strengths of our band in mind, and our sound will be both dynamic and, at times, enormous. We anticipate a tremendous growth in our program as we are graduating less than 20 students and hoping to bring in 60+ freshmen. A program of this size and quality is challenging to fund. This year our bill from the county for our busses alone cost almost \$10,000! With an increase in numbers we will need to have new instruments, more uniforms, an additional bus for each trip, and maintain and pay for a truck and trailer along with many other smaller expenses. Please be mindful that a MFS of \$330 is not enough to sustain our program (the organizations listed above are self-sustaining due to fund raising and fees paid by those students involved). Significant fund-raising will be essential along the way, and it does not go unnoticed that relatively few members of GBBB participate in this compared to the numbers we could have. If you are reading this and wondering how to get involved, it is time for you to attend booster meetings or ask this question of the GBBB leadership.

One of the questions I ask of the drum major candidates in their interviews for next year's drum major(s) is "Why do we say (yell) "Pride!" when called to parade rest. Much of the reason is for you, the parents in the audience. Your contribution to the Sound Wave is immeasurably important, and I hope you feel it as much as you see it in the eyes of these students during the silence between this shout and another great performance.

Jason Olson

[olsonj@santarosa.k12.fl.us](mailto:olsonj@santarosa.k12.fl.us)

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## **Color Guard/Winter Guard (WG)**

The Winter Guard is off to a great start. We have been working extremely hard to get everything ready to start the season! We will be doing a food drive for St. Ann Catholic Church if we can please get any non-perishable food items! I want to extend our gratitude to Barb Scott for lining up the rehearsal site. This was an amazing opportunity and will hopefully continue in the future. We, the Color Guard, would love your support at the competitions this season. It's a great time and you will get to see all the hard work the students put forth week after week. As always, thank you to the parents for your patience :-)

Jerry Holzwarth

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## **Indoor Percussion (IP)**

Greetings to everyone in the Sound Wave family! The students of the Gulf Breeze Indoor Percussion Ensemble have been working diligently learning their show for the upcoming competitive season. This year's season is comprised of seven performances both in our county as well as across the country. The students have been working very hard raising funds to purchase new equipment as they represent our high school at world championships for the first time in several years. With that being said we would like to formally invite everyone to the Gulf Coast Marching Arts Premiere which will showcase the talents of not only our percussion and guard, but also groups from around our

### Concessions

Raechele Guy  
Kristin Higgins

### Fundraising

Michele Kennedy  
Janna DeMotts

### Grants Leslie Allison

### Membership Development

Shannon Spooneybarger

### Programs

Janna DeMotts  
Chairman needed

### Social Events

Amy Armstrong  
Brendalee Johnson

### Spirit Sales

Tammy Fitzpatrick  
Leslie Allison

### Transportation

Fred Printiss  
Scott Stonebraker

### Uniforms

Debbie Kranak  
Tonya Duke

### Volunteers and Chaperones

Don Toole  
Theresa Moore

### **Color Guard Director**

Jerry Holzwarth

### **Percussion Instructors**

Patrick Barnett  
Michael Utsey

### ✓ **Us Out**

### **Band Website:**

[www.gbhssoundwave.com](http://www.gbhssoundwave.com)

### **Like us on Facebook:**

Gulf Breeze Sound Wave

### **Follow us on Twitter:**

@GBHSSoundWave

### **Contact the Editor**

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area. There will be concessions on site as well as a wonderful bake sale to help support the students in their quest to purchase new instruments for the band. This will be held in the high school gymnasium on Friday, February 5th at 6:30 pm with free admission! Come on out to support your local arts programs that evening as they display their talent as a group that they have worked so hard to achieve. As always if you have any questions about any events coming up feel free to contact me. We look forward to seeing you February 5th!

Patrick Barnett  
[phbahp15@gmail.com](mailto:phbahp15@gmail.com)

## Support the Sound Wave

**Donations**-Anyone can make a tax-deductible donation to the band via PayPal by visiting the Gulf Breeze Sound Wave Facebook page and clicking on the donation link **OR** go directly to our band website [www.gbhssoundwave.com](http://www.gbhssoundwave.com) and click on the "Support Us" tab at the top. Click any of the "Donate" links.

We need to purchase instruments, uniforms and pay for the new truck and trailer. Keep in mind, the truck is occasionally used by Mrs. Smithey at the middle school for concerts and the Color Guard and Indoor Percussion use the truck for their spring competitions. We can't do it without your help!

No amount is too small! Thank you for your support!

Do you already shop on Amazon.com? Support the band by making your regular purchases through the Amazon link on our band website. Go to [www.gbhssoundwave.com](http://www.gbhssoundwave.com) and click on the Amazon link before you check out. A percentage of the purchase goes to the Sound Wave. Thank you!

**A Good "Reed"** *Find out the latest on the Band Booster Committees and how you can volunteer...*

**Communications:** Important information can be found online on our website [www.gbhssoundwave.com](http://www.gbhssoundwave.com), Facebook and Twitter. Please send any comments, suggestions, videos or pictures to [CommunicationsGBBB@gmail.com](mailto:CommunicationsGBBB@gmail.com).

The band does most of its communications and volunteer sign-ups through Charms. Log on to make sure your email address and other contact information are correct. You can also view the band calendar and your student's financial balance. Use code: GulfBrHSBand

**Concessions:** The Blue Note Café (Visitors side concession stand) had a very profitable football season. Thank you to Raechele Guy for taking over the concessions this year and to Kristin Higgins for all her hard work over the past few years. It wouldn't have been possible without those faithful concession volunteers. Thank you!

**Fundraising:** For Valentine's Day, there is a possibility of fundraising by having the Band and National Honor Society partner together to sell single red roses at the school. We are in the process of working this out with a local florist, Mr. Olsen and

the school to see if students could sell at lunch periods. NHS members who are still in need of

volunteer hours would benefit and the band would reap the proceeds from the event.

Starting 2/1 through 3/11, band students will have the opportunity to sell 5 pound Boston Butts prepared by GBHS Alum Mike Droogsma at Broussard's Bayou Grill & Cajun Market. Cost is \$40 each and the band receives \$15 for each one sold. These are packaged in a USDA meat packing facility and will be in vacuum freezer bags that can be boiled or microwaved when ready to use. The \$40 cost gives us a \$5 or more savings while we help the band. We are asking each student to purchase one and sell one. All orders must be accompanied by cash or a check made payable to Gulf Breeze Band Boosters no later than March 11. Orders can be picked up during Broussard's normal business hours between March 16 and March 20. They are located behind McGuire's at 690 E. Heinberg Street, Pensacola. Be on the lookout for a flyer and order form coming home with your student at the end of January. The band student who sells the most will win a cash prize!

Gulf Breeze is hosting the Solo & Ensemble Competition for District 1 from Feb. 19-20 at the high school. The band raises money at this event by selling concessions, t-shirt sales, Kona Ice, a photo booth, spirit sales and a \$500 donation from FBA for running data entry in the library. Concessions will use the food already purchased stored at the Blue Note Café. The t-shirt vendor gives the band \$3 per shirt and \$5 per hoodie sold. Kona Ice will be set up all day Saturday and the band receives a percentage of sales. There about 100 cookbooks left which will be sold at the Spirit Booth along with other clothing items such as PJ bottoms and shorts. The photographer is process of being confirmed. Please be on the lookout for calls or emails from the S&E Coordinator, Brenda Lee Johnson, and Volunteer Coordinator, Theresa Moore. It takes many hands to run an event this size, so be sure to volunteer in data entry, set up (Friday after school), tear down (at end of the event on Saturday), concessions, registration, runner table, hospitality room or other areas where help is needed.

We also discussed having a food booth at the Gulf Breeze Celebrates the Arts event March 12-13 from 9-5 and 10-5, respectively. A planning meeting will be held Feb. 2 at the GB Library starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have a representative at that meeting to ensure we have a presence at this event.

Other prospective fund-raisers discussed include selling Yeti or Tervis tumblers with Gulf Breeze Dolphins wraps and selling a service to local community members to hang American Flags for subscribers on national holidays such as Flag Day and July 4th. Another idea brought up by Eddie Allison is to replicate the last large fundraiser completed by UWF. This event would have around 4 or 5 team leaders and they would recruit members for their teams who are tasked with raising a certain amount of money by a certain date. Each person raises \$1,000 (for example) and then the winning team members win something for their work.

Thanks in advance to all those parents who work so hard to help support our band! You are so appreciated! Janna DeMotts

You can still order from the following companies online to benefit the band:

**Yankee Candle:** [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com)

Group #: 990083469

**Nature's Vision:** [www.naturesvisionfundraising.com](http://www.naturesvisionfundraising.com)

Organization code: 50548

**RADA Cutlery:** [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com)

Internet #: 505624

Password: soundwave

Our "phoneraiser" drive will come to a close the end of February. There is a box in the band room for old cell phones and ink jet cartridges.

Remember to pass out and/or use the Subway coupons at both Gulf Breeze locations by 2/19/16. The band gets \$1 for each footlong-30oz drink combo purchased. Simple. Easy.

Thank you for all you do! Michele Kennedy, [duesouthcatering@yahoo.com](mailto:duesouthcatering@yahoo.com)

**Grants:** We are waiting to hear back from 17 grant applications. Each band family is a huge resource! Please consider reaching out to a business, person or organization and asking their help in reaching our goal to fund the purchase of our new band truck. Please contact Leslie Allison at (850) 293-3005 or [leslieallison3005@gmail.com](mailto:leslieallison3005@gmail.com) if you have information regarding grant opportunities or would like to assist in our grant writing efforts. Thank you!

**Membership Development:** Please don't hesitate to contact Shannon Spooneybarger at [sspooney@hotmail.com](mailto:sspooney@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Programs:** *This committee is in need of a new chairman.* Janna DeMotts will be moving on after her daughter graduates this year. This has been the largest fundraiser for the Boosters. Please consider volunteering for next year. This committee oversees the selling of the advertising, printing and distribution of the football programs. No previous experience necessary but helpful. All contact are made. We just need someone to be in charge of organizing.

**Social Events:** The Christmas Concert was fabulous! Incredible music and great refreshments. The refreshments wouldn't have been successful without each class bringing in what was asked of them. Thank You! Special thanks to Heather Cady-Bragg for the delicious and beautiful cake she provided for the concert. Also, thank you to Patricia for providing some festive decorations for the tables.

Solo and Ensemble is coming up February 19 and 20. The judges Hospitality room is typically supplied and staffed by the middle school parents, however, volunteer availability can differ from year to year. If you have some time or would like to make a food donation, please let me know! You can call, text or email me, Amy Armstrong, at [ala101959@yahoo.com](mailto:ala101959@yahoo.com), or (850) 261-7254. Thank You!

**Spirit Sales:** Check out the spirit tent! In stock and ready for purchase: \$28 Blue & Gold track shorts with GB logo in sizes Youth L, Adult S, M & L.

\$30 Blue & Gold plaid lounge pants with drawstring waist. They come with or without white screen-printing down one leg reading "Gulf Breeze Dolphins" in sizes Adult S, M & L.



**Transportation:**

1. Thanks to Dalton for finding the new trailer. A similar trailer could have cost over \$5,500.
2. Thanks to Fred, Michele and Lee for pulling the trailer to the parades/hospital.
3. Thanks to Keith for his "in depth" search for our new truck. He found the best truck available to us, under budget (\$26,500) and he also oversaw and made Penske do all service and repairs before and after we got it.
4. Thanks to Lee for his extensive work on finding comprehensive and affordable insurance. (He came in \$500 under the proposed annual truck insurance expense.)
5. Thanks to Keith and Lee for taking the time to drive to Nashville and pick up the truck.

We need a Volunteer (possibly two), set up and take down of the Solo & Ensemble on February 19-20. There is set up required Friday afternoon and Saturday Morning. Then take down Saturday evening. This does require some lifting but there are a lot of kids to help.

Please let Theresa or Don know if you can help!!! Myself, Bruce or Brenda Lee can answer any questions you may have! That's all folks... Scott J. Stonebraker

**Uniforms:** Nothing to report.

**Volunteers and Chaperones:** Hello Sound Wave Families, Solo and Ensemble is only 3 weeks away! We are going to need many parent volunteers for February 19th-20th, to make this a successful event. Please sign up on Charms to help with concessions, chaperoning student volunteers, setting up equipment and data entry. Thank you, Theresa Moore and Don Toole

**What's Making WAVES...**



**PayPal Ready!** Band families now have the ability to make My Fair Share (MFS), Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard payments through PayPal directly though CHARMS.

**Congratulations** to those students that were chosen from the Sound Wave to perform with the Florida All-State Band in Tampa and the Santa Rosa All-County County Band in Milton in January!

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*Submissions for the March newsletter are due by February 25<sup>th</sup>*

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