



PARADE REST...

Newsletter of the Gulf Breeze Band Booster Association

PRIDE!

September 2017

Band Website:

www.gbhssoundwave.com

If You're Keeping Time...

September

9/1 GB vs Catholic, Call time:
5:30pm

9/2 March-A-Thon Door Hanger
Distribution, 10:00am-12:00pm,
PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

9/8 GB @ Tate, Call time:
4:00pm

9/8 Turn in donations for the
March-A-Thon to the safe in the
band room

9/9 2nd Annual Band March-A-
Thon, 9:00am - 1:00pm (Rain
Date: 9/23)

9/12 Band Booster Meeting,
6:30-7:30pm, Band Room

9/15 GB vs Pine Forest, Call
time: 5:30pm, Middle School
Night

9/16 Day of Percussion @
Escambia High School Gym,
7:45am

9/22 GB @ Washington, Call
time: 4:00pm

9/23 All-State Try Outs

9/29 GB @ Milton, Call time:
4:00pm

9/30 5th (final) Installment of
MFSC (My Fair Share

From the Top

Band Booster President Scott Stonebraker

Hello SoundWave Family!

Wow! We have marched a long way toward a successful 2017 fall band season. I am so excited the school year has begun! I am honored and humbled to serve this fantastic group of students, parents and staff! The energy that began with rookie camp was magnified during band camp and practices and has now becoming our magnificent SoundWave creation "The Streets of New York"! This could only happen with YOU and YOUR wonderful students. We are off to a GREAT START!!

I want to reflect a moment and highlight some key accomplishments we've made and some **BIG THINGS** going on.

~**The Uniforms Are Here!** This couldn't be a reality without the hard work and dedication, starting with last year's executive board, continuing with the "uniform ladies". Y'ALL ROCK!

~**Summer 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!

~**Platform On Pride Field Project** was a monumental success! (Pun intended) As we added a lower staff section and completely re-built the director level.

~**The Football Program** is the most comprehensive and largest in recent memory. Thanks to the tireless effort and great partnerships, we have included all student groups on the field: Band, Football, Cheer and JROTC with coaches' bios, etc. Please get your copies before they run out and thank the advertisers when you get a chance!

~**The Blue Note Café** is off to a smooth start! The Concessions Advancement Team (CAT) has implemented some great new things, such as POS tablets for tracking all sales at each counter, new nacho warmers and a new dual propane cart. The idea is "Throughput" to be more profitable for the kids. Please come try OUR WORLD-FAMOUS FUNNEL CAKES!!

~**The March-A-Thon** is off to a great start to repeat last year's outstanding results. The goal is to make this our largest, sustainable fundraiser year after year for the fall

Contribution) of \$100 due

9/30 Milton Competition @ Milton HS, 8:00am-11:00pm

10/6 GB vs Ft. Walton Beach, Homecoming & Band Alumni Night

10/13 GBHS @ Pace

10/14 FBA Marching Assessment

10/17 Santa Rosa County Marching Band Competition @ Navarre HS

10/21 JROTC Drill Meet, 8:00am-5:00pm, Band Concessions provides food and drink for several competing drill teams, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

10/21 Emerald Coast Classic Marching Band Competition @ Choctaw HS

10/23 Indoor Percussion Interest Meeting @ 6:30pm, Band Room

10/27 GB vs Navarre

11/3 GB @ East Gadsden

Sign up on CHARMS for volunteer opportunities!



CHARMS and CHARMS APP

www.charmsoffice.com

School Code: GulfBrHSBand

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

marching season. We raised \$16K last year to banish the beard. This year's goals for the dunk tank:

\$16K DUNK THE DIRECTOR! Mr. Dykes

\$20K DUNK THE DIRECTORS! Mr. Dykes and Coach Alt

\$25K DUNK THE DIRECTORS IN PUDDING! (Pudding was Coach Alt's request.)

The SoundWave is riding high; can you feel the energy and enthusiasm? We will only maintain and grow with the support of us, the parents! Our VOLUNTEERS are the heart and MFSC is the lifeblood 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!

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

Scott J. Stonebraker

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Band Director Notes



Zach Dykes

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Hello Everyone,

The year is off to a great start with our first game behind us! All the hard work that happened during band camp and the first few weeks of school are paying off. As we move further into the marching season, we will only be getting busier for everyone involved in the program. This Saturday, we have our March-A-Thon Door Hanger event which is vital to the success of the March-A-Thon. We are very fortunate to have such a unique way to raise funds for our program that showcases the talents of our students.

Along with our football games, our first competition is September 30th at Milton High School. As soon as the schedule is available, we will have an itinerary available. Before our competitions, we will be having morning rehearsals to make any adjustments that are needed. Please make sure you are checking the schedule that is on Charms for any updates.

I look forward to all that we are going to accomplish this year as a band program. Thank you for all that you do as students, parents, and volunteers.

Zach Dykes
Director of Bands
Roll Dolphin!!!

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Greetings to all of the new and returning SoundWave band members! The percussion staff is excited to have one of our best seasons yet with all of the hard work the students have put in this summer. The group has grown yet again and expects the trend to continue throughout the rest of this year and even into the Indoor Percussion season. Below are a few dates to remember for all of our percussionists and Indoor participants as we continue throughout the marching season.

The annual Day of Percussion will be held again at Escambia High School on September 16th. Students are to report to the Escambia High School gym at 7:45am. This event is a clinic/ performance where the kids will both learn new techniques as well as show off what they have been working so hard on.

THEY HAVE MADE THEIR DEBUT! The new drums graciously purchased by the Gulf Breeze Will Do grant have made their marching debut during the band's first football game against Pascagoula. The only thing brighter than the shimmer of the new drums was the beautiful articulate sound the students were able to produce on the new equipment. From all of the staff and students of our band program we want to say Thank You!

Our annual Indoor Percussion meeting will be October 23rd at 6:30pm in our band room. This is for all returning and prospective members! Anyone who has any questions or thoughts regarding the upcoming indoor season can attend to see what it is all about! There will be refreshments provided at the meeting for all of our parents and students!

We look forward to a great rest of the season as the percussion follows the band on the journey through the "Streets of New York". Come see the band under the Friday night lights!

- Gulf Breeze Percussion Staff

Color Guard

What a start! We are super proud of our color guard section this season. They have worked hard and have shown their strengths and dedication to their sport and to the SoundWave Band. We have a lot in store for the visuals of this show. Keep an eye out each week this month for the subtle and the drastic changes that are to come, as we continue to write and learn the different parts

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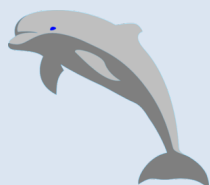
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PHEAR
THE
PHINS!



of the show. No performance will be the same and each better than the last!

Here are some important dates to remember for the color guard:

*Character Uniform: due to Mrs. Dampson; September 9th after the March-A-Thon

*Choreography Clinic: September 16th, 8:0am - 3:00pm in the band room with Leo

*Uniform Checks every Thursday done by captains after rehearsals

*Drill learned at rehearsals every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and work cleaned in class

Contact Mrs. Dampson if you have questions:

dampsonart@gmail.com

MARCH-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Our March-A-Thon 2017 fundraising campaign is well underway, and donations and sponsorships continue to roll in! If we reach our overall goal of \$20,000 we will DUNK THE DIRECTORS! That's right Mr. Dykes and Coach Alt will go in the dunk tank. To get us there, each student is asked to collect \$200 in donations. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 individual fundraisers and top section.

Students and parent volunteers will be distributing door hangers along the route this Saturday, Sept 2nd. We will meet at the band room at 10 a.m. and spread out from there. It should take about an hour. Parents can sign up to volunteer on Charms.

The March-A-Thon itself will take place Saturday, September 9th at 10 a.m. Mr. Dykes will let students know what time to show up at the band room. Again, parent volunteers sign up on Charms.

Details are available on the website

<http://www.gbhssoundwave.com/march-a-thon-2017-1.html> or contact Doug Scott at gbhsmarchathon@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. Please join us for the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th.

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

Committees in need of assistance:

•**Grant Writing** •**Hospitality Co-Chair** •**Program Sales (for next year)**

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

Communications:

Welcome to the team Theresa Moore and Mandy Roper! Theresa is now heading up the Parade Rest newsletter, Mandy agreed to be in charge of our social media (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) and Barb Scott continues as our webmaster of www.gbhssoundwave.com.

We hope you enjoy the Parade Rest newsletter and find it to be a useful tool to keep up with band events. Information is always at your fingertips through CHARMS, www.gbhssoundwave.com, "Gulf Breeze Sound Wave" on Facebook, @gbhssoundwave on Twitter and Instagram. If you have information or photos of the band that you'd like to share through any of our mediums, please feel free to contact us at CommunicationsGBBB@gmail.com.

Fundraising:

Our fundraising efforts focus on 4 main priorities:

- My Fair Share Contribution (MFSC)
- March-A-Thon
- Concession Sales
- Football Programs

My Fair Share Contribution – Many families have taken advantage of the early discount approach to the MFSC reducing the amount from \$500 to \$450. These early payments have helped ensure the Boosters had enough cash on hand to pay for the balance of the new uniforms and ensure their timely delivery. Thank you! Other families are contributing their MFSC with installments and might be earning a discount by volunteering three times at the concession stand or selling programs. These funds are critical to make the band function!

This is a friendly reminder that there was a My Fair Share Contribution payment of \$100 due August 31st and the fifth and final installment of \$100 is due September 30th. You may drop a check off at the band room and put it in the safe, or you may pay online. If you choose to pay online, please log into your child's Charms account: www.charmsoffice.com. Click on 'Login' and choose 'Parents/Students/Members'. Type **GulfBrHSBand** for the school code and click 'enter charms'. Once inside the account, click on the 'Finances' icon on the home page and then click on the 'make miscellaneous payment' button, and follow the directions. These contributions help fund the band activities and other operating expenses, including the new uniforms. Any payment is welcome if you cannot pay the whole amount at this time. We will certainly work with you if you can let us know. We need your help to make our band work. Thank you for your support of YOUR band. It makes a difference!

Concessions: We worked on plans to streamline our processes so we can serve more people, faster, and increase our profitability at the concession stand. Heather Cady-Bragg is a great leader and a great cook! We have also had several volunteers step up to help Heather as managers during the games. More in a separate update from Heather....

Greetings from Concessions! Well, we made it! We've survived our first game, and it seems as though the new system/flow in place is working really well! Granted, there are still some kinks to work out, but that is to be expected; we are taking a lot of ideas and feedback from

those who worked that day, making changes as needed. A BIG thank you to all who stepped up and helped in Concessions, you were "instrumental" (see what I did there?!) to our success!

Concessions has new equipment: An additional food warming lamp, double propane burner cooking cart for funnel cakes, two braziers for the hot oil for funnel cakes, and two nacho cheese dispensers. These were all put to the test on Friday, and passed with flying colors! Additionally, the new drink dispenser from Coke is working out well, but we are still adjusting to implementing that into our overall flow. Thanks to all of our volunteers that suggested improvements! Thank you to Barb Scott for doing the legwork and purchasing of our new souvenir cups!! They were a big hit!!

We are gearing up and excited for our next home game! Lastly, I would like to personally thank all members of the Concessions Advancement Team, who have been working with me tirelessly to bring our concessions into an even more profitable era! The Concessions Advancement Team is: Heather Cady-Bragg, "Boss Lady", Scott Stonebraker, Kristen Stonebraker, Dan Hecht, Missy Hecht, Grace Hofius, Rob Engel, Elizabeth Freeman and Michele Kennedy.

Here's to kick starting a very successful year!!

Football Programs – The Football Program has been a strong success raising more than \$12,500 in business ads and nearly \$4,000 in student salutes. With color photos for football, cheerleading, JROTC, and band we are set to sell the printed programs at home games and already sold nearly 200 at the season opener. Many thanks to our Football Program Coordinator, Dan Hecht, and the volunteers who helped sell advertising ads: Rob Engel, Karen Snow, Shannon Spooneybarger and AJ Walker.

Grants: Scott Stonebraker is doing an amazing job with this while also being our Band in Chief. Applications have been submitted to Walmart, Publix and Powerade. Scott is attending the WILL DO writing workshop on 9/6 to help with the application process. The grant for WILL DO is due 9/18.

Social Events: Brendalee Johnson heads up this committee and is looking for a parent to co-chair with her. Her son is a senior and she would like to mentor a parent to take over this role in 2018-19.

Transportation: We would like to thank everyone that helped with transportation. What a great first game of the year. Setup was smooth and efficient; we saw the work, and everyone pitched in to help. These actions prove Dan's and Scott's quote "many hands make light work." As you see, getting ready for a home game can be a daunting task but with your support and help it is easy and fun. Away games do not require as much work but are more stressful because of the time crunch upon arrival.

The truck is in excellent mechanical condition and has served us well, including our trip to Dayton, OH last spring. The schedule for this year, except for one trip to East Gadsden High School, allows us to make each trip on one tank of fuel. We look forward to making these trips and more in the future.

Our trailers are in good working order even though the yellow trailer does not look the part. We turned the yellow trailer over to the County as directed. We planned to use our current trailer for WG and the truck for the Indoor Percussion (IP), but because of our growth, we are having difficulty accommodating both groups. Last year, the WG borrowed trailers and used our yellow trailer to haul their equipment to competitions. So WG is in need of another trailer. It would need to be enclosed (to protect equipment), have a ramp, and able to be pulled behind a half-ton truck. We are seeking a donor trailer if someone has one that meets

our requirements. If we are not able to secure a donated trailer, we will propose purchasing.

Transportation seems like the smallest section of the boosters but has the largest direct impact on the band. Yes, we move the equipment, but we also coordinate the setup and breakdown of the band section of the bleachers, and with phenomenal assistance from chaperones, move instruments onto and off of the field for the halftime performance. We are always looking for more parents to get involved with transportation; we get to drive Gators and have fun while watching all of the hard work of the students come together.

Uniforms: The new uniforms have arrived! They consist of dark navy jackets with gray and white with gold accents, black gloves and a gray shako with plume. The bibbers, shakos, gloves and shoes will be purchased by the students. The jackets, gauntlets and plumes will be purchased with band funds and will be property of the band. To minimize expenses, the gauntlets will not be ordered for this fall. They will be added in the future.

Volunteers/Chaperones: We are off to a great start with volunteers. Our needs for the SoundWave marching season are already 90% covered via Charms enrollment. You still have a chance to help – sign up for concessions, March-A-Thon, the JROTC event, and more via Charms. www.charmsoffice.com

Our first game was a big success. We had chaperones help kids manage the heat and equipment for a wonderful first game. The volunteers in the concession stand tested a new order taking system (went great!) and generated more than \$2,000 as our warm up to prepare for bigger crowds. Program Sales volunteers sold nearly \$700 and we spread the word about the upcoming March-A-Thon.

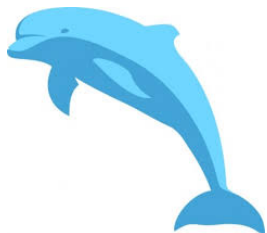
We have many new volunteers mixed in with those who have served for several years. Thus, we have experience, energy, and new ideas! If you have any questions or want to get more involved, feel free to reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator – Dan Hecht (561.213.8420)

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Donations accepted through PayPal via www.gbhssoundwave.com/supportus.html and through our Gulf Breeze Sound Wave Facebook page.

What's making Waves...



This month's Person(s) with a Porpoise :
Dan Hecht, Scott Stonebraker, Keith Whelan,
Heather Cady-Bragg, our program sales
Volunteers, concession stand volunteers
and platform building crew

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