



# PARADE REST...

Newsletter of the Gulf Breeze Band Booster Association

**PRIDE!**

**November 2015**

## If You're Keeping Time...

### **NOVEMBER**

- 11/2** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 11/3** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 11/5** Marching Band practice  
4:00-6:30pm
- 11/6** Home Game\* vs Crestview  
Senior Night 7:30pm  
Call time: 5:30pm
- 11/9** High School All County  
Auditions, Milton High School,  
5:00-9:30pm
- 11/10** GBBB General Membership  
Meeting, Band Room, 6:30pm
- 11/10** Indoor Percussion (IP)  
Clinic 3:30-7:30pm
- 11/13** Playoff Game\* at Pine  
Forest 7:30pm; Call time:  
5:30pm
- 11/16** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 11/17** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 11/17** IP Auditions 3:30-7:30pm
- 11/18** Jazz Band rehearsal  
3:30-5:00pm
- 11/20** IP Auditions 3:30-7:30pm
- 11/30** Symphonic Band rehearsal  
3:30-6:00pm

### **DECEMBER**

- 12/1** GBBB Board of Directors  
Meeting, Band Room, 6:30 pm
- 12/1** Concert Band rehearsal  
3:30-6:00pm
- 12/2** Jazz Band rehearsal  
3:30-6:00pm

## Letter from the Band Booster President

The signs are all around us. Oppressive heat is finally giving way to cool breezes, grass is mercifully slowing down in its growth, and echoes of drumbeats and instruments playing fill the air. It can only mean one thing; It means long Fridays at football games followed by even longer Saturdays and sometimes Sundays going on long trips for a 15-minute performance. It means a lot of hard work is paying off! Superior ratings at all of our competitions! Most of all, it means a lot of fun!

For freshmen and their parents, this can be a time of adjustment. It seems like their entire life revolves around going to these competitions and practices. The truth of the matter is, it does. So, where does the fun come in for us as parents? It comes by going to the events and watching and cheering. It comes from listening to outstanding music and watching formations too complex to take in all at once change in front of your eyes. It comes from seeing the camaraderie, the teamwork, and the spirit of the band. Most of all, it comes from seeing how much fun all the band students are having before, during, and after. I know they must be having fun; why else would they form impromptu groups and start playing after having just spent the day traveling on a "cheese colored" bus and enduring hot uniforms and picky judges?

Although some would disagree with me, I believe the performances were certainly the best of times. I can't recall how many times I watched the band perform, but I never get tired of it. It was a spectacular show and if you missed it, you really need to get a hold of a tape, but I can tell you now that a tape will not capture the experience. You band members may think I'm exaggerating, but I know for a fact that every spectator I've talked to was very impressed. As a band parent, I've found the best way to get maximum enjoyment from the band experience is to volunteer at events. I will be the first to admit that I procrastinated doing this myself. It really is a lot of fun being there "in the trenches" to help out and to see just how much goes into every performance. The loading crew is the unsung heroes of the band. Every trip they load and unload more than 150 pieces of equipment and instruments. And they do it as well as any professional mover. Chaperoning is also the best way I can think of to get to know the band students. Our football record may not be great, but The Sound Wave's spirit can't be beat. Dolphin Pride, Excellence and Achievement! Way to Go Sound Wave!!

Bruce DeMotts  
jbdemots@gmail.com

**12/5** Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade; Call time: TBD

**12/8** Christmas Concert

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

## CHARMS

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

School Code: GulfBrHSBand

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

## G BBB 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)

*Barbara Scott  
Suzanne Ides*

Concessions

*Kristin Higgins  
Raechele Guy*

Fundraising

*Janna DeMotts  
Michele Kennedy*

Grants *Leslie Allison*

Membership Development  
*Shannon Spooneybarger*

Programs

*Janna DeMotts  
Co-Chairman needed*

Social Events

*Amy Armstrong  
Brendalee Johnson*

## Band Director Notes

Greetings band families! We're winding down the marching season with only one home game left (Crestview). It has been a fabulous season for the Sound Wave! Thank you to all the volunteers, especially our parents, who have made this possible. I encourage you to remain active throughout the rest of the year.

Looking ahead, we will have a fabulous Christmas concert featuring our concert and symphonic bands in December with real Christmas music, and the Sound Wave will be a participant in the Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade (December 5) and possibly the Pensacola Christmas Parade (December 12). In addition the jazz band will soon materialize and the indoor season (color guard and drum line) are all but here. I will also be putting together pep-bands in order to play for basketball games (and other events in semester 2).

Please look to support all these efforts where you can. They are an important part of what we do. The stronger these ensembles are, the stronger our overall program becomes. We are and wish to remain the most visible organization on campus.

Jason Olson

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

## Associate Director of Bands

Marching season is quickly coming to a close and the Sound Wave has come leaps and bounds since June. Having made Superiors at all four competitions is the greatest testament to the tenacity and drive of the Gulf Breeze High School Band Member.

The band is transitioning to concert season and we will start having after school practices for Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band. We have a great line up of music for each of the bands and can't wait for everyone to hear the students play some amazing Christmas music on December 8th.

On November 9th students in the Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Percussion will be auditioning for the Santa Rosa All County Band at Milton High School starting at 5:00PM. All students are required to audition so they can be placed in either the Concert Band or Symphonic Band based on their score and the needs for instrumentation.

Thank you for your continued support,

Zach Dykes

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

## Color Guard/Winter Guard

Looking forward to the upcoming winter season! We have 29-30 talented individuals to put on our production for the 2016 season. We hit the max amount of performers allowed for our class! We will be rehearsing on Mondays & Thursdays from 4:00-7:00pm. Rehearsal site will be announced very soon.

As always, thank you to the parents for their continued support and look forward to working with so many more ☺

Congrats to the color guard for 4 superior ratings at each of our

### 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



### **CHARMS APP**

#### **Charms Parent/Student Portal**

Sign in as you would for Charms online, click on "  **Everything Else**", there's the calendar, finances, volunteer links, etc. all available on your smart phone.

competitions this season! Also coming in 3rd place overall in 2 of our competitions: Andalusia & Troy. Hard work pays off.

Jerry Holzwarth

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## **Indoor Percussion (IP)**

Indoor Percussion is open to all GBHS students and is holding clinics and auditions during November. Audition fee is \$30. Dues for the 2015-16 season are \$750. Students cannot join the drum line if they have an outstanding balance to the GBHS Instrumental Music Program without first paying off that debt.

Questions regarding the Indoor Percussion program should be directed to Patrick Barnett at [pat11993@aol.com](mailto:pat11993@aol.com).

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## **Support the Sound Wave**

**Band Truck donations**-The band truck, "The Beast", made its final trip towards Daleville on 9/26. It won't be coming back. The boosters have been renting a U-Haul while working on a plan to replace the truck. This means we need friends, family, neighbors, local business owners, etc. to rally together and support our SUPERIOR RATED Sound Wave Band so they can not only grow but flourish! Donations to the band are tax-deductible.

Anyone can donate to the Sound Wave by going to our band website, [www.gbhssoundwave.com](http://www.gbhssoundwave.com), and clicking on the "Support Us" link. We also have a "Donate" link on our Facebook page, Gulf Breeze Sound Wave. Keep in mind, the truck was occasionally used by Mrs. Smithey at GBM for the middle school concerts. Most of those students become Sound Wave members. The Color Guard and Indoor Percussion used the truck for their spring competitions so we need your support in replacing the truck.

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

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Do you already shop on Amazon.com? Support the band by making your regular purchases through the website below and part of the proceeds goes to the Sound Wave.

**Remember, always start at <http://smile.amazon.com>** and choose to support **Gulf Breeze Band Boosters Association Inc.** and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Thank you!

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**[A Good "Reed"](#)** *Find out the latest on the Band Booster Committees and how you can volunteer...*

**Communications:** Our band website has a new look. Please take the opportunity to see what's new. It is updated on a regular basis. Important information can be found online on our website, Facebook and Twitter. 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. They have recently updated their software for security purposes. Starting now, the first time you sign on with your student's ID, you will be prompted to change your password

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to a personalized password. If you forget your password, you should be prompted to reset your password through Charms but your email must be correct in the Charms system in order to receive the reset email.

**Concessions:** (The Blue Note Café is the Visitors side concession stand) Greetings GBBB from the Blue Note Cafe. We have one home game left and the visitor stands are sure to be full and the Blue Note will be in full swing serving up our famous juicy Steak Burgers and seasoned fries! THANK YOU again to all of our wonderfully talented, hard working and do I need to even mention, good looking volunteers! Our organization and most importantly our kids have benefitted greatly from your service, THANK YOU Volunteers!

Again this year, the GBHS JROTC unit asked the Blue Note Cafe to serve food during the annual area wide JROTC Drill Competition hosted by LtCol Landfair, his staff and the GBHS JROTC Unit. It was a banner day as we served over 500 JROTC members, their families and spectators totaling in a net profit of \$2,553! Come by the Blue Note Cafe for some great food during the last home game and we could always use some extra hands so please consider volunteering.

**Fundraising:** \$20 Dolphin pillows for sale! They measure 22"x15" and are available through the last day of November. They make great Christmas or birthday gifts for Dolphins everywhere!



\$10 Wooden Dolphins for wreaths, door or wall hangings. They measure 21"x11". Order through the end of November. They make great gifts and bedroom decorations!

To order either of these items, please contact Janna DeMotts at [jbdemots@gmail.com](mailto:jbdemots@gmail.com).

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Thank you to those of you who participated in our fall fundraiser. While we did raise some money, we still have a long way to go. Our band is growing and we will need funds to purchase a new truck, instruments and uniforms.

We have gotten Yankee Candle to extend our online sales through the end of December.

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

Group #: 990083469

Nature's Vision has agreed to extend through the end of March 2016 on our online sales.

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

Organization code: 50548

RADA Cutlery has agreed to extend through the end of July 2016 on our online sales.

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

Internet #: 505624

Password: soundwave

Hopefully, these extensions will bring in more funding as folks begin their Christmas shopping and upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

We will be able to sell our cookbooks at our last home game. Please feel free to contact Michele Kennedy at [duesouthcatering@yahoo.com](mailto:duesouthcatering@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Thank you for all that you do!! Michele Kennedy

**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 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 fund raiser 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.

**Social Events:** The October 9th dinner for the band was a huge success, thanks to the amazing band parents who donated their time and talent! Special thanks to Carrabba's, Michelle Kennedy, Heather Caby-Bragg, Nichole Salter, Sharon Tobin, Shannon Spooner, Rhonda Merrill, Elizabeth Freeman, Melanie Rowe and Jill Satterwhite for their donations of food and desserts. Everything was delicious! Please accept my apologies if I've forgotten anyone who contributed food for the dinner.

Our next event will be for the November 6th Senior Night. We present a flower to the 17 Senior moms. It's always an emotional night, our seniors' last time on the field!

**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:** Transportation is working diligently to find a solution to our current truck crisis. We have several different solutions on the table. We will have a full report by the next board meeting.

**Uniforms:** The Uniform Committee has completed its last polo order for this season. The polos are bagged and in the band room with your child's name on the bag. Parents, if you placed an order, please have your child see Mr. Olson or Mr. Dykes for pick up. All payments should be made prior to pick up.

Mr. Buxton has volunteered to hang a rod in the uniform closet for easier access to the unused uniforms. This should be completed in the next several weeks.

The Uniform Committee is always looking for volunteers to assist with fittings and sewing on the numerous buttons that need replacing. Parents, please email Tonya Duke (tonya.duke@yahoo.com) or Debbie Kranak (tp3482home@att.net) if you can provide some assistance.

**Volunteers and Chaperones:** Thank you to everyone that has volunteered this marching season. Please do your part to serve the band and please sign up to volunteer on Charms. We still have one more game left and indoor seasons are about to begin.

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## What's Making WAVES...



**PayPal Ready!** Band families now have the option to pay for My Fair Share (MFS) through PayPal directly through our website, gbhssoundwave.com. MFS payments also accepted through CHARMS via PayPal.

**SWIPE and go!** Our Blue Note Concession Stand (visitor concession stand) and GBBB Spirit Gear table can now accept credit cards! Pass it on!

**Want to volunteer but don't have a parent gold polo shirt???** Any parent that wants to volunteer or chaperone but does not own a gold polo can borrow one from the uniform room. We have a few shirts from previous years. You can check one out and return it washed with your student the following school day.

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*Submissions for the December newsletter are due by November 25<sup>th</sup>*

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