



The Howler

From the prez...

Hey band people! What an incredible month! I'm writing this when we're only half-way through the crazy marching month of October but I've already seen our kids step up to the mark more than once. If you weren't at the Westlake contest, you MISSED OUT! Were they good at finals, or what? Just ask anyone who went. No, the judges didn't see it the same way I did (nor many others in the stands), but hey, like Mr. M. said, this wasn't the contest we were targetting anyway.

At Westlake I had the wonderful experience to see a freshman band parent's first taste of a prelims/finals contest. It was great! This mom was a wonderful volunteer just like all the others, but her eyes were the best (and I'll bet she didn't even know what they were saying). To say they were saucers most of the day would be untrue, but following the band around, carrying stuff, helping get uniforms back on after bathroom breaks, pinning hair up, picking up anything accidentally left behind, etc. was definitely an eye-opening experience. It's amazing what needs to be done to move 200 plus kids from one place to another. She also got an earful from those of us veterans when we were watching some of the other bands perform before our kids did. Needless to say we were biased. It was a really fun day and I hope many of you get the opportunity to help at a contest over the next few years. You'll never forget it.

Our march to State started on Tuesday, Oct. 16, and by the time you get this newsletter, we will have found out whether we're making the trek to Waco. Keep your eyes and ears alert for any news. Oh, and don't forget about our booster meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Yep, the night after State! We also have the Marching Band Concert and Spud Supper coming up to finish off the marching season. For those of you who haven't been to one of these, the goosebumps are a fixture for the entire time the band plays. The concert's in the gym, and yes, it's loud! Please try to make the Nov. 12 concert and fundraiser. It's a great way to finish off another award-winning season. Our band's the BEST!

— Karen Day, booster president

Band Booster Meeting
Tuesday
Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
CPHS Band Hall

Calendar

- Nov 8** — All Region Jazz Clinic
- Nov 9, 7:30 p.m.** — Football vs. Shoemaker at Bible Stadium (Senior Recognition Night)
- Nov 10** — All Region Orchestra Auditions
- Nov 12-13** — All Region Jazz Clinic
- Nov 12, 5:30 p.m.** — Marching Band Concert and Spud Supper at CPHS
- Nov 21-23** — Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 27** — 5A - All Region Band Auditions at Westlake H.S.
- Nov 29** — 4A - All Region Band Auditions at Bastrop H.S.
- Dec 1** — 4A and 5A - All Region Band Auditions continue
- Dec 14, 7 p.m.** — Winter Concert at LISD PAC
- Dec 21, 7 p.m. to midnight** — Winter Party
- Dec 22** — Cedar Park Tree Lighting Ceremony - all bands



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...check it out!

Deadlines and late fees

My “Past Due” list is getting longer. I’d like to remind all parents that your students are responsible for the fundraisers (ie. Wolf Cards), late fees, and entry fees. I keep a current list of students who are behind in finances and paperwork tacked by my door. They (and you) are welcome to check it out at anytime. I prefer not to post this list to the web page as it changes often and I don’t think this is the type of information to post on the web site. This brings me to the problem of students who remain behind in payments to the band program. At this writing we still have several students who owe for their registration. The list of Wolf Cards past due is too long (cards are not being accepted anymore – payment for checked out cards only). Region Orchestra fees are due to the office (\$6 for participating students). My list also includes students who have not checked in their water/soda (we will need these – so please get this cleared up) or turned in a current medical insurance card in for the traveling paperwork (should have been taken care of at registration).

I hate “Past Due” lists, but they are a necessary evil. Please have your student check the list regularly to make sure they are not on it. The late fee for trip slips that have not been turned in (late fees started 10/11/01) – whether going or not—is \$25 for keeping us on hold. I have commitments to make and **ALL** students were to have this slip in by 10/10/01 (*the very latest without penalty*).

We have several ways to communicate and these deadlines have been placed in the announcement sheets (posted on web site, put on hotline, and sent with each student). Deadlines are necessary so that I can close the file on certain projects, and move on in my office. While I’m not asking for a rush of phone calls to check this list remind your student they pass this list everyday and it is ultimately their responsibility to be on time. We are strongly adhering to late fees and penalties this year because we are growing and cannot hold projects open for those that cannot meet the deadlines. We have been pretty lenient in the past, but we need for ALL students to be responsible for deadlines.

Thanks for all the help you give. If you have questions about your student’s charges, late fees, or fundraisers please call. Booster meetings are a great time for parents to check my “Past Due” list.

— *Sheila Olenich, Fine Arts
administrative assistant*

Great start for the band

This year has gotten off to a phenomenal start with the Carrolton Farmers Branch contest in Dallas on Oct. 6. Everybody woke up that morning very early and made their way up to the school. We all made our way out onto the band field in the freezing cold weather and waited for our buses to get there. The bus ride was a rather quiet one as we all waited anxiously for the performance. For many, this was their first experience at a contest and it was a very exciting one to make their first. It began with the prelim performance that won us first place in the 4A category. Then, that evening the best show that we could have asked for came for the finals competition. Everyone on that field gave it the best they had and it paid off. After the performance, the entire Cedar Park Band stood at attention in the stands as slowly the finals announcements came. One by one each band was called out and yet, our band stood at attention with a great look of pride. Then finally, the second place announcement came and we knew that we had won first place. We continued to stand attention, even though we all had the urge to jump up and down, until we were given the “go” to be released. When that permission came, our whole band began to cheer and shout with total enthusiasm. We were all so proud of what our hard work had accomplished.

Then, Oct. 13 came. Our first performance of the day won our percussion first place in the 4A category. The prelims show was a good one but nothing compared to the finals performance. The band seemed to have a new sense of revival when we stepped onto the field that chilly night. We gave it all we knew how to give that night and anyone who saw our show could tell. Even with a fourth place finish, we all knew we gave a first place performance.

As of this writing, the conclusion of our successes was the Oct. 16 performance at UIL competition. Even with the blazing sun in everybody’s eyes, the CPHS band stuck with it and gave a great show receiving a superior rating and the chance to go onto area competition. Congratulations to everybody and keep on working hard because the biggest contests of the season are still yet to come.

— *Robin Byerly, Band Reporter*





Field Officers

Drum Majors: Stephanie Day and Tarren Vielma

Drum Captain: Natalie Day

Drill Instructors: Eric Behm, Katie Osman and Stephanie Pitts

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Emilee Darrow and Anna McCollum, Flute

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Band Council

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Spud supper serves up a good time!

The Spud Supper is Monday, Nov. 12 in the school cafeteria, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The band will eat at 5:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at \$5 each from Donna Manfredi or Kim Metz. Tickets are \$6 at the door on Nov. 12. Band members will purchase a ticket for \$1 through Sheila Olenich. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the gym. So come have a baked potato with fixings, salad, and tea or lemonade with us, then listen to our award-winning Timberwolf Band perform.

Fundraiser notes

Our next fund raiser is the Wise Candles. Your child should have brought home a brochure about these. This will be a student and booster fund raiser, meaning each student who sells the candles will receive a percentage of those sales and that will be put into their band student account. This is a great way for the students to raise money for their spring trip. These candles make great Christmas gifts. The due date for the orders to be returned is Monday, Nov. 12.

For more information, contact Donna Manfredi or Kim Metz.

Merci, danke, gracias and then some...

Thanks to all the Med Tent volunteers. This would not have been successful without your help -- and what great new friendships were formed!

Thanks to all who helped at the Noise Maker party. These made lots of noise at the competitions and everyone knows who we are and how proud we are of our kids!

Thanks to all the parents who cut material, ironed and/or sewed to create flags for the Color Guard this year. They include: Linda Bandel, Sue Behm, Sheryl Brummer, Mary Crockett, Karen Day, Marilyn Hosier, Kelly Kessler, Pat Mencio, Sheila Olenich, Helen Osman, LeAnn Pressler, Marilyn Robertson, Loretta Sedlock and Patty Taylor. Color Guard members Jetara Robertson, Samantha Sedlock and Ashley Smith assisted them. "I was especially delighted that this was a combined effort with both band and color guard parents working together to get the flags as well as uniforms completed," said Loretta Sedlock, Color Guard Committee chair.

Many thanks to all the women who worked to make sure the kids looked terrific in uniform: Carolyn Bargsley, Sheryl Brummer, Janet Byerly, (Grandmother) Evelyn Janecka, Kelly Kessler, Cindy Larson, Rebecca Mijares, Patty Taylor and Peggy Wilson.

To all who served as chaperones, in the pit pack or in a hundred other ways that helped our kids experience a great marching season: YOU ARE WONDERFUL!

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Happy Birthday!



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