



# The Howler

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## Director's

The word is out. The Cedar Park Jazz Band is hot! Three important words in the previous sentence is Cedar Park Band! Everyone knew the band had heart. Now you know they have soul! The soul train took their concert on tour to middle schools and several elementary schools. Can you imagine 400 elementary students dancing at the same time? With some reassuring words from Mr. Spicer to principals and teachers, "It's going to be okay", the students let loose with congo lines and general "self expression". What did they take away from this? Band is cool! If you missed the concerts from the jazz band, you have to pay attention to next year's scheduled performances. They are musical treats.

What do people do over the Christmas break? Everyone who was thinking about next year's marching show raise your hands. I see Mr. Spicer, Mr. Maldonado and Mr. Wessels hands going up. Are we crazy? Yes! But this is what it takes to get the best product that can be written by the music camp in May. Mr. Spicer assembled the best "design" team for next year's marching show and they are completing the last stages of the show. The band will be exposed to this music during the music camp. Along with this music the band will be exposed to over 40 pop tunes. This is music referred to as "stands" tunes which the bands plays during football games. Talk to your son/daughter about this

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## Booster Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

7 pm

CPHS Band Hall

## Congratulations Class of 2005

### Calendar

June

4.....SAT

7.....Booster Meeting – CPHS Band Hall



[www.cphsband.org](http://www.cphsband.org)

Check out the website and subscribe to the band Email list for the latest info!

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music during the summer. This is his/her chance to work on and memorize the "show" music. This makes it so much easier during that busy marching band season.

Welcome again to all the freshmen! These guys have finished up an exciting week of learning some basics in how to march. Now they have the summer to practice the moves and begin building some endurance. Don't be coach potatoes! Get outside and walk/run in the heat. This is how you earn your P.E. credit!

Along these lines, something new for the high school band programs this year is the requirement of physicals. If you have misplaced your form for the physical, please go to the band web site, [www.cphsband.org](http://www.cphsband.org), and print a copy of that form for use with your doctor. Please have the physical done over the summer so that your child will be in compliance with the school calendar year. Physicals must be completed in order to participate in marching band and anything else physical students may do in band.

Many parents expressed the desire to host an echocardiogram screening in this area. June 11 is the date for an echocardiogram. The American Heart Association is going to offer a screening for all interested parties at Leander High School hosted by the band parents of Cedar Park, Leander and Vista Ridge band parents. This is completely voluntary. A donation of \$15 - \$20 will be requested at the screening.

Congratulations to all of the 2005-06 band officers. Students wishing to become student leaders in the T-wolf band had to turn in a resume, an essay, peer evaluations, honor point calculation sheet, attend leadership training meetings and audition in marching, conducting and an interview. Just going through this process is an education. With their leadership, the band is going to have a great year.

A couple of important dates to mark on

your calendar are the band registration nights. They are Tuesday and Thursday, July 26th and 28th just before summer band. There will be a mail out of registration forms and information on volunteer opportunities in early July. If you happen to miss this mail out, the forms are located on the band web site.

Finally, have a fantastic summer! May your summer be safe and the best ever! See you in July!

*Steve Wessels*  
*Director*



## Happy June Birthdays!

Taylor Greer.....2	Arianne Evans.....19
Alan Ivey.....2	Christopher Lillis.....19
Jetera Robertson.....2	Jake McCoy.....19
Christopher Parks.....4	Leslie Patterson..... 20
Xaio Xin Tao.....9	Christopher Mothersole..21
Sam Robin.....14	Jeff Newman.....22
Amanda Velleca..... 15	Taylor Trevino.....22
Christina Jackson...16	Christy Glenn.....27
Erin Kolnowski.....16	Kelly Clouston.....28
Jeanette Rooze.....16	Phoenix Freeman.....28
Jason Talley.....16	Michael Rollins.....28
John Brown.....19	Tiffany Parrish.....29
Sean Cunningham...19	

## From the Prez....

Another great year for the Cedar Park High School Band is about to be over. The last four years have been an incredible ride for our seniors (and our senior parents). This program has truly been a gift. The lessons learned, the hard work and late nights, the disappointments, and the joys of success will shape our children's lives for years to come.

It is not possible to thank everyone enough for their efforts and dedication in making all this happen. So many people have quietly worked behind the scenes, their only interest being to support the kids. From serving meals to chairing committees, from staying awake to chaperone all night events to sending "way to go" emails at just the right times – it has all come together when it needed to. The leadership and maturity the kids demonstrate is very directly related to the amount of investment you as parents have shown. This Booster organization is one of the best.

Specific thanks must go out, however, to those adults who served in "official" roles: first, to the committee chairs, Jenny Lenz, who, despite many last minute emergencies, made sure our kids looked great on the field; Kerry Kirkwood, for making the loading of the trailer look easy; Adriann Ivey, for keeping the kids fed and watered, sometimes with very little notice; David and Mary Schlosser, for their wonderful work on the website and the Howler; Paula McKay, for her work with the Color Guard, especially with the incredible task of getting the flags made; Patsy Rede Griffith and Jan Claeys, for their activities and fund raising work – you have no idea how big a job this was. The Boosters' contributions to the band program allow our students to have the quality music, drills and technicians that help make their performance what it is. Next, the members of the executive board, Past President Janet Parks, for her expertise, advice, and involvement; Historian Karen

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## Congratulations New 2005-2006 Student Leaders Field Officers

Drum Majors: Ashley Mendeke, Lauren Waldrop  
Wood Wind Drill Instructors: Laura Fisher, Kaitlin Epperson, Danika Trierweiler  
Brass Drill Instructors: Tiffany Ducummon, Kyle Kirkwood  
Percussion Drill Instructor: Amy Marks  
Section Leaders:  
Flute: Kelle Lysinger  
Clarinet: Chris Mothersole  
Low Reeds: Chris Buckler  
Saxophones: Armando Collazo  
Trumpets: Justin Flagg  
French Horns: Shaobo Zhu  
Trombones: Doug Warren  
Euphoniums: Travis Imken  
Tubas: Ben Pate  
Cymbals: Katherine Larson  
Color Guard: Lindsay Howell

## Band Council

President: Brandi Buckler  
VP of Administration: Holly Hechel, Josh Melton  
VP of Logistics: Ryan Deyo  
VP of Uniforms: Aimee Lenz, Victoria Maynard  
VP of Booster Relations: Sherry Cho  
Secretary: Nick Nelson  
Historian: Emily Derewonko  
Reporter: Kennie Entrekin  
Social Officers: Troy Brown, Bryan Rohrer



# Hospitality

After three wonderful years of being in charge of the Hospitality Committee, I owe any number of people a huge thank-you. Feeding 230 people can only happen with the help of a great committee. The amount of work that Noriko Adams, Patsy Rede-Griffith, Cynthia Hoff, and Jennie and Raymond Lenz put in on a weekly basis was incredible. Thanks to my husband Allan for doing the “Sam’s Club run” every week. There are so many others to thank—this committee was blessed with an abundance of help. Thank you all! Thanks also to our students and directors who made the job so gratifying by always telling us how much they appreciated our efforts—especially when there was ice cream!

There are so many great memories from the past three years. I will miss our trips to contests when we knew we would miss the performance because we had to meet the Jason’s Deli folks! We put in a lot of hours and miles and had a ton of fun. Our most memorable moment, even though it does not involve food, was surely the time we arrived at the Alamodome only to find that a drum major’s uniform had been left in the Band Hall. We didn’t even pull into the parking lot—we made a U-turn and headed back toward Austin. Mrs. Olenich got the uniform from the band hall, drove like a fiend, and met us near Buda. We made a drive-by uniform pick up, and Patsy high-tailed it back to the Alamodome. Some kind of guardian angel was with us, because the traffic seemed to clear in front of us. The uniform got to the drum major while they were in the entrance tunnel for the performance, (thanks for running it in, Mrs. Parks!) and she was able to put it on just in time. We cheered like fools when we saw that uniform, but those around us just thought we were crazy Cedar Park parents!

Please continue to support this important committee with your time and

energy. Best of luck to Jannelle Imken, the brave new leader! Thanks again to everyone for an irreplaceable experience. I will miss you all, but I will always support our Band.

*Adriann Ivey  
Hospitality Chair*

## 2004-2005 Band Booster Executive Board

Steve Wessels, Band Director .....435-8498  
Mike Greer, President.....259-9367  
Carla Kirkwood, Vice President .....219-7623  
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Randy & Kathy Britton, Treasurers Elect ....918-2533  
Karen Faulkner, Historian .....266-9920

### Committee Chairs

Janet Parks, Past President .....454-4342  
Jan Claeys, Activities .....418-0695  
Patsy Rede Griffith, Activities ..... 250-0734  
Paula McKay, Color Guard .....257-0324  
David & Mary Schlosser, Communications.. 342-2151  
Adriann Ivey, Hospitality ..... 249-0374  
Kerry Kirkwood, Pit Pack .....219-7623  
Jennie Lenz, Uniforms .....249-5441

## Silent Auction/Raffle Update

The Silent Auction and raffle held in May raised over \$4,000 for the scholarship fund. A special thank you to Janet Gruhn, Susan Clark, Roberta Cobb, Kathy Britton, Mike and Leslie Greer for securing donations and helping with the planning and organization of this event. As always, it is the support and hard work of the parents and friends that make these fundraising events a success. Thank you to everyone who secured or made donations, shopped or helped in any way.

*Jan Claeys, Activities Committee*

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Faulkner, for making senior night special and keeping our wonderful memories alive; Treasurers-elect Randy and Kathy Britton, for coordinating student accounts and other financial records (and their willingness to take over as treasurers next year); Jane and Rick Lozano, for overseeing the Booster finances and creating a user-friendly record system; Secretary Julie Epperson, for keeping accurate minutes of all official meetings, even when several people were talking about different topics at the same time; and Vice President Carla Kirkwood, for her role in coordinating chaperones and giving us some of the benefits of her years of experience with the band.

The band staff has always deserved special recognition. Sheila Olenich has done almost everything there is to do (including directing) over the last few years. If no one else knew the answer to a question, she did. Manuel "Manny" Maldonado whose leadership let the percussion section see just how good they could be, and always with a smile on his face; Jeremy Spicer showed exceptional leadership and talent in taking this band to state; and Steve Wessels has jumped into his new role with both feet – the band is lucky to have him at the helm. Thanks to all of you for keeping the focus on achievement rather than competition. You are the best at what you do.

Speaking as Booster co-presidents, the last four years have been full of highs and lows, as will be true of any organization of this size with so much investment and dedication from its membership. The band experience will be a cherished part of our family memories forever. Thanks again to you all. Now go out and volunteer.

*Mike and Leslie Greer  
Booster Presidents*

## Congratulations Scholarship Recipients

The following seniors were awarded scholarships at the Band Banquet on May 20.

Band Scholarship: Tiffany Parrish

Band Scholarship: Jason Talley

Band Scholarship: Alyssa Dettling

Karen Krueger Scholarship: Kathryn Ramirez

Courtney Rae Foreman Scholarship: Taylor Greer

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