



# The Howler

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## Director's

On the drive home from a top performance from the TMEA Region 18 Concert, I took some time to reflect on everything that went into that performance. The students on stage were students who exhibit much of what is taught in music programs across our state. Each clinician was quick to point out the high quality of music programs in the State of Texas. "It is not this way across the country." Texas is known for its top quality band programs. With this in mind, it makes me even more proud to know that the Cedar Park Band program is at the top in the State of Texas. This is a tribute to parents, students, staff and the school district for all of the support, work, and quality teaching. Thank you!

I am proud of the work students are doing within our band program. Students are rehearsing within each band for goals that are far reaching. Be sure to witness their success at upcoming performances, festivals and competitions. I was able to attend part of a practice of the Color Guard. I was impressed with the focus, respect and hard work the guard was putting into the rehearsal while they were piecing the winter guard show together. Be sure to catch the Parent Preview Performance to be announced soon. The values that are taught are evident throughout the band program.

The band goes beyond the development of basic skills and artistic talent.

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## Booster Meeting

Tuesday, February 7

7 pm

CPHS Band Hall

## Calendar

February

- 4.....**Winterguard Contest** – Vista Ridge
- 6-8.....No school – Staff Days – **Bands will rehearse**
- 7.....**Booster meeting** – 7pm, band hall
- 11.....**UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest**
- 13.....**Applebee's Night**
- 15-18...**TMEA All State Clinic/Concerts** – San Antonio
- 21.....**TAKS** (22-24 retests)
- 23.....**Percussion Ensemble Concert**
- 25.....**UIL Piano Solo Contest**
- 25.....**Pre UIL Festival** – all day



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

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

....Director's Notes (continued from page 1)

We are dedicated to developing values including:

- \* Individual responsibility
- \* Group and individual respect
- \* Personal trust
- \* Genuine caring
- \* Commitment to our musical family

Our mission is to develop a musical community. As we attain harmony, balance and blend within the music, we must strive to establish it with one another. To build and strengthen our musical performances, we have to build and strengthen our personal relationships within the group. We must create a safe atmosphere that encourages risk, growth, failure, persistence and a focus on excellence. **In our musical family everyone counts.**

Success creates success. Success in music translates to success in life. Our students experience being a part of this successful musical community by:

- \* CARING for other students who share a similar dream
- \* RESPECTING self and fellow musicians
- \* Demonstrating RESPONSIBILITY on and off the performance stage
- \* Manifesting TRUST by being dependable and honest

I will close with congratulations to three students who are now 2006 TMEA All-State members. They are Tristan Boyd – percussion, Laura Fisher – piccolo and Ben Pate – tuba. For Laura Fisher and Ben Pate, this is the second year to be an All-State member. Other students who were one chair away from making the All-State Band were: Ashley Mendeke, Evan Gravely, Brian Torabi and Nick Nelson. Congratulations to these students and to the other Area participants. I received many comments about the high level

of competition students exhibited at this level of the process.

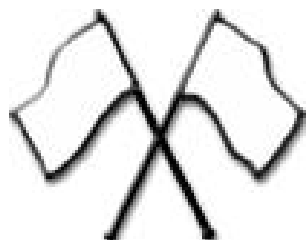
*Steve Wessels*  
*Director*



## Senior Parents! Scholarship Information!

Scholarship information is on the website. All band and colorguard members who will be attending college are eligible. Applications can be downloaded or are available from Mr. Wessels. Be sure the application is complete and postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please direct any questions regarding the scholarship to David Schlosser. Questions can be emailed to him at [webmaster@cphsband.org](mailto:webmaster@cphsband.org). David will be posting these questions and answers on the website.



## Guard News

Winterguard Season is underway! The Guard held their annual Spin-A-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, January 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pledges were taken during last summer's registration and are now in the process of being collected. Funds collected go towards offsetting Winterguard expenses. To all who contributed, the Guard thanks you!!!

The Guard also used this day as an opportunity to learn more of their show, entitled "Pulling the Strings". They perform to "1983" by Jimi Hendrix as performed by Nigil Kennedy and "Points of Authority" by Linkin Park as performed by In The Chamber. Some of the words that best describe this year's Winterguard show are: fast-paced, captivating, exhilarating! You can catch their performances on the following dates:

<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	<b>McNeil HS</b>
<b>Saturday, February 4</b>	<b>Vista Ridge HS</b>
<b>Saturday, March 11</b>	<b>Garland Special</b>
	<b>Events Center</b>
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<b>Clear Brook HS</b>
	<b>(Houston)</b>
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	<b>Texas State</b>
	<b>University, San Marcos (TCGC</b>
	<b>Championships)</b>

Here's to great CPHS Winterguard Season! Go Guard!

*Sylvia Mitchell*  
Color Guard Committee Chair

## 2005-2006 Student Leaders Field Officers

Drum Majors: Ashley Mendeke, Lauren Waldrop  
Wood Wind Drill Instructors: Laura Fisher, Danika Trierweiler  
Brass Drill Instructors: Kaitlin Epperson, 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



## From the Prez....

Greetings band folks!

We're already full swing into the spring semester. It's not quite like the fall, but there is still quite a bit to do. We've had several inquiries regarding a spring garage sale. The Executive Board met recently and decided it sounded like a great fundraiser. We'll have the garage sale sometime in April. We can store donated items in the band trailer and will name drop off dates soon. Please feel free to price any items before dropping them off at the trailer.

Another important spring event is the Scholarship Silent Auction and Raffle. This is the only fundraiser that benefits the Band Booster Scholarship program. We are in need of a volunteer or a group of volunteers to coordinate a committee to solicit local businesses for donations. Please consider heading up this very important project. If interested, please contact myself, Becky Larson or Pat Mencio at the numbers in the adjacent column.

Hope to see everyone at the Booster Meeting on February 7 at 7pm in the band hall.

As always, if you want to know, you gotta go.

*Carla Kirkwood*  
*Booster President*

## 2005-2006 Band Booster Executive Board

Steve Wessels, Band Director .....435-8498  
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Jannelle Imken, Hospitality .....345-4059  
Kerry Kirkwood, Pit Pack .....219-7623  
Jennie Lenz, Uniforms .....249-5441



## Happy February Birthdays!

Raine Stewart – 1	Lindy Noll – 18
Armando Collazo – 3	Brian Torabi – 21
Cameron Reid – 4	Kyle Jenkins – 23
Jenna Rozacky – 9	John Velasquez – 26
Evan Gravely – 12	Bianca Walker – 27
Sara Hartwig – 13	Travis Imken – 28
Joshua Melton – 14	Martin Patterson – 29
Zac Halstead – 16	Scott Patterson – 29

# Activity Committee News

Greetings from the Activities bunch!

We are happy to report that the new system for collecting money is working well so far. We are at the school (in Sheila's old office) every Tuesday before school from 8 - 8:45am, and every Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 - 4:30pm. We are there to take money for everything **EXCEPT** private lessons. Those payments **must** be sent to Mrs. Olenich at her LISD office.

Thanks to everyone who has cleared their accounts of the Wolf Cards they had checked out. We hope the remaining accounts will be taken care of soon. If you still have Passbooks, please sell them or turn them in by February 1.

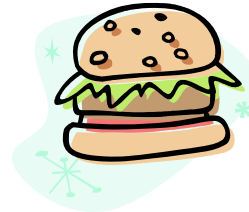
We had a disappointing response to our can recycling effort this month. Only about 10-15 people participated, out of about 200 band families. This is free money for the band and takes little or no work to accomplish. But we're not going to give up on you. We will continue to do this at least for a while. We will notify you of the next collection date, probably late in February. Help out the Band....**SAVE THOSE CANS!!!**

Spring fundraisers are in the planning stages: most notably the Annual Silent Auction and Raffle which benefits the Scholarship Fund. We will be asking for A LOT of help with this one. Be alert for ways you can contribute. We don't turn away volunteers!

That's it - have a great month. Come to the Booster meeting - meet people - get involved!

*Becky Larson and Pat Mencio  
Activities Committee Co-Chairs*

Applebee's Night is  
February 13!



Coupons are available on the website. Click on Applebee's information under "Boosters" "Fundraising Information"

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