



The Howler

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Director's

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the December Concert as much as I did. The students did a fantastic job getting us in the mood for the holidays. Many thanks to everyone who gave back to the community and attended the Santa Clause Workshop performance in Cedar Park. There were a couple of really great guest conductors. If you don't know who I'm talking about, ask around.

Often a single concert or presentation measures the success of a music program. While it is true that a performance demonstrates the students' mastery of skills, it is only one aspect of our comprehensive music curriculum. Music classes at Cedar Park High School are designed to prepare students to be responsible citizens in tomorrow's society. What is it about music education that offers young musicians a head start over their non-musician counterparts?

* Music develops interpersonal skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication, negotiation and working with others; the basic personal attributes required for problem-solving in our modern day workplace.

* Music stimulates the creative, curious, and imaginative mind - the mental building blocks for critical thinking and self-motivation.

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Booster Meeting

Tuesday, January 3

7 pm

CPHS Band Hall

Calendar

January

- 2.....Holiday Break – no school
- 3.....**Booster meeting** – 7pm, band hall
- 7.....**Area auditions**
- 13-14...**5A Region Band Clinic/Concert**
- 16.....Teacher workday – no school
- 24.....Wind Ensemble special rehearsal
4-7pm
- 26.....**Winterguard Parent Preview
Performance 6:45pm**
- 28.....**Winterguard Competition** – McNeil
High School
- 28.....**SAT**



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

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* Since much of music is active learning, it links the creative thought process to reality. The following quote is an excerpt from The Value of the Arts, created by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities - 1993:

Some skills taught only in the arts are as important to science as they are to art. Among these tools are playing, abstracting, building models and recognizing patterns. Non-verbal skills allow people to imagine and visualize new realities before they can be proven by logic or scientific experiment.

When a performer is in the act of making decisions based on present moment choices, he/she replicates the same thought processes used in expressing music. This is a human quality that must be developed; it is the foundation for all problem-solving skills.

When we take a holistic view of music learning, we develop a new perspective and appreciation for our school's music program. Music education is important in the lives of our children.

Many students have been working hard to learn and begin to learn region music for the Texas Music Educators Association All State process. This process is educational regardless of whether students advance all the way to the state level. Students are to be commended for their efforts in becoming better musicians and people in this process.

Through this process, many Cedar Park students did well attaining high levels of success. The many hours of practicing during marching season and throughout the year is evident.

Region Orchestra

On Saturday, November 12, several Cedar

Park Band students competed in Region 18 Orchestra Try-Outs. Region Orchestra is extremely difficult to make. Only the top three to four students on each instrument make the Orchestra out of the entire region. Cedar Park students set new records in success at the contest. Several students missed making it by only one place.

Congratulations to all students competing at this event.

Students making Region Orchestra and their respective instruments were:

Amy Marks on percussion, **Ashley Mendeke** on flute, **Chris Mothersole** on clarinet and **Lauren Waldrop** on bassoon.

Nick Nelson placed 2nd chair on bassoon and advances to Area.

Not only did Cedar Park Band students score in the top half of the try-out but several students made First Chair on their respective instruments and are advancing to Area. This is a new record also!!

Students making First Chair were: **Patrick Chappell** on trombone, **Laura Fisher** on piccolo, **Kyle Kirkwood** on euphonium, **Jeannique Norbert** on flute and **Danika Trierweiler** on clarinet.

Congratulations!!!

Region Band

On Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 students from the Cedar Park Band competed at the Region 18 Band Try-outs advancing to the District, Region and Area levels. Cedar Park placed more students in the Region Band than any other school in the region again this year. There were over 1,450 contestants.

Cedar Park had 60 students make it at

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some level. Students making it to the District level on their instruments were:

Buddy Saragusa	Jonathan Johnson
Martin Patterson	Nick Swan
Katherine Stuckman	Ross Cramblit
Kelly Ebler	Troy Brown
Joshua Melton	Steven McNally

The following students earned a place in the Region 18 Band:

Peter Cho	Armando Collazo
James Lewis	Vicky Wu
John Velasquez	Ryan Hoff
Christopher Buckler	Jenna Rozacky
Matt Walker	Will Hatheway
Meredith Gruhn	Alex Haecker
Tony Mencio	Brandi Buckler
Kenneth Entrekin	Cherry Cho
Sam Robin	Kelle Lysinger
Preston Martin	Emily Persinger
Shaobo Zhu	Patrick Chappell
Jorge Lopez	Adam Soch
Daniel Burns	
Christopher Mothersole	

The students advancing to Area broke the Timberwolf Band's record on the number of students advancing to Area from Cedar Park. Good Luck to these students as they compete at the Area level for a chance to make the All-State Band. They are:

Brian Torabi	Lauren Waldrop
Taylor Clark	Travis Imken
Kyle Kirkwood	Holly Hechel
Ashley Mendeke	Jeannique Norbert
Tristan Boyd	Amy Marks
Laura Fisher	Evan Gravely
Benjamin Pate	Scott Patterson
Danika Trierweiler on Eb clarinet and Bb clarinet	
Kaitlin Epperson on flute and piccolo	

Be sure to congratulate these students when you see them.

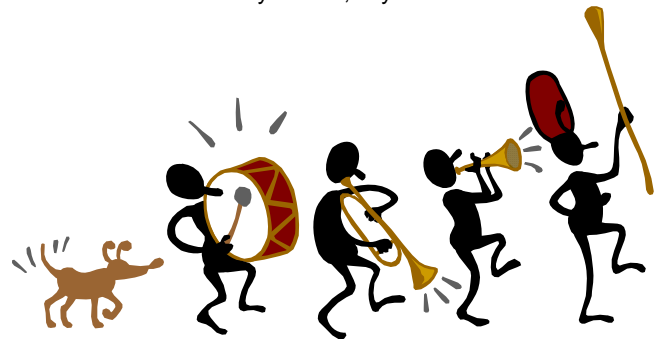
Steve Wessels
Band Director

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
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Historian: Emily Derewonko
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Activity Committee News

Happy New Year from Pat and Becky. We will be having office hours in the new year, 2 days a week, for any money transactions having to do with fundraising or personal accounts. Since Sheila will no longer office at the band hall, Pat and I will be there on Tuesdays from 8 am to 9 am and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 to collect money from the students. **Money will not be accepted by the band directors – it must be turned in at the the collection times on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** We will not be collecting private lesson money. **PRIVATE LESSON MONEY MUST BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ON YOUR STATEMENT.**

Please, please, please, if you have any money from the sale of Wolf Cards or Passbooks (especially checks) get them turned in right away. We do not want to hold checks for so long that people are wondering why they haven't cleared the bank! The deadline for returning Wolf Cards has long passed! In mid January outstanding cards will be charged to your child's account so it is VERY IMPORTANT that you turn in your Wolf Card money right after the holiday break. Please feel free to contact us with any questions either at school by phone at the numbers below.

Thanks for your continued support of the Timberwolf Band.

*Becky Larson 331-4498
Pat Mencio 267-3592
Activities Committee Co-chairs*



Marching Season Videos

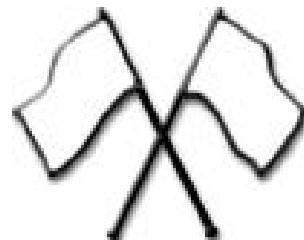
Have you received your video? If not, please contact Karen Faulkner at 924-9469 or 435-4755.

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Guard News

Be sure to attend the Winterguard Parent Preview Performance on January 26 at 6:45pm and the CPHS Winterguard's first competition at McNeil High School on Saturday, January 28.

Note from Sheila Olenich, FA Secretary.

On a personal note: To the parents, students, and staff at CPHS Band & Boosters – I want to thank you all for so many things, but most of all for the wonderful memories, friendships, and courtesies you have shown to me over the last 7 years. It has all been appreciated and I will truly miss being around this staff and these students.

To the parents -- I want to thank the boosters for the shirts, gifts, friendships, sodas, hugs, offers of help, and your caring concern for this program.

To the students – always set the bar higher and know with hard work you can reach your goals. Many wonderful traditions and goals have been set before you by past students, goals you have attained and reached for; now you have set some of your own for the future classes to reach for. Remember, in all that you say and do - someone is watching. What do you want them to see and remember! I have enjoyed the students at CPHS – you are truly a class act!

To the staff – I have truly had the best place to come to work everyday. The directors are truly educating your children not only in their music education, but also in life lessons. They work many hours to provide quality for the students at CPHS. I will miss our impromptu lunches, “staff meetings”, and being a part of your plan.

I can truly say that I have had the best job for the last 7 yrs. And I will have many wonderful memories of being associated with CPHS Band. Thank you all for sharing the ride! I'll be watching & listening!

*Sheila Olenich
LISD Fine Arts Sec.*



Happy January Birthdays!

Bryant Cobb – 6	Jennifer Kaiser – 21
Taylor Dahnert – 7	Courtney Kirkwood – 21
Holly Gum – 9	Tory Maynard – 22
Kevin Wentworth – 10	Zachary Hawkins – 22
Patrick Hogan – 11	Allison Griffith – 22
Chelsea Sartain – 13	Molly Moellering – 24
Kaitlin Black – 15	Chris Schuhmann – 25
Jeremiah Garcia -15	Elyse Acker – 27
Justin Affolter – 16	Benjamin Pate – 29
James Lewis – 16	Jeannique Norbert – 30
Matthew Murray – 18	

Applebee's Night is January 9!



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

New LISD Fine Arts Department!

Parents please take note that LISD will have a new location for the Fine Arts Department as of Jan. 3, 2006. The move for Sheila Olenich, Fine Arts Secretary, will happen during the holidays. The new mailing address will be: LISD, Fine Arts Dept, PO Box 218, Leander, TX 78646. The physical address will be: 301 S. West, Leander. The new phone number for Sheila will be: 434-5055 (or from a LISD campus 15055).

Private lesson payments should all be **MAILED** to the above mailing address with Attn. Sheila Olenich. Envelopes not addressed to the Fine Arts Dept or to Sheila Olenich may be misrouted and delay checks from being received. This new address becomes effective 12/18/05. Lesson checks should **NOT** be left at a campus with a director or private lesson teacher, but should be mailed in or dropped directly to the Fine Arts Office on S. West St. in Leander.

Accounts that are in a past due status may result in student(s) being removed from lessons until the account is cleared. Please send in payments upon receipt of statements each month. (Statements are sent either via e-statements/email or paper copy mailed by the 8th of each month.)

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To the family of: