

# DMS – DHS Band Bridge

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## DMS - DHS Band Bridge Feedback

The DMS – DHS Band Bridge newsletter continues to work to better communicate the activities of the DHS Marching Band to the DMS student so that you'll be aware of the activities and rewards of being a member of the Dalton High School Marching Band. If you have

questions that this newsletter doesn't fully answer, be sure to stop and ask Mr. Humphrey or Mr. Henry your question.

The DHS Marching Band is looking forward to the 2007 Football Season and the 2007 Competition Band Season. Both activities are greatly

rewarding to the music student. Be sure to be a part of it in 2007.



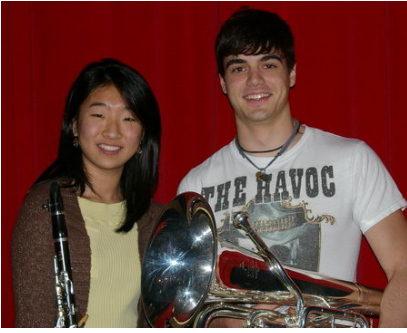
## DHS Marching Band 2007 Spring Trip

The DHS Marching Band will make a Spring Break trip to Panama City to participate in the Festival of Champions Concert and Parade Competition this year. Nearly every year, the band chooses a site where they can compete against other bands. This year, the event will be on the gulf coast to also allow for some beach time. Be sure you're part of this annual event by being in the DHS Marching Band. The band will have a day at the beach, a day at a local water park, a "Luau", and of course parade and symphonic competitions.



## DHS All State Honor Band

Carol Lee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair  
Clarinet  
Patrick Genre: 1<sup>st</sup> Chair  
Euphonium



## Band Camp 2007

Details of DHS Band Camp will soon be announced. 2006's band camp was held here in Dalton where the band was able to get in all the practice they needed and save valuable funds for the 2007 Spring Trip. See Mr. Humphrey or Mr. Henry for details!



## Aubree Stewart, DHS Drum Major says:

"8<sup>th</sup> grade was a year I had to make a difficult choice, to stay with music and band or play softball" says Aubree Stewart, DHS Marching Band Drum Major. Two reasons Aubree made this decision were that she wanted to continue to express herself through her music. Also, the impact Mr. Henry had on her, telling her and other DMS music students about the trips, and competitions, and rewards of participating in the band.....and it all came true. "Everybody has to work together to make the band flow correctly. And the thing that makes me the happiest is the fact we call get to perform together every Friday night during football season." Aubree recalls the excitement of the stadium lights, the cheering crowds, and

## Patrick Geren: "Band has opened up so many doors for me"

Patrick Geren, DHS Marching Band member recalls making the decision about going into high school with the marching band as part of his studies. "It all started with middle school band and having the opportunity to play with the best musicians in the district", he tells the Band Bridge. Staying in music allowed him to gain access through Mr. Henry to the Drum and Bugle Corps. Realizing as he moved into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade the he was going to do what he thought was "cool", he stuck with the band and after a year, tried out for and made the "Memphis Sound", a traveling drum corps out of Memphis, Tennessee. By staying with music, he'd opened up a

door to a whole new set of friends, activities, and studies that he would have never seen had he not made the decision that was right for him, and not others. Having played for the Memphis Sound one year, Patrick, he saw another corps performed called the Bluecoats out of Canton, Ohio. Again, he was up to the challenge and with hard work and practice, he joined this group after his junior year. "I met other music students from all over the country, even Japan", says Patrick. "The corps taught me a lot and I returned to Dalton a better and more confident player". Having experienced these things, Patrick is certainly an asset to the DHS Marching Band and shares his

experiences with Mr. Henry and his fellow students. Patrick will enter Jacksonville State University in the fall of 2007 majoring in music education.

So, by choosing to continue music at DHS and marching with the DHS Marching Band, so many other doors have been opened to Patrick.

"I would not be where I am today had I not stuck with band". It has and will still continue to open many doors and opportunities for me in the future.

## Dalton Middle School Band Notes

**Congratulations** to the following students for making District Band:

Andrew O'Neil: French Horn

Erik Morton: Trumpet

## Mentoring Program

Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Henry are coordinating a DHS to DMS mentoring program to bring students together to work on music. See either one for the details about this program.

## AUDITIONS

For information on drumline, colorguard, and drum major, see Mr. Henry in the upcoming weeks



leadership throughout the band members. "Band has brought me together with a whole new family that work together as a team", says Aubree. "All these experiences have widened my music knowledge and abilities."

