

DMS - DHS Band Bridge

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DHS Band Bridge Effort Continues

The Dalton High School Marching Band will continue with the efforts began last year in support of the Dalton Middle School music students and their music interest and continuation into Dalton High School music programs. The Band Bridge publication highlights the efforts to build a bridge and bond between the DHS Marching Band students and those middle school students involved in music at DMS. The DHS Marching Band's long history of excellence is only possible with the yearly pilgrimage of students from DMS over to DHS. The DHS Band Bridge publication will be sent to all DMS students and parents in an effort to keep you up to date with activities, plans, and successes the DHS Marching Band is having. We expect this newsletter to keep you up to date, informed, and excited about the opportunities that await you as a student at DHS that enjoys both the academics of high school, but also the rewards of having each Friday night the fall become a performance that you'll never forget on Harmon Field or other local stadiums in north Georgia. **Go CATS!**

Message from Mr. Humphrey

We're off to another strong year at Dalton Middle School with the music programs for 6th – 8th graders. There's another large class coming into the 6th grade and a good sized 7th and 8th grade class. Music, as I've pointed out in previous Band Bridge issues, my decision to participate in music was one I've never regretted and in fact, its one that changed my life forever. As a music educator, I'm committed to getting the best music instruction in front of each student and hoping they'll embrace the instrument they choose and music they learn to play. My decision to work in the music education field continues to support my extra curricular activities which include DHS Band Director with David Henry and as a player in the CorpVets, which is a competition drum and bugle team out of Atlanta. Both Friday night football game school spirit boosting and competitive band competitions are key parts of the DHS band experience. All of us in the DMS music program hope all students, and parents, will consider the opportunity for individual growth, teamwork, and fun that is gained with joining the music programs at Dalton High School. I look forward to continuing our musical experiences at Dalton Middle School.

2007 Spring Trip to Panama City A Big Splash

The DHS Marching Band worked in some beach as part of a trip to Panama City FL to participate in the Festival of Champions in the spring of 2007. The trip was arranged as part of a competition / recreation event for the band. About two days were spent on the beach enjoying the sun and sand during the five day trip. The competition was one of marching and concert performance. In the end, the DHS Marching Band took many awards at the event. Having an event like this in the spring allows the band to keep their competitive skills honed and prepare for the fall football marching season and fall competitive marching events. It's Mr. Henry's intent to continue this springtime effort in some fashion, including some well deserved recreation for the band members.



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2007 DHS Marching Band Competitions

Saturday September 29th – Yellow Jacket Classic Marching Band Competition at Rockmart HS in Rockmart, GA

RESULTS: Won- Best in Class AA in Band, Percussion, 2nd Place Color Guard, 4th Place Drum Majors. 2nd Place OVERALL Percussion, 3rd place overall Color Guard.

Saturday October 13th – Fort Mountain Classic Marching Band competition at Murray County HS in Chatsworth, GA

Saturday October 27th – LaFayette Marching Classic at Fayette County HS in Fayetteville, GA



Band Camp A Key & Important First Step

As they did last year, the DHS Marching Band held their summer band camp at DHS, allowing the students to stay locally and not travel away to conduct the very important event. This first step allows the band to begin working on the show which this year includes three pieces of music. The 'drill' is first diagramed out, taught in pieces, sometimes just 8-10 steps long, but then is slowly brought together, sheet by sheet, until a full music & drill performance is learned. The freshman students of course get the most benefit as it is their first exposure to complex drill with music. Their 8th grade DMS Band Night gives the a flavor of what is to come, but the full performance is realized starting at Band Camp. It allows student leaders to be chosen, allows the band to become more organized as a team, starts and builds friendships, and begins the marching season on the right "note". The week ends with a full performance of what has been learned so far to the parents who attend a dinner and meeting about the Band Camp week. The last night, as tradition dictates, the Freshman Follies are held where the seniors give the freshman "skit direction" to perform to the whole band and all parents who attend the evening. It was a hilarious and wild evening with about a dozen skits performed. One special skit was a reversal of roles where freshman had to imitate seniors on stage, allowing the audience to guess who they were imitating. Once again, Band Camp is a success and begins what will be a fun and rewarding marching season.

The Band Club wishes to thank all the volunteer parents and former students who made the week such a success.



DMS Band Night at Harmon Field

On October 19th at the Dalton / Northwest HS football game, as we've done in several years past, the 7th and 8th grade DMS students will march on the field with the DHS Marching Band. A few weeks prior to that, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Henry will teach the marching drill to the 8th graders along with the music portion. It's an exciting night as the band welcomes the 'future' members onto the field allowing them to experience the excitement of the game and the recognition by the fans during the halftime show. More details will be coming from Mr. Humphrey.



Message From Mr. Henry

I'll never forget. . .

. . . joining the DHS Catamount Band! The idea of moving to DHS from City Park, and meeting Mr. Morgan was a little bit scary. Then there were thoughts like: "what if I'm not good enough? What if I can't march?" Once summer rehearsal started, all of that faded away. The student leaders went out of their way to make us feel welcome. Mr. Morgan turned out to be really nice, and it wasn't long before I was out there. . . under the lights at Harmon Field, marching with the famous Catamount Band! I think what put me at ease the most was the realization that Mr. Morgan taught us everything we needed to know about how to march and play. What had seemed so difficult actually turned out to be easy, once I had been taught how to do it! Band Camp was hard work, but it was also FUN! And it sure was nice when school started, already knowing some of the upper classmen.

That seems like so long ago, but also just like happened yesterday. Music was so much a part of me, I often thought of what it might be like to have a career in teaching music, teaching band, leading students onto the field for team spirit and team competition. And now look, here I am returning to my ala mater to help continue a music tradition, through students like yourself. I hope and expect in the upcoming months to talk and meet each of you and you'll continue your efforts in music as you move through DMS and enter DHS eventually. GO BIG RED

Fall 2007 Competition

The DHS Marching Band continues its competitive tradition this fall by competing in key regional marching band competitions. As in any competitive situation, you don't know how good you are till you face the opponent on field. DHS Band is no stranger to this and last year, walked away with many top performance awards. See the Competitive Summary article in the Band Bridge. This year, the band will perform at Rockmart on Saturday September 29th, at Murray County on Saturday October 13th, and on Saturday October 27th in Fayetteville, GA. This last competition is a unique one in that after the band "classes" compete against one another and those class winners are determined, all top bands in each class are invited back that evening to an open competition to see who the best overall band is. Band classes are determined by size of band students on the field, not size of the school they represent. DHS band has generally competed "one level up" when allowed by the sponsor of the event, so they compete in harder classes. And, as evidenced by the trailer-load of trophies brought back last year, they do well at whatever level they go after. For the Murray County event, DMS students will be invited to attend and transported with the band. It's an intense day, having only the 15 minutes to perform your show at the band's top level for the judges. Many aspects of how the band performs are graded against a standard set by the judges prior to attending the event. Music, footwork, spacing, show complexity, color guard, drum corps, and drum major performances are all watched intently.

Take the time to review the 2006/07 highlights in the Band Bridge and if you're at DHS, check out the trophies in the band room for last year, and previous years. Make plans to attend one or all of the competitions. For details on the Oct 13th Murray County event, see Mr. Humphrey.

Band Webpage Updated

Thanks to Jeff Parrott and Michael Jordon for the updated look on the DHS Marching Band website. It's a very organized and easy to navigate sight allowing the user to find past, current, and future data on the band and music programs at DMS and DHS. Check out the online videos from the Blast From The Past section. You might spot some key Daltononian's on the field at these competitions. Might spot your parents, too, if they were DHS Marching Band students. <http://www.daltonband.org/>

Key 8th Graders Rise To The Occasion

AS IN YEARS PAST, SOME KEY 8TH GRADE DMS STUDENTS HAVE STEPPED FORWARD TO HELP THE DHS MARCHING BAND ON FOOTBALL GAME NIGHTS, BOTH HOME AND AWAY, WITH THE DUTIES OF MOVING IN AND OUT THE PIT CREW ONTO THE FIELD FOR THE HALFTIME

SHOW. MUCH THANKS GOES TO THESE STUDENTS FROM THE BAND AND THE BAND CLUB FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND EFFORTS. WITHOUT THEM, THE BAND WOULD STRUGGLE TO GET ONTO AND OFF THE FIELD FOR THE SHOWS. THEIR WORK MAKES FOR A VERY SMOOTH PERFORMANCE. THANKS DMS STUDENTS! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS, CONTACT MR. HUMPHREY.

Band Club Meetings

The Dalton High School Marching Band continues to have their Band Club meetings on the second Tuesday at 7:00 of each month at the DHS Band Room. The meeting summarizes the efforts of the Band for parents and students who attend. Key reports are the finances, concession stand efforts, competitions, and fund raising. All DHS Band parents, and DMS parents,

are invited to attend. The Band Club board of directors meets prior to the general band club meeting.

Band Club To Meet At Dalton Middle School

As part of the Band Bridge effort, the Band Club will meet at DMS at least twice this school year to help encourage DMS music student parents to attend. The meeting will take place in the DMS Band Room at 7:00.

Everyone Loves A Parade



This year, the DHS Marching Band will participate in two parades in Dalton. The November 10th Veterans Day Parade and the December 1st Christmas Parade. The band will be in top shape for these events. Details will be forthcoming about the timing and music to be played. Come out and support the community and band at both events.



DHS Band Students Continue Their Music Career



Several DHS Marching Band students continue their music career at their college this fall. Their experiences and training at DHS allowed and convinced them they could go to the next level and be a success. Those former band members are:

AJ Taylor
Daisy Cardona

Melaphone
Bass Drum

Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville State University

Patrick Geren
Steven Callaway

Baritone
Baritone

Jacksonville State University
University of Georgia

The students may have changed their mascot, but they are marching Catamounts at heart. Congratulations to each for participating in their college marching band.

Head Count

Just to let you know how large a music program we have at DMS, here's the numbers for this fall for music students by grade. We appreciate the continue support of DMS music student parents to encourage their student to participate in music.

6 th graders	110
7 th graders	71
8 th graders	45

We had 29 8th graders move to the DHS Marching Band this year, growing the band from 48 participants to 64 participants, allowing for the seniors who

graduate. Several other students are participating in the symphonic band activity. The efforts Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Henry continue to pay big rewards for the students, parents, and community for the music programs at both schools.

Just The Facts

In case you're wondering what participating in music does for a student, here's a fact dug out of graduating data for the past many years:

Studies have shown that music education is important to developing smarter kids and that

skills learned through the discipline of music transfer to study skills, communication skills, and cognitive skills useful in all academic subjects. Over the last 25 years at DHS, more than 85% of the senior class valedictorians, salutatorians, and star students were band students.

Just the facts! Music rounds out a student's knowledge base and provides an outlet for performance and competition. It speaks well of the music programs at both DMS and DHS. Let's keep supporting them both and the students who participate in them!



SCHEDULE

Aug 31 at Calhoun	Loss
Sept 7 Murray County	Win
Sept 14 Hiram	Win (Homecoming)
Sept 21 at Ringgold	Win
Sept 28 at Southeast	Win
Oct 5 OPEN	
Oct 12 Rome	
Oct 19 Northwest	
Oct 26 at LFO	
Nov 2 Gordon Central	Senior Night
Nov 9 Ridgeland	



THE 2007 DALTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND



Marching Band Leadership 2007-08

Drum Majors Anna Orr & Megan Black
Colorguard Captain Kelly Bond
Colorguard Lieutenant Gabi Martinez
Drumline Captain Jonathon Cruz
Drumline Lieutenant Megan Schenck
Band Major Jonathan McIntosh
Trumpet Section Leader Todd Parrott
Trumpet Lieutenant Aubree Stewart
Mellophone Section Leader Dustin Cochran
Baritone Section Leader..... Cody Rogers
Tuba Section Leader Vinamra Laddha
Flute Section Leader Sarah Byers
Clarinet Section Leader Yesenia Orellona
Saxophone Section Leader Patrick O'Neill
Saxophone Lieutenant Taylor Cox

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