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DMS - DHS Band Bridge begins publication

The Dalton High School Marching Band announces the first publication of their newsletter intended to help 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, awards, challenges, and successes the Dalton High School Marching Band is having. We hope you'll read each issue cover to cover and allow it 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!

Mr. Humphrey's Message To Students and Parents

Looking back in middle school when it was time to make my decision on which high school classes to take, there was a moment where I actually did consider not continuing in music as part of my high school experience. The students were a lot bigger than I was, I didn't know many of them, and the music was very different. When talking to my parents, my dad was more than helpful in my decision to join the high school band program. After all, he had paid for the instrument, and I was suppose play it. Made sense to him and in the end, it was a decision which I am forever thankful for. I would have missed out on numerous opportunities to have fun,

grow musically, and be a part of something very rewarding, had I not listened to him. While times have changed, but there is one constant in regards to students going from Middle School music to the High School Band. Parent support and encouragement is a key part of that decision for both student, and parent.

I can assure students and parents that they will have one of the most rewarding experiences of there lives if they stay in the Dalton High School Band program. Mr. Henry is an outstanding teacher who offers a wide variety of opportunities to explore new and diverse musical experiences. In

recent years, we have all seen the vast improvement in teamwork, student skill level, and LOTS of fun in the DHS band program. 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.

Band Competes at Georgia Band Masters Competition



The DHS Marching Band competed in Forsyth GA at the Georgia Band Master's Competition on October 21st, again bringing home awards in many graded categories. In their class, they took first place winning superior grades on all scores. For the Silver Division, the band came in second place of twelve in this extended group of Class 1, 2, and 3 performers. Overall, the

band took 5th place of all 17 groups performing at this final band competition of the 2006 season. An early morning practice at DHS allowed David Henry and the band to work through their routine before traveling in chartered buses over to Forsyth, GA. Performing early, the DHS band had to wait through many other performances until they were recognized with all the awards they

earned. This competition was the final of three competitions where the DHS band brought home more than 20 awards in categories of Drum Line, Drum Majors, Color Guard, and Overall Band. Congratulations to the DHS Band for all their recognition of a fine organization of musicians.



Get your DHS Marching Band Decal

The Dalton High School Marching Band is selling car window stickers for \$3 each. Show your support by buying several for family and friends. See Amanda Jordan or Mr. Humphrey to purchase one.



DHS Performance Details

Dalton High Schools competitive show combines a variety of musical styles with precision marching to create a distinctive performance. The show opens with "Johnny One-Note" and upbeat number that features a big hornline sound and a dynamic percussion section. The opening circle formation expands to reveal the flag corps hidden inside. Adam Bonds is the trumpet soloist.

"God Bless the Child", another jazz

chart, follows with a chorale opening, featuring Patrick Geren, baritone soloist, followed by the 1st of 2 percussion features. Todd Parrott is featured on a trumpet solo in the swing section, horns and guard join in the "rock" section for a high energy ending.

The closer is the pop hit "the Greatest Love of All", made famous by Whitney Houston. It starts with a soft, backfield band sound, accompanying

the trumpet duet, played by Jonathan McIntosh, and Lacy Gibson. Suddenly, the music goes "double-time", and the percussion section expertly drives the feel. The band forms a "front" for the last push of the show, then successfully navigates several tempos changes. Todd Parrott delivers a brief trumpet solo, followed by the band driving home the final chords.

Message from Band Club President

The goal of the Dalton Band Club to help support the band programs at Dalton High School and Dalton Middle School. Without the help of dedicated band parents the band club would not be able to provide the support to the bands. All band parents are members of the club. There is no charge to join; all we ask is some of your time and effort to make your band students experience a memorable one. So my message to you is to become involved in band club wether it is a middle school or a high school band activity. This is my

twelfth year of having a child in the Dalton Band program and I think one of my best years because of all the all the parents that have become involved in this worth while organization. I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and effort that has made the first half of this band year a success. I am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces when the Dalton Band Club holds its November meeting at Dalton Middle School

Michael Jordan
President
Dalton Band Club

2007 Spring Break Trip

The DHS Marching Band is planning on attending a music festival on the gulf coast in April 2007 as part of a year end band trip. Fun in the sun, competitive performances, and great times will be had by all who attend. More to come, stay tuned!



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DHS Band Officers at Georgia Band Master Competition



Being in the DHS band has allowed me to be a part of something I will never forget. I have numerous memories to keep and I have made friends I will always have. Joining band has helped me grow as a person and learn a lot of things I will carry with me throughout life. Lacy Gibson – Band Major

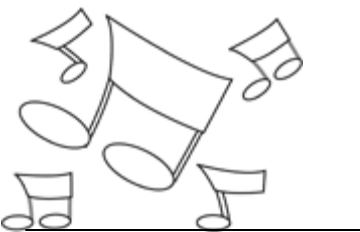
SCHEDULE

Sep 01 Fri 7:30 PM Calhoun (7B-AA) Harmon Field	win
Sep 08 Fri 7:30 PM Murray County (5B-AAAAA) Murray County	win
Sep 15 Fri 7:30 PM Hiram (4-AAAAA) Away	win
Sep 22 Fri 7:30 PM Ringgold (7-AAAA)* Harmon Field	win
Sep 29 Fri 7:30 PM Southeast Whitfield (7-AAAA)* Harmon Field	win
Oct 06 Fri Open	
Oct 13 Fri 7:30 PM Rome (7-AAAA)* Rome	loss
Oct 20 Fri 7:30 PM Northwest Whitfield (7-AAAA)* Northwest Whitfield	won
Oct 27 Fri 7:30 PM Lakeview-Ft Oglethorpe (7-AAAA)* Harmon Field	
Nov 03 Fri 7:30 PM Gordon Central (7-AAAA)* Gordon Central	
Nov 10 Fri 7:30 PM Ridgeland (7-AAAA)* Harmon Field	

Mr. Henry's Message



*"Being in a marching band is a decision I'm forever thankful for".....
Lewie Humphrey*



"As a music teacher, I have an awesome responsibility to provide quality educational and social experiences, inspiring new generations of young people to expand the role of music and the arts in their own lives and in the communities in which they live. I believe the future is bright for the Dalton High Catamount Band, and I look forward to being a part of that."

David Henry, upon his arrival back to DHS

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 alma 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 and GO DHS Catamount Marching Band!

Anna Orr – 2006 Drum Major

I still remember my first night out at Harmon Field my freshman year. The game was against Carrollton and it was pouring rain. We marched out for pre-game in the rain, and ended up having to run off of the field it was raining so hard! It was

an experience that I'll never forget. The first game I was able to march half-time was an experience I will never forget. I was scared half to death, but once the show started, it was awesome hearing the crowd cheering us on. I can't even describe

the feeling I had when we played our whole show for competition. Over my three years in high school, this feeling of accomplishment has only grown. We want you to be a part of our family; we want you to make memories like these with us.

What Does the Marching Band Do For the Student per Todd Parrott

To me, being in marching band means performing competitively. Performing is the first part of marching band. Performing means so many things. It means playing fun & challenging music, marching the drill and hearing the audience roar with applause after you finish playing. There is no comparison to the rush of adrenaline you get while performing a show. THAT is the FIRST part of marching band.

The second part is competition. Competition is what takes the aspects of performing to the next level. It means perfecting performance. It means ALWAYS nailing the note, ALWAYS nailing that rhythm, and ALWAYS hitting the dot. Dalton is small right now, but because of our competitive performances, we have been able to surprise big bands that have not taken their

performance to the next level.

And, like any competing team, we have lots of fun, make friends and memories, and because of our persistent efforts we are rewarded at the finish line. Whether it is with a massive trophy, or an audience member clapping and smiling after the show, saying "Man, they were GOOD!"

Message to the DMS Parents

To DMS parents

The DHS Band Bridge publication is dedicated to improving your knowledge about the DHS Marching Band's activities and benefits for you music student. The DHS Marching Band is a dedicated group of students and teachers committed to learning and performing music on the athletic field or band competition field. It's hard but rewarding work for the students and faculty, as well as the parents of the DHS Marching Band. School spirits starts and ends with fans and there is not a bigger more

exciting group of fans than the marching band. There's not a better sight and sound than a touchdown being scored with the accompaniment of the marching band. Except perhaps the halftime performance of the band itself, of course! These kids work very hard in class and on the practice field to hone their collective skill and not only take it to the Friday night games, but to competitions in the area. As you'll read in this newsletter, we don't often leave without some very positive recognition, evidence that the hard

work and practice pays off. The Band Club Board of Directors hopes you'll continue to encourage and support you DMS music student in such a way that if the desire is there to continue to participate in music study, that the student does that both in the classroom and in the DHS Marching Band.

Thank You!

Band Club Board of
Directors



You're a big part of this bridge
to the DHS Marching Band

Band Club Meeting At Dalton Middle School

The DHS Marching Band BOD announces that the November Band Club meeting will be at Dalton Middle School to allow middle School parents to attend and participate. The BOD is going to form a subcommittee of DMS parents to work with BOD members to help build a better bridge of music students from DMS to DHS. This publication is one part of that effort. The meeting will be in the DMS Band Room at **7:00 on November 14th.** Please make plans to attend.

Band Highlights from Game #1

At the first football game of the year, the DHS Marching Band's Drum Corp did a halftime demonstration of a drumming technique, they called "canning". Using brand new large metal trash cans, the Drum Corp did their routine on the lids and sides of the cans, demonstrating their skills and techniques on this unusual musical "instrument". The Drum Corp may repeat this performance later in the year at a DHS football game or other surprise events. Be on the LOOKOUT for trash cans!



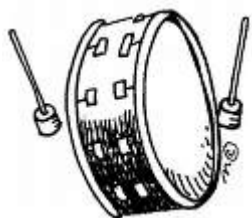
*"At 6-1, the DHS Catamounts look good for a post season opportunity. **Another** opportunity for the DHS Marching Band to **PERFORM.**"*

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<http://www.daltonband.org/>

Competitions

Georgia Marble Contest

The DHS Marching Band took first in class at the Georgia Marble Marching Competition in late September. Superior ratings were given in most categories. The Drum Line and Color Guard took first place in their respective groupings.

Fort Mountain Fall Classic

At the FMFC, the band received superior scores in Drum Line, Color Guard, and overall band. The Drum Majors took 2nd place in their respective category. The highlight of the event was the band receiving first place in the

Silver Division, being recognized at the best of 6 bands in that grouping. Congratulations to all DHS Marching Band Members.

FUTURE TRAVEL

In the 2007/2008 school year, the DHS Marching Band is looking at travel to places such as New Orleans or Orlando, FL.

Band Camp held at DHS – Much learned, much accomplished

Each year our marching band meets for a special camp prior to the beginning of school in order to prepare for the upcoming marching season. This is a full week-long camp during which the band learns the music & drill for the upcoming competitive season & football game performances. As usual, this year's band camp was held during the last week of July. But, for the first time in DHS Band history, band camp was held at DHS in the form of a lock-in.

Students checked in on Monday morning and did not leave until Friday night. Throughout the week, the band put in over 45 hours of rehearsal time and special instructors were brought in to work with each section.

In addition to the long hours and temperatures in the 90's, the students had a lot of fun. Extra activities included swimming, video gaming and an ice cream party. The students had such a good time; it was sometimes

difficult to get them to go to sleep at night. In fact, the boys' room got so rowdy one evening, they found themselves marching in the parking lot in their pajamas during the middle of the night, just to get them to go to sleep!

We had many parent volunteers assist with this year's camp, since having it at home allowed parents to volunteer a couple of hours whenever they could to help serve meals, provide first aid, fit uniforms and act as chaperones. The week culminated with Freshman Follies on Friday, followed by a trip to see a Drum Corps International competition on Saturday.

Planning for next year's band camp begins soon. Thanks to all the parents, students and instructors who made this year's camp such a success and we will see you next year!

Key Players in DHS Marching Band

Drum Majors--Anna Orr, Aubree Stewart

Flute--Sara Byers

Colorguard Captain--Meagan Dunn

Trumpet--Todd Parrott

Drumline Captain--Katie Jordan

Low Brass--Patrick Geren

Tuba--Vinamra Laddha

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