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WELCOME TO THE 2007-2008 MARCHING WILDCATS

Dear Parents and Band Students,

Welcome to another exciting year of Booker T. Washington High School Band. Last year was a great year. However, this year we have sooooo many great and wonderful things to look forward to.

Over the past 2-3 years the band has been growing at a rapid rate, and this year is no exception. We have another wonderful class of incoming Freshmen that we are so pleased to have join us. We are so happy to have former members of the Woodham and Pensacola High School Marching Bands as well as an outstanding rookie class joining the Marching Wildcat Family.

Lastly, parents, we need your support. The more that you are here the more we can accomplish as a group. Please attend all BTWHS band booster meetings and visit "[theplayingcats.com](http://www.theplayingcats.com)" for all your band updates.

Thanks, and I hope to see you in the stands!!



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**Important 2007-2008
Escambia County Dates**

<http://www.escambia.k12.fl.us/>

September 3 Labor Day Holiday

September 13 1/2 Day

October 10 Late Start Day

November 7 1/2 Day

November 12 Veterans Day

November 19-21 Fall Break

November 22-23

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 5 Late Start Day

December 21 1/2 Day

Dec. 24, 2007-Jan. 4, 2008

Winter Holidays

President Note

Band Booster Meeting

August 16, 2007

6:30pm

This is going to be a great year!! Don't miss out on it!! Get involved!!

Robert DeWeese

BTWHS Band Booster President

Treasury

Now is the time to please take care of any outstanding band dues. First installment was due on July 19. At that time students were fitted for their uniform. The second installment of \$137.50 is August 8. If a band member's dues are not paid in full, he/she will not be able to participate in band performances.

If you rent a school instrument, the first installment of \$62.50 was due upon the receipt of the instrument. Final rental payment of \$62.50 is due on October 1.

When making any type of payment or turning in money, please utilize the transaction envelopes that are available in the band hall. *Please write all information on the envelopes legible.* Our return check policy fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for all checks returned from the bank for insufficient funds. Cash is accepted but discouraged. Checks and money orders help keep track of payments and assures everyone's account is accurate. Receipts will be written out by the Treasurer Jeffrey Harrison for all payments received and forwarded to your student by Mr. Young.

All financial statements are prepared by Financial Secretary Jeff Starke.



Thank You

Volunteers

Volunteers are an essential part in the successful operations of the band boosters and the band. There is a place for everyone to help out. Please make sure you fill out the volunteer form expressing your areas of interests, and turn it in to VP Joyce Couch. Please contact Joyce if you wish to chair the volunteer committee.

Chaperones

For those interested in chaperoning, we will have a meeting for all chaperones the week of the first game to go over everything in the Chaperone Handbook. The sign-up sheets for each game will be available at the booster meeting. Chaperones and volunteers are encouraged to wear a BTWHS Band polo when participating as a volunteer.

Thank You.

Chelsea Hannibal

Equipment

Assistance is needed in transporting and preparing equipment for game time. If you have a truck and are available for any of the games, please contact Joyce Couch or Jeff Starke.

Thank You.

Uniforms

Polo shirts are being ordered and are necessary for the summer uniform for the first couple of games. Please send in your payment of \$20 for each polo with your shirt size. Band T-shirts are also on order and are to be worn under the formal band uniform. One is included with your paid band fees. If you wish to purchase an extra T, they are \$10 each.

If there are any problems with your uniform, please inform Mrs. Dubose. She is there with her crew to help alter, repair and assist in solving your uniform issues.

Ways and Means

AKA: Fundraising

Candy Orders for the "World's Finest Chocolate" have been placed. Band members, including the Auxiliary, will be responsible for selling 10 bars at \$1 each. Each student or parent may elect to sell more. If we run out of the current inventory, we can order more. This event is to benefit the total band.

CAR WASH!!! Join us in helping those less fortunate. This event will be benefiting The Children's Home Society of Pensacola. August 11 from 8am-2pm at the bus depot located in the teacher parking lot at BTWHS. You will need to bring your own supplies of signs, buckets, sponges, and brushes. Students will need to make sure they sign the log at the check in/out table. **Chaperones are needed throughout the day.** Please contact Chelsea Hannibal to confirm your attendance. If necessary, a rain date of August 18 has been scheduled.

The **Souvenir Shop** is a collection of school spirit items extending from wildcat throws, seat cushions, denim jackets, and cheer towels to temporary tattoos and trivets. The large customized items will be on a **pre-order only** basis. An order form is available for those items. A few volunteers are needed to operate the sales table on home game nights. Please contact Joyce if you are available.

Concessions



Concession cleanup is August 18.

JV and 9th grade HOME games [Thursday's] concession stand has a set crew that works every game. We are recruiting a team leader for this task. If anyone wants to join the team, please contact Joyce.

Varsity HOME games: There are 2 areas, the visitor and the home team concession. There are 3 rotating sets of volunteers. We have a set-up crew run by Nancy Virigilo. They report to the concession stand at 4:30pm and are to sign in at the gate and receive a volunteer badge. If a volunteer's name is not on the list he/she cannot be admitted without clearance from Joyce or Nancy. Second crew is the game time crew which includes the griller, Alvin Johnson, and all inside concession stand crew and visitor side crew. They arrive at 5:30pm. Third crew is the clean-up crew who is usually in the game already and report to the concession stand at the end of the third quarter to break down everything and get product put away. If everyone shows up on time and at the right time the concession stand should be closed and locked by the end of the fourth quarter.

To volunteer, please contact Joyce Couch.

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DOCUMENTATIONS

ALL band handbooks, forms, and guidelines are available on theplayingcats.com.



Please make sure your child has a **Media Release Form** on file at the school. If you do not want your child to be photographed or videotaped, theplayingcats.com follows all the guidelines provided by Booker T. Washington H.S. Since theplayingcats.com doesn't receive notification of who is on this list, please let us know if you do not want your child to appear on our site.

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A **Medical Emergency Information Form** must be filled out, notarized and on file with Director Young and the BTWHS Band Boosters. You can download it from theplayingcats.com in an interactive Adobe format. Fill in your information utilizing the typewriter tool and print. A notary will be present at the next booster meeting. Hard copies will be available if necessary.

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If you intend on volunteering for any band event, please fill out a volunteer information form, and return it to Joyce Couch.

Please be familiar with the BTWHS band handbook, band bylaws and the Escambia County Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

To all those celebrating a birthday this month.....

**Happy
Birthday**



Helpful Links for Information:

www.escambia.k12.fl.us/index.htm
www.pta.org
www.floridapta.org
www.school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp
www.math.com
<http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>
<http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat/fcatsmpl.htm>
www.flvs.net

What Can Be Expected

Student report times for most game nights will be 4:30-5pm. Director Young will stipulate times based on the distance of away games.

No band member is to hang around the band hall after school on game days. There will be no supervision, and students need to go home and return at the designated time.

Parents/guardians please ensure prompt pickup of your student following the end of all band events.

Band members will be expected to sign a band contract stating they are fully aware and understand the policies and guidelines mandated in the band handbook and the Escambia County Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

There will be two marching shows. The first is a collage of fun pieces. This year's second show and theme for FBA assessment is "Dream Girls".

FBA Marching Festival and Battle of the Bands are confirmed competitions at this time. Battle of the Bands is scheduled for Sunday, September 9 in Mobile, Al. We will be selling tickets at \$13 each, and the band will receive \$2 from each ticket sold.

Our Goal=2000 tickets

During concert season, the Concert and Jazz Bands will participate in FBA assessments and special appearances.

Individual assessments will include All County and FBA Solo/Ensemble. Any student who anticipates on participating in Solo/Ensemble needs to plan his music selection. Director Young has some available, but music can be ordered from jwpepper.com and floridamusicservice.com. See Director Young for an approved music list from FBA or visit www.flmusiced.org.

It is encouraged, although not required, for band members to venture out and audition for honor bands put on by state colleges. Participants in these programs have insurmountable musical growth and exposure to a college he may be interested in attending. The financial responsibility is that of the student if he accepts an invitation to participate.

Look ahead for the playing cats to include a Steal (drum) Band.

Varsity Football Schedule

08/24/07	away	7PM	Tate (classic)
08/31/07	home	7PM	West Florida H.S.
09/07/07	away	7PM	Choctawhatchee H.S.
09/14/07	home	7PM	Milton H.S.
09/21/07	away	7PM	Pensacola H.S.
09/28/07	home	7PM	Pace H.S.
10/05/07	home	7PM	*Pine Forest H.S.
10/12/07	away	7PM	Tate
10/19/07	home	7PM	*Escambia H.S.
10/26/07	Open		
11/02/07	away	7PM	*Niceville H.S.
11/09/07	Open		

*District 1 - 5A Games



**Remember our troops.
Thank you to all who serve
and those who have served.**



AUGUST 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 29	30 Band Camp 7-1	31 Band Camp 7-1	1 Band Camp 7-2:30 Music Rehearsal 6-8:30	2 Band Camp	3	4
5	6 Band Camp 7-2:30	7 Band Camp 7-2:30 Music Rehearsal 6-8:30	8 Band Camp 7-2:30	9 Band Camp 7-2:30 Music Rehearsal 6-8:30	10	11 Car Wash 8-2 at BTWHS
12	13 Band Camp 7-1:00	14 Band Camp 7-1:00 Music Rehearsal 6-8:30	15	16 New Student School Orientation 8AM Music Rehearsal 6-8:30 Booster Mtg. 6:30	17	18 Concession Cleanup
19	20 School Starts	21 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	22 Band Practice 3:00-5:00	23 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	24 Kickoff Classic BTWHS @ Tate 7PM Kickoff	25
26	27	28 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	29 Band Practice 3:00-5:00	30 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	31 WFHS @ BTWHS 7PM	September
2	3 Labor Day	4 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	5 Band Practice 3:00-5:00	6 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	7 BTWHS @ Choctaw 7PM	8

🎵 Dates and times are always subject to change.

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