



The Marching Wildcat Band

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**Important 2007-2008
Escambia County Dates**

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

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

January 7 School Resumes

January 21 MLK Holiday

**WELCOME
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
TO
HOMECOMING**

September 24-28

Students and Parents,

I am so grateful for the great start we have had this year. The Marching Wildcats are off to the best start we have ever experienced. We have had a fund raiser for The Children's Home Society, along with great performances.

We have so many wonderful things to look forward to. These are some events to add to your calendar.

- * October 13, 2007 FBA Marching MPA at Ft. Walton Beach High School
- * October 24, 2007 Florida Music Service will be selling S&E music at Tate High School at 4pm
- * December 8, 2007 Pensacola Christmas Parade, Downtown Pensacola at 5:30 pm
- * February 22, 2008 Solo & Ensemble MPA at Gulf Breeze High School
- * February 29, 2008 Jazz MPA at Crestview High School
- * March 7-8, 2008 Concert MPA at Ft. Walton Beach High School

Please attend all BTWHS band booster meetings, and visit "theplayingcats.com" for all your band updates.

Should you have any questions please feel free to ask.

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



Musically Yours,

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President Note

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The thousands of fans in Mobile showed their appreciation...Even the other bands were impressed with our performance... Comments were heard like that is such a tight band, so well behaved, great performers, great music the whole package. And we looked good also!! Jeff Starke-tpc!!

Band Booster Meeting October 18, 2007 6:30pm

Robert DeWeese
BTWHS Band Booster President

Treasury

The Band rental fee last payment of \$62.50 or your total fee of \$125.00 is due 1 Oct 07. Students need to make sure that when making payments or turning in money that they write their name, amount and what the funds are for in order to receive proper credit.


*Thanks,
Jeffrey Harrison*

If you do not receive a financial statement then it indicates that you do not owe anything at that time. If you wish to receive a copy of your statement to indicate all transactions received on you and your student's behalf, you can submit a request to Financial Secretary Jeff Starke.

The band's financial budget is available at each monthly booster meeting. You can receive a copy, review the band's financial status, and have your concerns addressed at that time.

Thank You

Volunteers

 **THANK YOU** to the many volunteers who have done so many wonderful selfless acts of kindness and spent countless hours of time and hard work to support the band and students. There are still plenty of events throughout the year that volunteers are needed. Do not think that you cannot contribute. Please fill out a volunteer form or check for requests as the events are approaching. Your contributions are what makes the band program successful.

To all the parents that fed the band on our kick off night August 24, *I called you on short notice, and you pulled it off. I really appreciated it. I owe all of you a great big **thank you.***

Joyce


October 19 is Senior Night. Volunteers are asked to assist in our annual senior night cookout after school. Please contact Joyce for more information.

Chaperones

Thank You.

Anyone who has signed up for future games and events, please remember that once you have been contacted by Chelsea on behalf of your intentions to participate, please return your confirmation as soon as possible. This will allow the opportunity to locate a replacement in a timely manner.

Thank You.

For your cooperation with all the changes that have come about at the last minute. 



Equipment

Have you seen the men who have ensured that all the music equipment and supplies make it to where it needs to be? The next time you do, thank them. They are awesome and doing a fantastic job.

Uniforms

Thank you to the uniform crew who made sure our young men and women looked fantastic at the Battle of the Bands in Mobile. There was some hemming and altering only hours before show time. Special thanks to the quick thinking and last minute shopping from parents to offer white t-shirts and black socks to students who needed them.

Polo shirts are still available for \$20.

The band will be in full uniform for the Homecoming game on September 28. If your band member does not have a band t-shirt to wear under his uniform, please make sure he/she is wearing a plain white t-shirt instead. Black socks are required. If you need to replace or make a purchase of gloves or spats, please see Mrs. Dubose.

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 has arrived! Band members, including the Auxiliary, are responsible for selling 10 bars at \$1 each. Each student or parent may elect to sell more. No candy sales will be going into the individual student's account but will benefit the total band. *Sales are going ok, but not everyone is helping.* Candy will also be available on Friday nights at the concession stand. Please see Joyce to pick up your candy.

Concessions

I want to thank you all that worked cleanup in the concession stand August 18.

Concession is going well. Pepsi is in, and Coke is out. We have frozen ice drinks, a new fryer, and a new grill. For the colder nights we will have coffee and a hot chocolate machine.

Help is still needed for concession duty. Please contact Joyce for the nights you can volunteer. Thank you volunteers!!

Cookie Dough/Cheesecakes

This is a Director Young exclusive event. Sales are underway. He is challenging every student to make at least 18 sales. Raise \$15000, then Mr. Young and the executive board will dance for the entire school at the next pep rally. The band will also be awarded to host a Valentines dance selling tickets exclusively for all high school bands in the county to attend. Deadline for sales is October 3.

For more information contact Director Young.

Students, Please sign up.

On **Sept 29**, from 8-1 at Sam's Club, the band is scheduled to fund raise with a coin drop and performance.

On **Oct 6** from 9-5 the band will be bagging groceries at Winn-Dixie for donations.

On **Oct.6** at Wal-Mart on Creighton Rd. from 9-5 the band is scheduled to fund raise with a coin drop and performance.

See Director Young for more details.

THE LITTER BOY

What's Happening.....

We have a new first aid chairperson, Monica Starke and a new first aid kit. Our first aid personnel need to become familiar with it as it is user friendly. It's also important that the parents have filled out their medical forms especially indicating if their child has allergies.



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Scholarship Online submissions: www.schering-ploughwilltowin.com
Who is eligible - High school seniors with ASTHMA who demonstrate outstanding performance in Music, Dance, Theater, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Film, Community Service, Athletics, or Science. Scholarship is worth \$5,000.




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In the spotlight is the "We Care" link at www.theplayingcats.com. This displays the Marching Wildcats giving back to the community. This season we have given to the American Red Cross and The Children's Home Society of Pensacola. The recent car wash raised \$300 in 4 hours for the CHS. They were featured at our game opener with WFHS and presented with the check. If you would like to know more about the CHS, you can visit their web site at www.chsfl.org/westernmodel.php.



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Every 8 weeks BTWHS has a blood drive. Several of our band members visit the Bloodmobile and give the gift of life. 

Seven band members are 2007 SplashCats. They begin their day with a 5:15 practice M-F before school. A long week for these busy students. Great Job!!

See Mr. Young about getting a copy of **Battle of the Bands DVD** on sale soon. Two versions will be available and will contain many extras.

Check out the "Cat Scan" on www.theplayingcats.com. It's our very own search engine for the web site.

Students remember to keep track of your volunteer hours even for school activities. All not-for-profit agencies that you volunteer for can be credit to your Bright Futures Scholarship.

ACT packets are available in the Guidance Office. Start preparing for your SAT/ACT.

Florida Virtual School

If a student needs to make up a semester of a required course or needs to take a course to graduate and doesn't want to give up an extracurricular activity then give Florida Virtual School a try.

www.flvs.net

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



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

FBA Marching Assessment October 13 at Ft. Walton H.S.

Parents and students need to be prepared for the possibility of a full week of practice. An itinerary will be available that week.

Parents please come out and support our local bands and music education. The proceeds from ticket sales will be divided amongst the participating music programs.

S & E Music

Any student who anticipates on participating in Solo/Ensemble needs to plan his music selection. On October 24, 2007 Florida Music Service will be selling S&E music at Tate High School at 4pm. Music can also be ordered from jwpepper.com and floridamusicservice.com. See Director Young for an approved music list from FBA or visit www.flmusiced.org.

Students, do not forget to schedule your accompanist (if needed). You will find that one is difficult to secure if you wait until the last minute. S/E is February 22, 2008.

All-County

All-County auditions are scheduled for December. Information will be available in late October.

Band Practice

Marching Band practices have been cut back to Tuesdays and Thursdays. The students have been working hard and accomplishing more than expected. Eliminating Wednesday practices will offer time for beginning the steel drum band and jazz band to expand its practices. However, if students begin to skip the practices or slack for any reason, then practices will resume to the normal 3 days. October 19 is **Senior Night** and **Band Night**. We will be celebrating our seniors with a special presentation at the game. We will also be welcoming guest middle school band members to join us in the stands. This is an excellent opportunity for recruitment and exposing young musicians to what marching band is about.

The football game against PHS that was cancelled Friday, September 21 has been rescheduled for Monday, October 15 7PM.

Honor Bands and Clinics

Participants in these programs have insurmountable musical growth and exposure to a college he/she may be interested in attending. The financial responsibility and adult supervision (if necessary) is that of the student if he accepts an invitation to participate. Please check each college for audition requirements and deadlines (usually in Nov.) for submissions.

The Famous Maroon Band Honor Band Clinic (MSU)

January 23-26, 2008

<http://www.msstate.edu/org/band/>

Southeastern United States Honor Band (SEUS)-Troy University

January 31 - February 2, 2008

<http://www.soundofthesouth.org/main.html>

The 17th Annual Auburn University Honor Band Festival

February 7-10, 2008

http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/auband/

CONGRATULATIONS

Clarinetist Amber Fortune wrote a beautiful song that was recorded by the Christian Rock Band **Splitter**. You can read more about her story in the current issue of the BTWHS student newspaper **THE GROWL**.

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.fcateexplorer.com/>

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat/fcatsmpl.htm>

www.flvs.net



OCTOBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 First Day of Autumn 	24	25 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	26	27 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	28 Pace H.S. @ BTWHS 7PM Parade/Pregame 6PM	29 Sam's Club Coin Drop 8-1 Homecoming Dance BTWHS Gym 7-12PM
HOMECOMING WEEK						
30	 October	2 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	3 Deadline for Cookie Dough	4 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	5 *Pine Forest H.S. @ BTWHS 7PM	6 Wal-Mart Coin Drop 9-5 Winn-Dixie Bag Groceries 9-5
7	8	9 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	10	11 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	12 BTWHS @ Tate 7PM	13 FBA Marching Assessment Ft. Walton
BELIEVE IT! ACHIEVE IT! WE ARE A SUPERIOR BAND!! 						
14	15 BTWHS @ PHS Game Makeup 7PM	16 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	17	18 Band Practice 3:15-5:45 Booster Mtg. 6:30PM Fair Opens	19 *Escambia H.S. @ BTWHS 7PM Senior Night Band Night	20
21	22	23 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	24 Florida Music Service Selling S&E Music Tate H.S. 4PM	25 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	26 Open	27 Fair Closes
28	29	30 Band Practice 3:15-5:45	31  Halloween	November Band Practice 3:15-5:45	2 BTWHS @ *Niceville H.S. 7PM	3

♫ Dates and times are always subject to change.

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