

THE drill winter 2010

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keeping time with the long blue line... a note from our directors

We're looking forward to another great year with the McGavock Band, and we hope that you are, too. The presents are unwrapped and the resolutions have been made, so it's time to focus on the future and we're ready to get things underway. Your continued support will keep the students motivated and get things off to a great start! We wish each of you the best in the coming year and look forward to working together toward the continued success of our band program.

happy february birthdays!

february 7	Hunter Emerton
february 8	Adam Mullican
february 11	Brandon Bankston
february 15	Kelsey Bradford
february 17	Casie Curry
february 20	Michael Collins
february 22	Kyle Davis
february 23	Taylor Bartlett
february 23	Kendon Hughes
february 24	Logan Haendel
february 26	Shenise Norris
february 27	Connor Oakes

happy march birthdays!

march 1	Bakari Long Smith
march 2	Dion Simmons
march 2	Brad Branschweig
march 6	Jeremy Vaught
march 6	Kaloni Williams
march 10	Blake Coker
march 16	Hailey Vaughn
march 16	Edwin Chavez
march 19	James Murray
march 24	Drew Lollar
march 26	Jordan Bridges
march 28	Zachary Bess
march 30	Alyssa Szatmary
march 31	Jared Schafer



did we miss you?
let us know!

mark your calendars



WINTERGUARD CONTEST
Thompson's Station



BAND BOOSTER MEETING @ 7:30
McGavock Band Room



FESTIVAL OF WINDS & PERCUSSION
Tennessee Tech



WINTERGUARD CAMP DAY
9:00am - 3:00pm



**MIDDLE SCHOOL/CLUSTER/CONCERT
BAND PRE-FESTIVAL CONCERT @ 7:00**



**WIND ENSEMBLE/SYMPHONIC BAND
PRE-FESTIVAL CONCERT @ 7:30**



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what's new & what's news

Keeping up with the McGavock Band

fair share, fundraising & more!

winterguard schedule

FEBRUARY 6	CONTEST THOMPSON'S STATION
FEBRUARY 15	CAMP DAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM
MARCH 6	CONTEST HENDERSONVILLE
MARCH 20	CONTEST ANTIOCH
MARCH 26	MARCH 26
	SCGC CHAMPIONSHIPS LIPSCOMB

2010 band summer schedule announced!

JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29		
THURSDAY NIGHT BAND REHEARSALS: 6:30 - 9:00 PM					
JULY 23	FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT PREPARATION DAY: 8:00AM - 12:00 NOON				
JULY 26	JULY 27	JULY 28	JULY 29	JULY 30	
PRE-BAND CAMP WINDS: 8:00AM - 12:00 NOON • PERCUSSION & GUARD: 5:00 - 9:00 PM					
AUGUST 1	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 5	AUGUST 6
BAND CAMP					

uniform update Don't forget - Concert Season Band Attire

9th Grade and Symphonic Bands
 White Football Pants
 White, Button-down Collared Shirt*
 Blue Concert Jacket
 Red Bowtie and Cumberbund
 White Band Shoes*
 White Socks*
 *Student supplied items

Assigned uniform pieces will be picked up and returned for each performance as we did with marching uniforms.

Wind Ensemble
 Black Gowns (girls)
 Black Tuxedo Pants & Jacket (boys)
 Black Cumberbund, Tie and Shirt Studs (boys)
 Black Shoes*
 Black Pantyhose (girls)*
 Black Socks (boys)*
 White Tuxedo Shirt (boys)*
 *Student supplied items

Wind ensemble students are responsible for bringing their uniforms to performances and turning assigned uniform pieces in at the end of the year.

Questions about uniforms?
 Contact Mary Jackson: call 491-8192

spring calendar now online!

Visit the McWebsite and check out the homepage for all that's new & news with the McGavock Band! You'll find all spring and summer dates, including Nashville Symphony Concert sign-up dates.

get involved!

Now is the time to make a commitment to make your contribution to the McGavock Band. Volunteering is a great way to support your student. The rewards are great! Not only is it a great way to share a close relationship with your teenager, which can be a real challenge when you're competing with text messages and MySpace, but also to make 200 new friends with students and other volunteers!

We have many graduating senior parents this year and **Board Nominations are coming soon. Interested in throwing your name in the hat? Contact Randy Barron.** Call 306-3226, or email rbarron@ars.com.

have you paid for all fundraisers?

Don't forget - all fundraising payments should now be up to date. Not sure what you owe? Call Kelly Davis at 889-5542.

we need your support


We need lots of parent help and support at the Middle School Cluster pre-festival concert to welcome these students. The concert will be held February 18 at 7:00pm in the auditorium. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Julie Smith is looking for parents who are willing to donate soda and baked goods. If you are willing to help, please contact her at 579-2339 or email: juliesmith810@gmail.com.

start the new year off right with private lessons!

Don't forget... private lessons are always available for your student. Lessons typically cost between \$12 and \$15 for a private 30 minute session with the instructor, and we are fortunate to be allowed to allot time for students to take advantage of these lessons during the school day. What a convenient and inexpensive way to give your child a head start in 2010!

We are excited to announce that we have three expert private instructors available during your band period. Please contact them directly to arrange lessons, or ask a director. Don't pass up this opportunity!

Joe Jones, Brass/Woodwinds331-4197
 Bill McMinn, Brass/Woodwinds824-8528
 Scott Steward, Brass.....439-0094



have you given your fair share?

All fair share payments should now be turned in and all student accounts at zero balance or with a credit balance. If you have not paid off your student's fair share, please make payment immediately. Don't forget, you can now use PayPal! Log on to mcgavockband.com and follow the PayPal links. It's easy and free!

banquet will be here before you know it!

Wow! It's already time to start planning for our 2010 Band Banquet! Much of the preparation is already underway. Tentative dates for the banquet are May 1 and May 15. More details are to come once a firm date has been set.

We need your help!

Now is the time when businesses are allocating their 2010 budgets, including donations. **Five to ten band parent volunteers are needed to solicit door prize donations.** Don't be shy! We had GREAT success last year with requesting donations, not only in person or by phone, but also in writing through letters and e-mails. You can do it!

Contact Julie Smith at juliesmith810@gmail.com or by phone at 579-2339 for details.

practice makes perfect

Use these tips to achieve your goals as a musician:

- 1) Work on a new or difficult piece for 10-15 minutes
- 2) Work on technical requirements such as scales and technique builders for 5 minutes
- 3) Play something fun at the conclusion of each practice session
- 4) Set practice goals
- 5) Keep a practice journal to track your progress

get ready for concert festival!

Online now...reference recordings to familiarize you with your Concert Festival music! Download these mp3s to your iPod or a CD for an excellent, FREE practice tool! Access the mp3s here:

mcgavockband.com - members only - 2008 music
 Username: music2008 Password: music2008

join us at the booster meeting!

Find out what's new and what's news with the McGavock High School band at the upcoming **booster meeting, Monday, February 8, 2010.** It's a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and keep up with the band. See you there!