

January 2008

Band Notes



Important Dates for November:

- January 1—Luggage Dropoff
- January 3—Leave for Disney
- January 5—Main St Parade
- January 5—Jazz Band Performs
- January 6—Return from Disney
- January 7-8—Yoder's Receipt Turn-in
- January 14—Booster Meeting
- January 31—Band Banquet

President's Corner

It seems difficult to believe that the Disney countdown is, well, almost counted down. After all the meetings and fundraisers, the long anticipated trip is here. May I say an enormous "Thank you!" to Abby Keiser and those who assisted her. As our trip coordinator, she and her team have spent countless hours preparing for this event and we do appreciate all the hard work.

So, after the travel is complete, the last picture is shared, the laundry caught up and all those wonderful memories are tucked away, what then?

This long-anticipated trip, with all its new experiences, is not the end of the road for our band members or their families. It is one stop along a lifetime of experiences. Some are good, some are not so good' but all are an opportunity for them to discover who they are, to build the character necessary for life in this world and the friendships that make this life worthwhile.

So what is next? The band banquet comes on January 31st. This fun evening is designed for parents and students to celebrate the marching season. We invite you to mark your calendars and make your reservations. All family members are welcome to attend. Then comes the mid-winter concert and the Spring concert and then. . . graduation.

With 40 seniors in our band, graduation will affect the band more than any other single organization in the school. Then we watch as those seniors, those we have seen grow from awkward freshman to sometimes overconfident sophomores and juniors to the leaders they have become as seniors, we watch them go off into the world to pursue their lives. Better individuals because of their experiences here at Garden Spot and certainly for the years spent in the Spartan Marching Band. Go Spartans!

Andrea

Upcoming Meetings

Band Boosters

January 14th, 7pm

Cancellations and corrections can be found on the band calendar at : www.gsband.com

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Fundraiser forms can be found on the Garden Spot Band Booster Website; www.gsband.com/forms.htm



Senior Spotlights

Katherine Parkes



Katie is the daughter of Lowell and Lucy Parkes of New Holland. She plays Flute and has been in the band for 7 years. She was also one of the Drum Majors this year. Her hobbies include gymnastics, youth group, cheerleading and friends.

Her future plans are to attend college to study Sociology/Psychology to become a child life specialist in a hospital.

Katie would like to thank Mr. Fitz for his encouragement and Mom & Dad for their love and support through the years.

Any parting words to the band? "Don't be afraid to try new things, and never give up! Keep a positive attitude and laugh even when times are rough!"

Candice Precise



Candice is the daughter of Kevin & Regina Precise of New Holland. She is a member of the band front and has been in the band for 3 years. She has a 2 older brothers, Austin & Josh. Her hobbies include dancing, singing and friends.

Her future plans are to graduate attend college.

Candice would like to everyone in her life for being there and putting up with her craziness.

Any parting words to the band? "Just life for today and don't regret because at some point in time, it is what you wanted."

Lauren Schlegel



Laruen is the daughter of Fred and Claire Schlegel of Denver. She plays flute/piccolo. She has an younger brother, Connor. Her hobbies include cheerleading and dance lessons.

Lauren plans to attend college.

She would like to thank her parents for making her practice and her best friends Arianna Shaffer, Tess Lutz and Katie Smith for being amazing friends for all these years!

Any parting words to the band? "Don't forget, we are the flutes hear us roar!"

Stacey Singleton

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available

Stacey is the daughter of Jeffrey and Barbara Singleton of New Holland. She is a member of the band front. She has been in the band for 3 years. She has a 2 older sisters, Patricia and Kimberly. Her hobbies include working at GS Village and friends.

Her plans are to join the Army to become a nurse and going to college to become a pediatrician.

Stacey would like to thank Candice Precise for making bandfront fun and crazy! Thanks to all the bandfront girls—we always have fun together!

Any Parting words to the band? "Enjoy the time you have during the band/football season...these years become the most remarkable years you will always remember."

Disney Facts!

Fun Facts About Walt Disney

On Saturday, our marching and jazz bands will be performing quite literally before the World. In this last edition of Disney facts, here are some interesting facts about the parade our students will be marching in:

- Main Street is set to resemble a small town in 1910 America.
- **Disney's Dreams Come True Parade, which started in August 2006**, is a revamped version of the **Share a Dream Come True** that was begun as part of the 100 Years of Magic Celebration in 2001.
- The original parade featured floats with characters inside giant snow globes.
- More than 110 cast members put on the parade daily at 3 p.m. from Frontierland to Main Street USA.
- The best place to see a parade is by the Alice in Wonderland ride.. by the castle.. there are bathrooms right their across from the Matterhorn.. It is a really good spot. There is shade there and everything. Not many people know about it.. Try it out. You might be surprised; and yes also by It's A Small World is a good spot also.
- During a parade, windows open and close automatically on the second-level buildings to reveal speakers which are synchronized with the floats.
- There are small sensors in the street along the parade route. They are about the size of a nickel and look like chewing gum stuck to the road. There are usually two or three of them within 12 to 18 inches of each other. These are used to monitor the parade floats from the main computer center under the Magic Kingdom. Each float has an antenna on it that the sensors recognize. An individual sits at a computer monitor and can see exactly where each float is on the route. These are necessary to keep the floats and the music (played during the parade from speakers not on the floats) coordinated. The person monitoring the parade from the computer room can instruct each float driver to speed up or slow down to keep the parade moving.
- When there are parades at Walt Disney World, the performers always lip-sync. They don't actually sing because the directors pick them for there looks, not there ability to sing.

Memory Book Information Needed

We are starting to gather and enter information for the Band StoryBook, Here's what we need to collect:

Senior Spotlight – Seniors—please email the picture you want in the album.

Section photos – We need a scan copy of the picture of each section, including band front, as well as a list of names in order for each picture. Also—any pictures and of the band staff – I have a few, but would love more to choose from.

Any other photos people would like to share with me. My parade ones didn't turn out, so I especially need some of those. And I don't have very many from band camp.

Please contact Kelli Beaver with any information at 717-355-2256 or dkcsbeav@frontiernet.net

Fundraisers

Fundraiser forms, tally sheets and other important information can be found at the booster website: www.gsband.com Check it out!

Looking for an easy to do fund raiser. Collect Yoder's Market receipts. Each student receives 1% of the total from receipts they turn in deposited into their student account.

Receipts must be for either groceries or the pharmacy. We cannot accept receipts for Gift Cards or the Fuel Island. Just for groceries or pharmacy purchases.

Please make sure you are using the correct subtotal. Due to new Yoder's discounts, some receipts are not sub totaled. You will need to write in the adjusted subtotal amount below the total showing on the receipt.

The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts dated within our collection period.

The Band Boosters will only accept Yoder's receipts on the collection dates published in the newsletter and posted at school.

Funds will be credited to the student's band account only.

This is the Band Booster policy – contacting Yoder's will not change the Band Booster policy –

NO EXCEPTIONS! Anyone with questions, please contact Suzanne Kopp

Dates on receipts should be from January 1, through March 31, 2008 only! Turn in date is April 1 & 2, 2008

****Credit will be entered into student accounts when we receive the funds from Yoder's. We cannot advance credits.**

Disney Video and Pictures

Be sure to check out our website for daily updates of the activities from the Disney Trip. We will be putting video and pictures on the Disney pages each evening so our family and friends will be able to enjoy the events with us!

Updates will be added each night after returning to our hotel. Check out the demo video at <http://www.gsband.com/disneyvideo.html> so you can be sure your computer and media player is compatible with our videos.

Upcoming Fund Raisers:

- Yoder's Receipts: Collect between Jan 1—Mar 31. Turn-in dates Apr 1 & 2, 2008
Form available online

Next Band Booster Meeting:

January 14, 2007

7:00 pm

Band Room

Booster Officers 2007/2008

President—Andrea Berstler 351-0590
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Treasurer—Vicky Trego 610-286-0295
Secretary—Jim Eubank
Student Account Secretary—Tim Heitz
Financial Secretary—Karen Miller

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President—Katie Parkes
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Treasurer—Jackie Trego
Historian—Amanda Tyson
Librarian—Carley Myers
12th Grade Rep—Chris Orr
11th Grade Rep—David Stoltzfus
10th Grade Rep—Stephanie Fisher
9th Grade Rep—Sam Kulp