

Daphne High School Band Boosters

Alumni Newsletter - Fall, 2002

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Welcome Back, Alumni! This is our third Newsletter for the DHS Band. The purpose is to keep the Band Alumni and Alumni Parents informed of Band activities and bring them back to DHS for these activities. We also want to brag about our Band program. It has become one of the premier programs in Alabama, if not in the Southeastern US. If you are back in town, please come and visit the band area during the Friday Night football games. It will bring back wonderful memories and you may see a few of the "Old Gang".

Band Accomplishments for 2001-2002 School Year

The Sound of the Eastern Shore:

The Marching Band was 180 strong last year. The band continues to grow every year. Music included White Rabbit, A Whiter Shade of Pale, Pinball Wizard and Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In. The band attended 4 marching contests during marching season.

- ❖ Southern Sounds Contest @ Bay Minette, AL - All Superior Ratings for Drum Major, Colorguard, Majorette, Percussion and Band.
- ❖ West Florida Classic @ Crestview, FL- All Superior Ratings for Drum Major, Colorguard, Majorette, Percussion and Band.
- ❖ Pride of the Valley Marching Competition @ Pinson Valley, AL - All Superior Ratings for Drum Major, Colorguard, Majorette, Percussion and Band, Best in Class Colorguard and Majorette. Overall First Place – Chief of the Valley.
- ❖ Gold Medal Competition & Festival @ Perkington Community College, MS – All Superior Ratings, Most Outstanding Drum Major, Overall Second Place.

We also marched in the DHS Homecoming Parade, Daphne and Mobile Christmas Parades, GMAC Bowl Parade and four Mardi Gras Parades including one in Mobile. We performed at fifteen DHS football games, again. But this time the Trojans cleaned Hoover's clock and we are the 2001 6A Alabama State Champions. It was a rout. The score was 48-21. And the "Sound of the Eastern Shore" was there to cheer them on.

Symphonic and Concert Bands:

The Concert Band and Symphonic Band scored superior ratings at District, which enabled them to attend the state competition. At the Alabama Association State Concert Festival at the University of Alabama, the Symphonic and Concert Bands scored Overall Superior Ratings, which has never been done before by two bands from the same school in the same year.

Jazz Band:

The Jazz Band was hot as usual. They performed at DHS basketball games and several events in the Mobile area.

Winter Guard:

The Guard finally got the credit they deserved in the DCI circuit. They were Regional 'A' Sweepstakes Champions and Circuit Champions.

Winter Percussion:

The Percussion Ensemble performed Millenium, Outbound, Sinister Minister and Galactic Empires. They were Concert Percussion Sweepstakes Champions and Circuit Champions.

Marching Season 2002

The show this season will have a classical flavor. Music to be performed is Niagara Falls, Chorale from Jupiter, and Symphony for Brass and Percussion. At this point, there are approximately 185 people signed up to participate in the band this fall. New show, new sound and same great people.

Football Schedule 2002

Home Games: 8/30 - Fairhope; 9/06 – Pine Forest; 9/20- Vigor; 10/18 – Foley (HC); 11/01 - Davidson

Away Games: 9/13 – Smith’s Station; 9/27 - Theodore; 10/04 - Leflore; 10/11 – Satsuma; 10/25 - BCHS

Homecoming 2002

Homecoming is Oct. 18th. A tent will be setup for the returning alumni and parents for refreshments and to visit old friends. We had fifteen former band members attend last year’s game. This event can be fun for all. Please pass the word and let’s try to double last year’s number. Please try to attend. Also...

Alumni Band at Homecoming

The Alumni band plays in the stands with the current band during the first half. Come on, pull those instruments out of the closets, dust them off, tune them all up and join us! Do you remember Louie, Louie and the Fight Song? If you are interested, please contact Rick Faison for more information and music. We had eight Alumni perform last year. Let’s try to double this number this year also.

Band CD

This year’s CD is titled “Year of the Trojans”. It can be purchased from Mr. Faison. Cost of the CD is \$10.00. There is still a few CD’s available from the previous years. It can be nostalgia at its finest to listen to your own high school band perform.

Band Booster Alumni Committee

The Alumni Committee was added to the Band Booster Organization in 2000. We are still trying to compile a database of former band members and parents. Please fill out the information sheet and return it to the DHS Band Boosters, Attn.: Alumni Committee, P. O. Box 2162, Daphne, AL 36526. If you have already completed the information sheet, please pass it on to other Alumni that have not been contacted.

Band Boosters

The **Daphne High School Band Boosters** assist in providing a financial base for the band program so that it can meet and exceed its goals. The **Band Boosters** have been responsible for purchasing equipment for the Band such as the equipment trailer, two-way radios, ladders, carts, and musical instruments; and it subsidizes the band banquet. Our Band program has experienced tremendous growth during the last thirteen years. As our band program continues to grow, so do our needs. Our newest project is the purchase of new band uniforms. We achieve these things through an annual calendar sale, a fern sale, concessions at various events, and corporate and individual donations. In fact, more than 90% of the Band's budget is met from Booster activities and parents. Aggressive fundraising not only allows the program to do more than county funds allow, it assists parents in offsetting some of the costs.

The band will accept **tax deductible donations** from **corporations and individuals** to help make the **Daphne High School Band** the best program in the Mobile area, Alabama and the Southeast.

We look forward to seeing you at football games, competitions, parades and concerts. Come out and cheer the band on to first-place finishes and superior ratings. If you have any questions, please contact the Band Director or Band Boosters.

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