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The Monthly Newsletter of the Opelika Middle School and OHS Spirit of the South Bands

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FROM OUR BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Dear Band Parents,

Well, the wait is finally over. Band camp is here. Starting Monday, the 16th, all Rookies will need to report to Band Camp and then on the 23rd everybody else will report. I know Mr. Hudson has a great show planned for this year. With Band Camp starting, we are going to need lots of parents to help with the Concession stand. Please give Kim Cowan a call to sign up to help.

On July 30th, we will be having our 1st Annual Golf Scramble at Grand National. If you would like sign up to help with this, please call Tim Gore at 745-5068 and he will be glad to put you to work. Summer Swing is still going on every Tuesday night, so please come out and give us a hand.

Starting on August 21st, the Band Booster meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room. **Please note the change in time from 7:30 to 7:00.**

Payments are now due for the Philly Trip. You must have \$400.00 in your account by July 19th or your name will be taken off the list unless you have made prior arrangements with Mr. Hudson. We are short on chaperones for the trip, so if you would like to go and have not signed up, please contact Janice Phelps and let her know.

We will begin to have sign up sheets for the football games at the next Booster Club meeting. Remember, if you would like to be a chaperone for the football games, you must be a member of the Booster Club. Family memberships are \$10.00.

We are planning a Fish Fry in September for a fundraiser, and a few other things are planned before the end of September. All these events will help bring the cost of the Philadelphia Trip down, so please participate.

I know this has been a short and busy summer for a lot of you, but it will all be worth it when we are able to see our children marching on the field at halftime. Remember that is why we work so hard and have this organization—it's for our children.

Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions.

Thank you,
Ken Adams

FROM THE OHS BAND DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

The time is about here for the beating of the drums and the sound of band members marching in time. Rookie Camp begins Monday, July 16 at 8:00 a.m. and Band Camp the following Monday. It is extremely important that everyone attend band camp since we will be putting the shows together. I can't excuse students during the week because it wouldn't be fair to everyone else.

I think we'll have an exciting show and I hope the kids are eager to start. We'll also have night playing rehearsals July 17 and July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

If anyone needs band shoes, Mr. Thompson will be here to take orders on Thursday morning July 19 at 8:30 a.m. down on the practice field. The shoes are \$24.00, payable to James Thompson.

I look forward to seeing everyone again next week. Don't forget your Philly Payments are due by July 19.

Thank you,
Jeff Hudson

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 16-20	Rookie Camp8:00-11:30 A.M.
July 17&19	Music Rehearsals.....7:30-9:00 P.M. OHS Bandroom
July 19	Shoe Orders at Practice Field8:30 A.M.
July 23	Travel Committee Meeting.....7:00 P.M. National Guard Armory
July 23-27	Band Camp.....8:00-12:00 & 4:00-7:00
July 24	Chaperone Meeting (Philly Trip)7:00 P.M. OHS Bandroom
July 30	Golf Scramble at Grand National12:00 P.M.
July 30-Aug. 3	Band Camp3:30-5:30 P.M.
August 7	School Starts
August 14	Last Day of Summer Swing
August 15	Band Pictures3:00 P.M.
August 21st	Band Booster Meeting.....7:00 P.M. OHS Bandroom (New Time)
August 24	Ice Cream Social—Stadium6:00 P.M.
August 28	Meet the Bulldogs—Stadium.....7:00 P.M.
August 31	Central Tuscaloosa—Away

PHILLY TRIP

Last November when we found out about the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Trip, everyone was excited and upbeat about it and it seemed that everyone was ready to go. Well, it looks like times have changed. We sent out a letter of commitment to the students and parents who wanted to chaperone to find out how many we had going. A lot of people signed the letter and sent it back committing to this event. We went forward with plans according to the amount of support we received. There are many details that must be taken care of, many parts of the trip that had to be paid in advance. Things such as plane tickets, theatre tickets, hotel rooms. Much of this was done based on the commitment we received from everyone.

As time has drawn closer, we have had a number of people back out of their commitment. This puts us in an awkward position because we committed to the Travel Company and also to the City of Philadelphia to have a good sized marching band. But not only have the band numbers dwindled, but the chaperones as well. We had 50 people sign up to chaperone and now the number is down to less than 40. Not only is the money lost, but the chaperones that are going on the trip are going to have to work much harder because we have less of them.

Let's please try to remember who this trip is for and also remember that a commitment is a commitment.

Thank you,
Ken Adams

CONCESSION HELP NEEDED

I still need parents to sign up to work in the concession stand during Rookie Camp and Band Camp weeks. I now have the schedule for the week of July 30th - Aug. 3rd. On Monday, July 30th, practice will be from 8:00 - 11:30 so we can go to the Golf Scramble. The rest of the week will be in the afternoon starting at 3:30. Please call me at 749-6598 or you can e-mail me at "kadcowan@aol.com" to let me know when you can work. Remember our band students are depending on us.

Thank you,
Kim Cowan

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual ice cream social will be Friday, August 24th at 6:00 PM, in the parking lot adjacent to the football stadium. The band will perform their fall program for parents and friends followed by the ice cream social. It is an exciting performance for the students, and it is a great way to know where your child is positioned during the halftime program since the students are not in uniform. Please call me at 749-6598 if you can bring a freezer of homemade ice cream (or store bought). Cups and spoons will be provided, but please bring a serving utensil for your ice cream. You are also responsible for serving your ice cream.

Thank you,
Kim Cowan

FROM THE FUNDRAISING CORNER

Summer Swing is winding down. Our last night will be August 14, so if you haven't had a chance to work, please call me at 745-0934 to sign up.

I'd like to remind parents who signed up to chaperone on the Philly Trip that you need to be sure and work your 4 fundraising events that are required of you.

We have lots of great things planned for the next few weeks. First will be the Golf Scramble on July 30 at Grand National. Not only do we need workers, we need people to sign up to help make or provide ingredients for the taco salad we will be serving at lunch. Please call Tim Gore (745-5068) or Ken Adams if you can help in any way.

We are planning a fish fry for the month of September and will be discussing some new ideas for raising money at our next Booster Club Meeting which is August 21 at the new time of 7:00.

I want to thank everyone who has contributed to making all these events successful. It takes everyone doing their part to make these things work.

Thank you,
Judy Greathouse

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

\$400.00 MUST be in your Philadelphia trip account by July 19th in order for your name to stay on the list for our upcoming trip unless you have made prior arrangements with Mr. Hudson.

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