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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

It is hard to believe that this year is behind us. The past few weeks have been busy with the Myrtle Beach trip, OHS Spring Concert at the park, OHS Band Banquet, and the OMS Spring Concert and of course the first Summer Swing Concert!

I would like to thank all those who have helped in many different ways this year. Thank you to all the chaperones on the Myrtle Beach trip! We had a great time as well as coming home with trophies. Also, a special thank you for the Krispy Kreme Doughnut birthday cake (I don't feel any older though)! Roxanne Daughtry and her committee did a wonderful job on the Band Banquet. Thank you, directors and students, for the wonderful spring concerts presented by both the Middle School and High School bands! Finally, I want to thank the Board for all the hard work you did this past year. Thanks to Marcia Chase, Janice Phelps, Lynne Boucher, Lynn Barnes, and Roger Dunning for being there for me at the times I needed you.

The new Board will take office June 1st. . Their names are listed in the newsletter. We are all looking forward to another good year.

Thank you all for the past year and may next year be even better!

Sincerely,
Ken Adams

FROM THE OHS BAND DIRECTOR

It's been a great year for our band program. I'm very proud of all the accomplishments each group has made this year. From the marching band's tremendous performance in Alex City to the Symphonic, Concert, and Jazz Band's first place trophies in Myrtle Beach, it's hard to imagine a better year. The Opelika Bands have a great tradition. Thank you for your commitment, both students and parents, to continue that tradition.

I would like to thank all the Band Booster's for their support this year. I would especially like to thank the parents who chaperoned the Myrtle Beach trip. They didn't get much sleep, but I hope everyone had a good time!

If you missed the Middle School Spring Concert, you really missed a treat! Mr. Holland and Mr. Pruitt really put together a top-notch show. Congratulations to all the Middle School Band students!

I look forward to next season and the big "Philly" trip. Keep in mind the dates for Rookie Camp and Band Camp as listed in the newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to Natalie Daughtry for being selected as next year's Drum Major!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hudson

FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT — CHAPERONES

I want to express my thanks to all the chaperones who went to Myrtle Beach on the band trip - Ken Adams, Roger Dunning, Johnny Clark, Keith Howell, Alan Ledbetter, Wiley Cochran, Homer McCollum Marcia Chase, Lynn Barnes, Kathryn Burnett, Marilyn Cochran, Rhonda Romito, Lisa Ledbetter, Annie Gibson, Roxanne Daughtry, Debra McClain, Carolyn Finley, Brenda Levett, Lisa Herren, Jolene Patterson, Melody Stiff.

Also thank you to the directors for the wonderful job they did with all the bands.

Sincerely,

Janice Phelps

2001-2002 BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

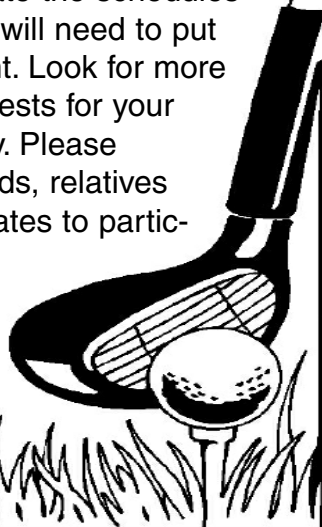
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GOLF SCRAMBLE NEWS

The Golf Scramble site is now the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Opelika. We have postponed this event to August to better accommodate the schedules of the volunteers we will need to put on a successful event. Look for more information and requests for your help in June and July. Please encourage your friends, relatives and business associates to participate!

Thank you,
Tim Gore



**Congratulations
and Best Wishes
to the
Spirit of the South
Seniors**



SPOTLIGHT ON BAND STUDENTS

OHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



NATALIE DAUGHTRY — 2001-2002 OHS DRUM MAJOR

Natalie is a fifth year band member and the new 2001-2002 Spirit of the South Drum Major! In both middle school and high school Natalie participated in All-State and Solo and Ensemble competitions. In the seventh grade Natalie received the Woodwind Award and in the eighth grade she won the Directors Award. At OHS Natalie is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, Health Occupations Students of America, Improvisations, Ovariations, and Main Street Gazette. She plans to return to the Florida State University Marching Band Leadership Camp in Tallahassee, Florida to learn from other schools and share the Opelika spirit with them as well. Natalie's future plans include attending Auburn University where she plans to major in Nursing.



VANESSA PHELPS — OHS SYMPHONIC BAND

Vanessa is currently a freshman at OHS and a member of the OHS Symphonic Band. She plays the trumpet and has been in the Opelika band program for three years. Vanessa was a runner for the Spirit of the South when she was in the seventh grade and a Spirit of the South alternate when she was in the eighth grade. Vanessa plays the trumpet in the OHS Symphonic Band but she also plays the euphonium. For the last two years she has attended the Florida State University Band Camp and was in the District Honor Band when she was in the eighth grade. In addition to the band program Vanessa is a member of the Latin Club, Junior Arts Association and the track team. She is serving as vice president of the FBLA and is a Soccer Sweetheart. Vanessa is a member of First Baptist Church and the Impact Singers group. After high school she wants to become an aerospace engineer and would like to live in space.

THE FUNDRAISING CORNER . . .

The end of the school year means the end of my term as 1stVP/Fundraising Nag. I'd like to take this space to say "Thank You"! to all of the people who assisted me this year....all the board members, the directors, the parents and the students. You have made this position a pleasure for me.

The doughnut sales at the Middle School and the Vidalia Onion sales were successful fundraisers for those who participated. Remember that each dollar that you put in your trip account through fundraising is one less dollar you will need to pay in from your pocket. Please keep working on the personal and general account fundraisers - they help cut the cost of your trip. I'm sure my successor, Judy Greathouse, will have plenty of fundraising opportunities for you.

On a side note, I'd like to take the opportunity to say how I feel about this organization. My kids and I moved here in October of 1996 from Fort Worth, Texas. The company I was working for had sold some software to Datacount and I came with it. I only knew two people when we moved here, the kids didn't even have that. But music is a universal language. Mr. Holland and Mr. Pruitt made Helen feel right at home....for that, I'm eternally grateful! That first year was a bit difficult, especially when it came time to send my child off to Orlando - not knowing anyone going with. But when Mr. Holland said that Cathy Tidwell was chaperoning and she didn't even have a child going to Orlando that year.....that said a lot! For people to be active in an organization whether or not their children are is something unusual in these busy days. I am grateful to the Opelika Band Boosters for having welcomed me into their family. And you too can be part of this family. Come to the meetings, introduce yourself, volunteer to help — we always need more help! And lest you think I'm moving on, I'm not. This organization is one I plan to be a part of for many years to come. While my own child may not be in the band, I know of 200 others that need us.

I hope to see many of you at Summer Swing! Enjoy your summer and I'll see you at band camp!

Sincerely,
Marcia Chase

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 22	Summer Swing — every Tuesday night at the park on Denson Drive	
May 24	Board Meeting — incoming and outgoing members — OHS Bandroom	7:00 PM
June 8	Philadelphia payment due — send to P.O. Box 2295, Opelika	
June 14	Philadelphia travel committee meeting — OHS Bandroom	7:00 PM
July 12	Orientation Meeting for new band members — OHS Bandroom	7:00 PM
July 16	Rookie Camp	8:00-12:00 Noon
July 23	Band Camp	8:00-12:00 & 4:00-7:00

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