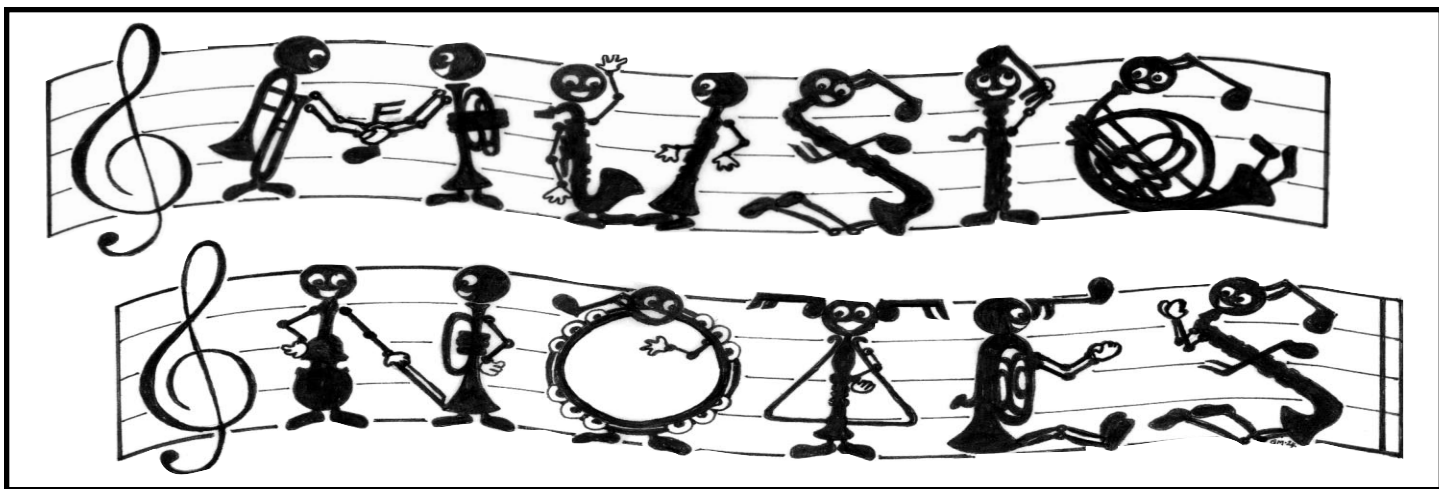




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The Monthly Newsletter of the Opelika Middle School and OHS Spirit of the South Bands
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Don't Forget



BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7:30 P.M.—OHS BANDROOM

FROM OUR BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

Where has the year gone? It seems like yesterday that we had our first meeting in June and now we are about to have our last meeting of this school year. Please plan to attend the Booster meeting on April 17 at 7:30 PM. We have a lot to discuss. We will talk about the upcoming Myrtle Beach trip (April 26-29), summer events, and the Philadelphia trip. Also, the nominating committee will present their nominations for the Board for next year. Also, we will be discussing the dates for the summer camps as well as the band fees.

The next payment for the Philadelphia trip is due April 20th. A payment is due on the third Friday in May and the third Friday in June. A total of \$400 must be paid in by July 1, 2001.

Again I would like to thank everyone who

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FROM THE OHS BAND DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

It's getting close to our Myrtle Beach trip and I think all the students are very excited. We'll have some very stiff competition at Myrtle Beach. It is their busiest weekend for this festival. I'm sure the kids will do their very best and represent our program well. We still have a few people who haven't finished paying for their trip. It is imperative that we have all the money in immediately.

The band and band boosters have had a great year so far, and I appreciate everyone's support and dedication to our program. Soon we'll again be turning our attention to marching season and the Philly trip. We have some exciting times ahead for our band so keep encouraging your child to continue making our band the best it can be.

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Majorette tryouts were held March 23. Congratulations to the majorettes for 2001-2002! They are

Lindsey Epperson - Captain
Michelle Miley
Anna Beth Trussell
Rotanvia Giles
Stephanie Boucher - Captain
Lindsey Brown
Virginia Elliott
Michelle Dunning
Leah Huskey
Brittany Campbell
Brittani Walker
Amanda Hilyer
Jessica Burns - Alternate
Mary Katherine Hamlet - Alternate

Sincerely,

Jeff Hudson

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has helped this year. It has been very busy! Without your help we would never have been able to successfully complete all the fund raising, chaperoning and hosting projects that this organization undertook since last June. Please put the following dates on your calendar: May 1st — OHS Spring Concert at Municipal Park on Denson Drive; May 3rd — OHS Band Banquet; May 10th — OMS Spring Concert and Spaghetti Supper; and May 15th Jazz Band Concert in the Park. Please try to attend these concerts because the students have worked very hard over the past few months to prepare for them.

I would like to thank Roxanne Daughtry for chairing the Nominating Committee and the Band Banquet Committee. And, a big thank you to all of those who are helping with both of these committees.

I hope to see all of you on the 17th. As always if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to call me.

Ken Adams
President



Pictured with the new Opelika Middle School Bands music library filing system are two happy directors, Rick Holland and Lance Pruitt. Many thanks to Opelika City Schools and the Opelika Band Boosters for making this possible. (Photo courtesy of Debra McClain.)



SPOTLIGHT ON BAND STUDENTS

OHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



AUSTIN TIDWELL — OHS SYMPHONIC BAND

Austin is currently a junior in the Symphonic Band, He has been playing the tuba in the Opelika City Schools band program for five years. Since being in the band Austin was selected for the All-State Blue Band, the District Honor Band (three years), and the University of Tennessee Honors Band as well as competing at Solo and Ensemble and attending the Florida State University Band Camp.

Austin is an active member of First Baptist Church of Opelika where he plays and sings in the Impact Praise Band and the Impact Singers. Other OHS activities include Ovations, Spanish Club and Honor Society, FCA, Key Club and Publishing Staff.

During his free time Austin enjoys playing golf and watching movies.



MEGAN CORI STIFF — OHS SYMPHONIC BAND

Megan is a fifteen year old freshman at Opelika High School. She has been in the band program for three years. In the seventh grade band Megan played the trumpet. She changed to the French horn in the eighth grade and is currently playing the French horn in the OHS Symphonic Band.

Megan participates in many other activities at OHS. She is a member of the Latin Club, FBLA, Student Government Association, Junior Arts Association.

Megan is a freshman class board member and a Soccer Sweetheart.

After high school Megan wants to be become an aerospace engineer (hopefully to be an astronaut) or to work for the CIA!

OMS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



EMILY WEISS

Emily is a thirteen year old flute player in the 7th grade Beginning Band at the Middle School. Emily's band directors appreciate her outstanding effort and consider it a pleasure to be her teachers.

This year Emily's favorite classes are English and math. Some of her hobbies include drawing, writing, having fun and playing the flute. In her spare time she likes to talk, read and draw.

THE FUNDRAISING CORNER . . .

Spring break is over and I hope you all enjoyed your week off. It's time to turn back to fundraising activities for band boosters again!

The Middle School is selling donuts right now. Get 'em while you can! These are being offered on a pre-sell basis only. Donut orders with payment must be turned in to band directors on Friday, April 20th. Donuts will be delivered to the Middle School on Saturday, April 28th. The profits earned from this sale will be deposited into your child's account.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Vidalia Onion order form. Band students and parents have the opportunity to sell 10 pounds of Vidalia onions for \$10.00. Profit from these orders will go into your student's account. The onions are available on a pre-sell basis only. Orders and money must be turned in by April 25. Delivery is tentatively set for May 9th. As far as we know, we are the only organization in the area that is selling Vidalia onions.

Fundraising continues at Spring Villa Friday, April 20th. Kidd Blue (one of the area's favorite bands ... if not THE favorite!) is playing from 6:00-10:00PM. Band Boosters will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, hot pretzels and nachos. Profits from this night go into our "Philly Fund".

The High School Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 1st. And, as usual, Summer Swing Suppers will be available that night. If you would like to sign up to work, please come to our April meeting or send me an email.

The Middle School Concert is Thursday, May 10th. The Band Boosters will be serving a Spaghetti Supper before the concert. Look for details to be mailed out before the end of April. It would be great to have High School parents working this event so that parents of the Middle School Band students can be with their children. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the April meeting.

The High School Jazz Band kicks off the Summer Swing concerts on Tuesday, May 15th. This is where you'll find many band boosters spending their summer. Many thanks to Opelika's Parks and Rec department for once again giving us the opportunity to earn money on Tuesday nights serving our Summer Swing Suppers. Sign up sheets will be available at the April meeting.

Important Note: If you are planning to be a chaperone on the Philadelphia trip, you must work 4 fundraisers. If you are not sure how many fundraisers you have worked, please talk with Janice Phelps at the April meeting.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and energy to support our band program.

Sincerely,

Marcia Chase

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12	Flag Corps Tryouts at OHS	
April 12	Jazz Band Concert at OHS Performing Arts Center	7:00 PM
April 17	Band Boosters	7:30 PM
April 20	OMS Bands Donut Sale orders due	
April 26-29	OHS Band trip to Myrtle Beach	
April 28	OMS Bands Donut Sale pickup at OMS	
May 1	OHS Spring Concert in the Park	6:00 PM
May 3	OHS Band Banquet at OHS Mainstreet	6:30 PM
May 10	OMS Concert at OMS Auditorium	7:30 PM
May 15	Jazz Band at Summer Swing in the Park	7:00 PM
July 16	OHS Rookie Camp begins	
July 23	OHS Band Camp begins	

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