

Band of Gold

Pell City Band Program Newsletter

Mum Success!!

Thank you

Parents, what a great job you all did selling mums. We brought in over \$13,000 of mum orders. I can't wait to see what we can raise in the future. Our next fundraiser will be the poinsettias in November. Just a friendly reminder that checks need phone numbers and if the due date is on a Thursday and you finish early you can go ahead and turn it in. With 160 kids, Having all of it turned in at one time can be kind of frantic. The greenhouse usually has a due date for the orders and I need to have time to count the orders and place it.

St. Clair County Expo

September 13th

Parents, The band director at Springville confirmed that we are having the Expo next Thursday. We will not perform until 7-7:15pm but the opening ceremonies start at 5:50pm. We will treat this like an away ballgame/marching festival and leave 5ish. Make sure you students have money to spend at their concession stand for food.

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Events (not including football games)

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BOOSTER MEETING

This months Booster Meeting is Sept. 11 at 6:30pm (Every second Tuesday of the month)

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY EXPO

Sept. 13 @ 6pm. We perform @7-7:15

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PELL CITY MARCHING FESTIVAL

Sept 22 @ ALL DAY!



Football games

Upcoming games:
Sept. 7th @7pm
Away

Sept. 13th St. Clair County EXPO @6:00

Sept. 14th @7pm
Home

Sept. 21th @7pm
Homecoming

FIRST BAND FESTIVAL

Pell City Marching Festival Sept.22

Sept. 29 Bye Week

Oct. 5 @7pm
Etowah Away

Sand Mountain Invitational Marching Festival- Oct. 6 @Boaz

Pell City Marching Festival

Sept. 22

Did you know that one of the greatest things about Pell City is our band program has one of the oldest festival in the state! We are on our 39th year hosting the Pell City Marching Festival. Here is a letter from Band Booster President Michael Glidewell:

Band Parents, Our Annual Marching Band Festival is quickly approaching and we need your help to make it a success. This year we have 18 bands registered which has us at a full stadium which means we need EVERYONE to volunteer! All hands on deck! Thank you to those of you who have already committed but we still have many areas that need to be covered. The biggest need is workers- from gates to concessions, to equipment, to covering the back gates to assisting with bus parking- we have a wide variety of jobs that still need to be covered. We have an online signup for concessions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAFAB22A5FC1-marching>. For the other jobs please contact Whitney Hollis, Festival Coordinator, via facebook messenger or at whitphollis@yahoo.com and let her know what times you are available to help. Our busiest time of the day is the evening after our students have to leave to get ready to perform but we are willing to work around your schedule.

Another requirement to make the Festival a success is the use of utility trailers and 4 wheelers/mules/utvs to pull them. We have 6 large bands attending this year and they will all be bringing a large amount of equipment that we will have to move from the parking lot at Duran North to the sidelines of the football field and back again quickly. In order for us to stay on schedule we will need about 15 (15 trailers/15 pullers). As of right now we have 3 four wheelers and 4 trailers signed up. We also will need the use of several golf carts to transport people from one end of campus to the other throughout the day. Also, if you own a pop up tent or folding table we could borrow we would greatly appreciate it. Just let us know what you have so we can get you on our list and let you know where to drop it off that day. If you have one or more of these that you can provide please contact Michael Glidewell (Booster President) at 205-518-2876 (text or call) or e-mail mdg73@centurytel.net.

We are known for our food and will once again be providing hospitality areas for band director staff and the visiting bands bus drivers. If you can help with a volunteer food item please see below and contact Whitney Hollis whitphollis@yahoo.com for the Directors Hospitality or Amy Goodgame amy.goodgame@goodgamecompany.com for the Bus Driver Hospitality. Each item has a count and check if someone has already offered to help. We still have a lot of ground to cover with these items.

Homecoming

Our Homecoming is very early this year, September 21st. If you are new to Pell City, They will dismiss school early on Friday (around 1pm) and the band will perform at the Homecoming parade. After the parade, the boosters will feed the kids before the football game.

Because our Marching Festival in the next day, we will need some volunteers to help clean up the stadium. There will be a school club or two helping but we will need many volunteers to make sure we get done at a reasonable

This fundraiser and your willingness to volunteer is how we are able to continue to have low band fees! THANK YOU! With your help the 39th Annual Marching Band Festival will be the best one yet. If you have any questions please contact Michael Glidewell at (205) 518-2876.

Kicking For Chicken

A fundraiser by Chick-Fil-A

Chick-fil-a is doing a fundraiser with the football team, cheerleaders, and band. We each will be selling tickets to be drawn to have the opportunity to kick a field goal at the September 14th football game. If you make the field goal you will win Chick-Fil-A for one year! Ask your student to come and get the tickets from me to sell. All unsold tickets must be turned back in and the money and ticket coupon must be turned in to be able to compete. You must be present when names are down to be eligible for the kicking for chicken contest. Each ticket is \$3.00. Each group will keep the portion of profits sold by the group.

Note from the Director

Parents and Students,

What a journey this has been! It seems like forever ago we were starting our first day of band camp and here we are trying to get ready for our festival and homecoming at the same time! It was truly an honor to see you children perform their first show for this school year. Their energy and excitement is where their greatness will come from. As a band director, we can tell when the kids enjoy a show and when they are just going through the motions. Our kids truly enjoy performing and playing.

The challenge will be continuing this inertia all the way to the last ballgame in November. Parents hold your student accountable! Remind them of the small things like putting their black long socks out the day before Friday, being responsible of their belongings, and knowing what is going on around them. also remind them that all the hard work they do at band should transfer to other thing in life such as grades, work, and home chores. September is a busy month! They will need to be very focused and responsible. Our goal is to use these opportunities to teach them how to be focused and responsible. We all were not born with the ability to be responsible and make good decisions. We have to practice it!

Complacency is the key to mediocrity.

Musically yours,

Corey Funderburg

Director of Bands

Pell City High School

