

The 'Pride of Destrehan' Band

DISCIPLINE, DEDICATION, DESIRE

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IT'S CARNIVAL TIME

Welcome everyone to the February edition of Pride Points. I figured we would get this started first off by talking about Carnival Season. This year the Pride of Destrehan band will be participating in two of the seasons best parades. The first parade in Houma on the night of February 1st, 2008. The second to take place during the day on February 3rd, 2008 in Thibodaux. For those of you wondering: "Will we miss the Superbowl?" The answer is NO you will not. The pa-

rade in Thibodaux will be done and we will be home long before the big game begins. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our talents to people from all over southern Louisiana who come down to the areas to see the parades. All marching band students are required to attend the parades and no excuses will be accepted. Students who are not in the symphonic band class need to stop by the band room to pick up their music for the parade. We will have rehearsal for

the parades on Wednesday; January 30th, 2008 in the band room. Rehearsal starts at 2:40 p.m. and will end at 4:15 p.m. Students please be on time and ready to begin. All members will receive reminder calls and e-mails so that you don't forget. Call times will be announced at the rehearsal. Any parent who wishes to chaperon for the parade should contact a BPO Representative to be put on the list of chaperons. Good Luck Pride, I know you will make us Proud!

Special Points of Interest:

- Houma Parade: February 1st
- Thibodaux Parade: February 3rd
- Mardi Gras Holidays: February 4th—8th
- Drumline Rehearsal: February 7th & 8th
- ACT: February 9th
- Jazz Ensemble Rehearsals Start: February 11th
- Honor Band Concert: February 21st @ Hahnville
- Drumline Competition: February 23rd (Houma Civic Center)
- Drum Line Rehearsals Continue on Mondays & Thursdays
- Winter Guard Rehearsals Continue on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

To Keep Up With Current Events and Activities going on in the Pride of Destrehan.



Please visit WWW.PRIDEOFDESTREHAN.ORG (E-mail the webmaster with any ideas you may have to enhance the information.)

TOUPS PUBLISHED



Destrehan High School Band Director Byron Toups has an article, 'Education Info: It's All About The Heights,' published in January on the Dynasty Band USA Network, a national online publication for marching bands. In this article Mr. Toups discusses with the world the importance on having clarity in your playing as a young musician.

"We've all heard the statement, "it's not what you play, but how you play it." This means that our ensembles should focus on CLARITY, on playing together. Although our students want to be challenged with the toughest compound rudiments, as educators, we need to constantly stress the importance of clarity in performance." Check out his full article at: www.dynastyband.com

Band Pride Points

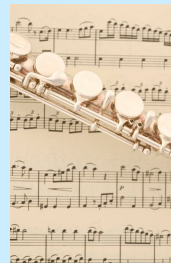
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISH ~ HONOR BAND MEMBERS 2008 ~

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to the 2008 St. Charles Parish Honor Band. These students will perform with some of the best players from Hahnville High School on February 29th, 2008 at Hanhville.

Sharie Mahler—Flute 1st Chair
Felicia Beber—Flute 2nd Chair
Liane Jang—Flute 4th Chair
Tristen Palumbo—Flute 7th Chair
Kayleigh Billings—Oboe 1st Chair

Amanda Johnson—Clarinet 9th Chair
Theron Hunt—Clarinet 10th Chair
Justin Villers—Saxophone 1st Chair
Garrett Kessling—Saxophone 2nd Chair
Cory Swan—French Horn 3rd Chair
Cory Roques—Trumpet 3rd Chair
Wayne Pryer—Trumpet 5th Chair
Natashia Swan—Trumpet 7th Chair
Alyssa Pico—Trumpet 9th Chair
Bandon Oubre—Trombone 2nd Chair
Daniel Guerrero—Trombone 3rd Chair
Richard Smith—Trombone 6th Chair
Stephen Montejo—Baritone 2nd Chair
Kyle Roques—Baritone 4th Chair
Alejandro Deleon—Tuba 3rd Chair
Jonas Augustine—Tuba 4th Chair
Stephen Tumblin Percussion 1st Chair

Jordan Kenny—Percussion 2nd Chair
Damon Senia—Percussion 4th Chair
Craig Neblett—Percussion 5th Chair
Taylor Bonnette—Percussion 6th Chair
Scott Fitzpatrick—Percussion 7th Chair



Did You Know?

Instructors this year decided that we were going to go the extra mile and check up on the Pride Members throughout the semester to see who works hard and who needs a nudge. To our surprise most of the band students handle themselves well in the classroom. Last semester 42.11 percent of the band members were on honor roll. That is an amazing number based on the enrollment of students in the program. Thank you for working hard, lets take that number higher.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Ready to hear some Jazz??? I am to, starting on the 11th of February the jazz ensemble will begin its rehearsals for the spring semester. This group promises to be one of the elite groups that the pride has, with talented musicians from all over the school. Thank you to those students who have been interested in the ensemble. Special thanks to Mr. Toups and those who will be participating in the ensemble. We have been searching through music and talking with musicians in the area to help make this ensemble a success. The students will be preparing music for the spring concert, and who knows maybe something else will come along as well. Good Luck Jazz Ensemble!



Drumline Part 2

The Destrehan Indoor Drumline attended it's first competition this past Saturday. We performed only a small part of our show entitled "Distracted"

Due to conflicts with Honor Choir and an ROTC parade, we performed without a few members.

Shane Gwaltney of Music City Mystique came to Destrehan on January 11th—13th to stage our visual program. The kids learned quickly and worked really hard.

We now take a few weeks off of competition to prepare for the E.D. White competition on 2/23/08. We hope to finish our show during these next few weeks.

Our uniforms are being custom made and we hope to have them in by the next show.

We are now looking for donations for our raffle in April. Please contact us if you know of a business that may want to donate to the raffle.

BLANKET DRIVE

The Pride of Destrehan is having a blanket drive to support the Humane Society of St. Charles Parish. If you or someone you know have old blankets and towels that you wish to get rid of please have them donated to our cause. We want to protect animals from the harsh cold this winter. Please bring your donations to the band room and place them on the shelf. Someone will take them from there and deliver them to the shelter for use. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



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