

Mighty Mustang Band

Summer News 2004

J.J. Pearce High School

<u>Major Dates</u>
(see inside for details and complete calendar)
Summer Band Camp July 29 – Aug. 18
Band Barbecue Aug. 28
Football Season Starts Sept. 3
UIL Region Marching Contest – Oct. 13
UIL Area Marching Contest – Oct. 23
UIL State Marching Contest – Nov. 2
Band Auction Nov. 20
Winter Concert Dec. 13
Chamber Music Festival Feb. 19
Pre-UIL Concert March 1
UIL Concert Contest April 12 – 13
Band Trip April 28 – May 1
Meyerson Concert May 10
Band Banquet May 13

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PABC Board Meetings (tentative)

Aug. 10 Board	Jan. 11 Board
Aug. 30 General	Feb. 8 Board
Sept. 14 Board	March 15 Board
Oct. 12 Board	April 11 Board
Nov. 9 Board	May 17 Board/General

Message from our Directors

I hope you are having a nice and relaxing summer after such a successful year. Pearce, Parkhill and North all had award winning years and a great time this past year, and we look forward to an even better one this coming year. The band directors at Pearce High School are excited to get a new class of students in from Parkhill and North. This year's sophomore class promises to be one of the best ever, and enthusiasm is high around the new Pearce Band Hall. The band directors are hard at work and will continue to work hard all summer on next year's marching show. With a move to 5A and another chance at the State marching contest, we are eager and excited.

As with any year, we have tried to make improvements in the program from previous years. To accomplish this, we have hired some new staff members to provide new insight to the band program from an outside perspective. There will be a new drill writer for this year's show. His name is Bob Royal, and he has worked with many championship marching bands in the past as well as with Mr. Hames in his days at Jasper High School. There will also be a new color guard instructor who will double as Pearce's new fourth band director. Her name is Renee Butts, and she is a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington – Mr. Hames' Alma Mater. She will teach color guard, assist in sectionals, and teach at the North elementaries and Junior Highs. There are already improvements in the guard, and Ms. Butts is doing an excellent job at building up the guard program.

There will also be changes with the band staff at Pearce. Mr. Nichols will be moving down the road to become the new head director at Parkhill. He will miss all of the students at Pearce, but will still see them at every event this year as well as during summer band. Mr. Henderson will now be directing Symphonic Band and will continue to direct the Jazz 2 band. He will also be assisting by teaching at some of the Parkhill elementary schools as well as at both junior highs. There will also be a new assistant director at Pearce. His name is Woodrow Smith, and he is a recent graduate of Sam Houston State University, the current school of former Pearce head band director, Matthew McInturf. He plays saxophone and has a rich background in marching band, concert band and jazz band. He recently finished student teaching at the BOA Grand National Champion – Westfield High School in Spring, TX. He came extremely highly recommended and this year will direct the Concert Band as well as the Jazz 1 Band. We look forward to a great year!

The marching show will again be arranged by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Stephens. The show will consist of music from southern composers. The show will begin with "Southern Harmony" by Donald Grantham. Donald Grantham is the composer in residence at the University of Texas. You may remember his name from the very similar piece, "Kentucky Harmony" that was played by the Wind Ensemble this past year. "Southern Harmony" is beautiful, elegant, regal music that will open the show with a fanfare of notes and expose the audience to Southern hymn music. The program will then segue to "Vesuvius" by Frank Ticheli, a graduate of Berkner High School. This song should be very familiar to those students from North Junior High. It is a driving song that centers on the volatile volcano named Vesuvius. Its catchy tune and driving beat, accompanied by lightning fast drill moves, will leave you on the edge of your seat and wanting more. The program will then move on to the beautiful sounds of "Simple Gifts" as arranged by Frank Ticheli. Most people know "Simple Gifts" from the version made famous in Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring", yet it is an alod Shaker melody filled with love. The Mighty Mustang Band will exhibit its unique ability to play beautiful music on the marching field in this movement. The show will conclude with the jazz based "Blue Shades", one of Frank Ticheli's most famous works. For those of you who do not know this work, get ready for a ride. This music promises to move you from you seat cheering for the award winning Pearce Mighty Mustang Band.

Message from our Directors (continued)

Please come and support the marching band and volunteer with PABC. This task will come easy around a group that is coming into 5A looking to impress and make a name for the school on the big stage. We will also be preparing to welcome in two classes of new members next year and look forward to filling out our newly finished band hall. Please check your summer band calendar to stay on top of upcoming events. We look forward to seeing the leadership group on July 27th and everyone on July 29th! Enjoy your summer and be ready to work hard. We have lofty goals that we plan to achieve for this year's Mighty Mustang Band! Thank you for your support –

Mark Nichols

President's Letter

We are delighted and honored to be your co-Presidents for the coming year. We step into a very well run organization due primarily to the stewardship of Alan and Karen Hoffman and the dedication of each of you who volunteer your time and effort to a particular area of PABC.

As all of you are aware, an organization like PABC runs only by the dedication of its members. We know that as incoming sophomore parents a year ago, if a friend had not invited us to get involved we probably would not have. We urge each of you to seek out your friends and contemporaries in the Pearce Band program and urge them to join and participate in PABC. There are numerous volunteer opportunities from chaperoning football games to auction duties.

To our new students and parents: Welcome to a most exciting time in your lives. Now that your child has joined the Mighty Mustang Band & Guard, you are eligible to join the elite Pearce Area Band Club for FREE! You can do this at any time by going to <http://www.pearceband.org/PABC/Join.asp>. All parents of children in the Pearce band or one of its Jr. High or elementary feeder schools are automatically eligible. To register as a PABC member and ensure that you are on our mailing list, just fill out the form on the website. We welcome all of our band parents and encourage you to become an active member. A special note to 8th and 9th grade parents – WE NEED YOU!!! Next year, 2005-06, your student will be here at Pearce. Getting involved now will not only put you in the “KNOW” but will make the transition to high school easier for you and your child.

As we progress through this marching season, and onto the winter concert season, you will probably have questions, concerns and ideas to offer. We invite you to join us at our general meeting on August 30, 2004. We will meet in the band hall at 7 pm and welcome your presence and input. The next general meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2005. If you need to reach us between meetings, please feel free to call us at 972-381-8885 or e-mail us at mgeffen@sbcglobal.net or ageffen@iadfw.net. We look forward to getting to know your students and working with you!

President's Letter (continued)

Be sure and mark your calendars for August 28. Come and enjoy a barbecue dinner followed by a marching exhibition presented by the students. This event is always enjoyable, and you will leave feeling proud of your child and excited about the upcoming marching season. This will also give you an opportunity to sign up to chaperone, be on one of many committees, get a mentor to guide you through your first year as an MMB parent and purchase spirit ware.

Volunteers: We are in need of two additional people to serve on the nominating committee as well as two alternates. Additionally at our combined board meeting in June, we authorized the formation of a legal/compliance/oversight committee. We are looking for volunteers with backgrounds in law, accounting, compliance and banking to serve on this committee. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please e-mail or call us.

It has been nice to have some time to relax this summer, but we are looking forward to seeing and working with fellow band parents when school starts again. You will find us sitting near the band at football games on Friday nights this fall (wear a red shirt and join us!) We hope that all of you, new and old alike, are prepared to smile proudly, clap and cheer, laugh, work hard and even cry as your student grows and matures in this program. Together we can help make this another great year for the Pearce band –

Melodie and Arthur Geffen

Membership/Communications

The Pearce Area Band Club, Inc., (PABC) is the support organization for the band programs at J.J. Pearce High School and its feeder junior high and elementary schools. Any parent of a Pearce area band student can join. There is no membership fee. The PABC organizes several fund-raising events throughout the year to help with band operations and to provide scholarship opportunities. At Pearce, PABC volunteers assist with uniform fittings, chaperoning, refreshments, travel arrangements and social events for the Mighty Mustang Band. The PABC distributes several newsletters each year and provides a directory of high school and junior high band students.

In order that we may distribute the PABC student directory in a timely manner, it is very important that you complete the form enclosed with this newsletter, which includes Directory Information, Parental Permission and PABC Membership. Please mail this form in the enclosed envelope provided. It is very important to provide us with a primary e-mail address, even if you do not wish to be listed in the directory. PABC and band directors regularly need to relay very important information to students and their parents, and e-mail will be the most efficient way to get this information to you. Thank you.

Mighty Mustang Band Summer Band Schedule

July

27 & 28	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	MMB Leadership Meeting (all officers)
29 & 30	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Sectionals
	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Full Band Playing Rehearsal
31	TBD	Leadership Camp (all officers; location TBD)

August

2	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
3	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Auditions
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
4	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
	TBD	Seniors – School Registration
5	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Auditions
	TBD	Juniors – School Registration
6	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
	TBD	Band Social Event
9	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
10	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Playing Rehearsal
11	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Marching Rehearsal
12	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Seniors, Band Registration and Uniform Fitting
	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Juniors, Band Registration and Uniform Fitting
	12:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Sophomores, Band Registration and Uniform Fitting
	TBD	Band Picture for Program
13	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	TBD	Sophomore Schedule Pickup and Dance
14 (Sat)	8:00 AM – Noon	Marching Rehearsal (drill writer in)
16	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Marching Rehearsal
17	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Marching Rehearsal
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Marching Rehearsal
18	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Marching Rehearsal
19	9:00 AM	1 st Day of School – NO MARCHING REHEARSAL
20	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Weekday Morning Rehearsals Begin
21 (Sat)	8:00 AM – Noon	Marching Rehearsal

MMB Fall Calendar of Events

August

19		School Starts - NO MARCHING REHEARSAL TODAY	
20	7:00 AM	MMB Regular Morning Rehearsals Begin; every school day, 7:00AM – 8:30 AM	
21	8 AM – Noon	Marching Rehearsal	Grid
23	5:00 PM	Kick-Off Cookout	Senior Way
28	6:00 PM	MMB BBQ Dinner	Pearce Cafeteria
	7:30 PM	MMB Preview Performance	Pearce “B” Field

September

3	7:30 PM	PHS football @ The Colony	Briggs Cougar Stadium
10	7:30 PM	PHS football vs. Grand Prairie	Eagle-Mustang Stadium
17	7:30 PM	PHS football @ Naaman Forest	Williams Stadium
18	7:30 AM	All-Region Jazz Band Auditions	Rowlett HS
	7:30 PM	“Puttin’ on the Hits” – Choir Performance	Pearce Auditorium
23	7:00 PM	PHS football vs. Lake Highlands	Eagle-Mustang Stadium

October

1	7:30 PM	PHS football @ Jesuit	Haggar Stadium
2	All Day	H.E.B. Marching Contest	Pennington Field
8	7:30 PM	PHS football vs. Richardson – HOMECOMING	Eagle-Mustang Stadium
9	-	SAT testing date; Homecoming dance	-
12	7:30 PM	PHS Choir Concert	Pearce Auditorium
13	All Day	U.I.L. Region Marching Contest	Mesquite Memorial Stadium
15	7:30 PM	PHS football @ Berkner	Wildcat-Ram Stadium
16	9 AM – Noon	MMB Clinic	Pearce HS
21 & 23	7:30 PM	Forte! Show – Choir Performance	Pearce Auditorium
22	7:30 PM	PHS football vs. Newman Smith; Junior High Night	Eagle-Mustang Stadium
23	All Day	U.I.L. Area Marching Contest – do not schedule ACT test on this date!	Mesquite Memorial Stadium
28	7:00 PM	PHS Orchestra Concert	Pearce Auditorium
29	7:30 PM	PHS football vs. Creekview; Senior Night	Eagle-Mustang Stadium
30	All Day	Sam Houston Marching Contest	Sam Houston State Univ.

November

2	All Day	U.I.L. State Marching Contest	Alamodome, San Antonio
5	7:30 PM	PHS football @ R.L. Turner	Standridge Stadium
6	-	SAT Testing Date	-
6 – 7	All Day	Pacesetter Bazaar	Pearce HS
18	PM	All-Region Jazz Band Clinic	Rowlett HS
	PM	Talent Show	Pearce Auditorium
20	All Day	PHS Band Auction	Pearce HS
	All Day	All-Region Jazz Band Clinic & Concert	Rowlett HS
22	7:30 PM	PHS Jazz Band Concert	Pearce Auditorium

December

3 – 4	7:30 PM	Concord Show – Choir Performance	Pearce Auditorium
4	7AM – 11AM	Holiday Parade (if not auditioning for region band)	Richardson HS
	PM	All-Region Band Auditions – Phase 1	Berkner HS
	-	SAT Testing Date	-
6	5:00 PM	All-Region Band Auditions – Phase 2	Berkner HS
13	7:30 PM	PHS Bands Winter Concert	Pearce Auditorium

MMB Spring Calendar of Events (Subject to Change)

January

8	All Day	Area Band Auditions	Tyler Junior College
13	6:00 PM	Mustang Round-Up	Pearce HS
20	PM	All-Region Band Clinic	McKinney North HS
21	All Day	All-Region Band Clinic/Concert	McKinney North HS
22	-	SAT Date	-

February

12	-	ACT Date	-
17	7:00 PM	PHS Orchestra Concert	Pearce Auditorium
19		Chamber Music Festival	Richardson HS
21-23	4:30p – 6:30p	Drum Major Clinics	Pearce HS
24	by appt.	Drum Major Interviews	Pearce HS
25	6:15 AM	Drum Major Clinic (mock audition)	Pearce HS
25-26	7:30 PM	Concord Show	Pearce Auditorium
28	4:30 PM	Drum Major Auditions	Pearce HS

March

1	TBD	Pre-UIL Concert	Pearce Auditorium
12	-	SAT Date	-
18-19	7:30 PM	Forte! Show	Pearce Auditorium

April

9	-	ACT Date	-
12	TBD	UIL Concert and Sightreading (Sym & Con Bands)	Richardson HS
13	TBD	UIL Concert and Sightreading (Wind Ensemble)	Richardson HS
4/28-5/1	All Day	Band Trip	Corpus Christi

May

2	4:30 PM	Jazz Band Dress Rehearsal (both jazz bands)	Pearce Band Hall
4	7:30 PM	Jazz Band Concert	Eisemann Center
7	-	SAT Date	-
9	7:30 PM	PHS Percussion Concert	Pearce Auditorium
10	8:00 PM	PHS Bands Annual Meyerson Concert	Meyerson Symphony Center
11	7:00 PM	PHS Orchestra Concert	Pearce Auditorium
12	TBD	Jazz Auditions	Pearce Band Hall
13	During class 7:30 PM	Band Tuxes & Dresses due (must be dry cleaned) Band Banquet	
14	9:00a – Noon 11:00a – Noon Noon	New Member Marching (8 th and 9 th graders) New Member Parent Meeting Cookout for new members and their parents!	Pearce Band Hall Pearce Band Hall Outside Band Hall
17	7:00 AM	Section Leader Clinic	Band Grid
19	7:00 AM	Section Leader Audition	Band Grid
21	TBD	Graduation	SMU

2004-2005 Mighty Mustang Band Section Leaders (in alphabetical order)

Drum Majors

Angela Stevenson, Head
Brian Hoffman
Steven Loh

Captains

Albert Alexander
Matt Johnson
Ryan Krueger
Evan Murphy
Garrett Nauschutz

Lieutenants

Ava Bastian
Elizabeth Coy
Austin Drake
Corey Hutchins
Drew Jacoy
Grant Jones
Dennis Kerr
Patrick Landis
Aaron Levine
Kristin Little
Erin Livingston
David Lunson
Anna Michell
Sarah Murphy
Simon Shirazi
Beau Woodbury

Uniform Fittings August 12

Marching and concert uniforms will be fitted on Thursday, August 12, 2004. We will fit and assign uniforms in the uniform room. Students need to wear nylon shorts and a T-shirt that will fit under the uniform as there is no private dressing room. If fitting for marching shoes (dinkles), bring a pair of socks so they can be sized correctly. The concert uniform will come home with your student on the 12th so be looking for it.

The schedule is as follows:

<i>Seniors</i>	8:30 – 10:00am
<i>Juniors</i>	10:00 – 11:30am
<i>Sophomores</i>	12:30 – 3:15pm

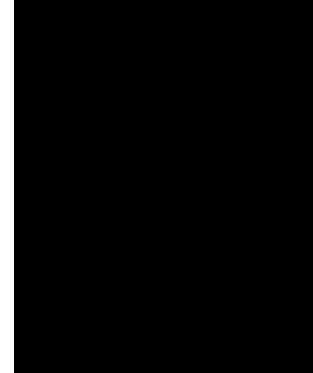
Additional parent volunteers are needed for the one-day fitting. This is a one time commitment and your help will expedite the process. Two shifts of volunteers are needed (8:15 - noon and 12:15 – 3:30 pm). Please contact Nuala Murphy at 972-238-0264 to volunteer or for more information.

Band jackets (leather jacket-style) are available through Sports Distributors on Arapaho Road. They are offering a 10% discount for orders made before August 1, 2004. It takes 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

Meet the Mighty Mustang Drum Majors

Head Drum Major - Angela Stevenson

Angela is very excited about the 2004-05 Mighty Mustang Band. Angela truly loves playing her trumpet, and it has been a dream of hers to be drum major for the Mighty Mustang Band. She is looking forward to a fun and successful year for all members of the band. At the conclusion of her senior year, Angela is planning to attend Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. She is currently interested in two different areas of study. She would like to major in music and become a band director. In addition, she has an interest in studying to be a pediatric physical therapist. Angela has a love for children and has always enjoyed doing anything she can to help them. Angela says that no matter where life takes her, her trumpet and music will continue to play a major role in her life.



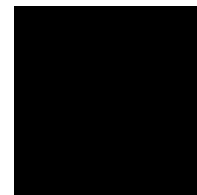
Senior Drum Major - Brian Hoffman

Brian started music in third grade when he took piano lessons. He played saxophone for Mr. Davis' bands from sixth to ninth grade and has always enjoyed the band program. He loves jazz music, and has enjoyed playing in the Pearce jazz band. Brian's other interests include BBYO, where he is a Beau for the Dallas area Kravitz Chapter for BBYO girls. He also has been an active member of Boy Scout Troop 1077 for several years, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He excels in the fields of math and science and hopes to attend medical school, for a career in genetic/biomedical research.



Junior Drum Major - Steven Loh

STEVEN...dynamic, intelligent and musical! He loves his horn and has appreciated the opportunities to play yearly in the All-District Symphonic Band and All-Region Bands. He has received honors awards for the solos he has played in the Chamber Music Festival since sixth grade (until ...temporary horror struck in the form of braces!). When he is out running, he plays tennis with the Pearce Junior Varsity team and loves to throw a Frisbee. Studying "game theory" at Duke University and band camp every summer has been a blast. Steven is in the top ten students in his class and would like to receive a good college education in one or more of his many interests.



PABC Social Committee News

The bands's **kick-off Barbecue** will be held on **Saturday, August 28** at 6:00 pm in the comfort of the PHS air-conditioned cafeteria. It is a chance to welcome everyone to an exciting new season of musical excellence and to meet other band families and band directors. A preview performance of the marching show will follow dinner on the "B" field. This event is open to all parents, grandparents, siblings and band members. An announcement along with a **reservation form will be mailed** out at the beginning of August. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Dinners will **NOT** be sold at the door without prior paid reservations, so **please send in your form ASAP** once they have been mailed. You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with the other social events which the band participates in during the year. Other events, for which dates have not yet been set are as follows:

The **Band Tailgate Party** is a chance to enjoy free food and fun with your fellow band friends and indeed the entire J.J. Pearce family, since it is open to everyone. There is a tailgate party before every home game and each of the various groups is responsible for hosting one. Details will be available later. The Social Committee also provides drinks to the band for each football game and the Meyerson Concert.

The **Corral Party** is another function which takes place after home games and every group must provide volunteers. Pizza and drinks are provided for all Pearce students as a celebration. The band will be sponsoring this event after one of the games.

Band Formal is an occasion for our band members to dress up and celebrate the end successful marching/competition season. Non-band students may attend if invited by a band student. Dates are not necessary. The event is chaperoned and security is provided.

Band Banquet is the finale to another exciting year. We celebrate the graduation of our Seniors and wish them well on their way to college, etc. Again, dates will not be necessary and parents are encouraged to attend. Much more information will be available at a later date.

After football games, **band parties** are organized by the band officers. These parties are held in the homes of band members on a sign-up basis. The parties are chaperoned by parents. Directions and phone numbers are made available through the student leaders after the game each week.

The Social Committee looks forward to meeting you and to serving you and our wonderful students throughout the coming school year. Remember, keep August 28 open for the **WELCOME BARBECUE** and come say hello to your social committee – we look forward to meeting you!

GAME NIGHT DINNERS!!!

We offer a service to provide a meal for you child each Friday night before the football games. There is not much time between the end of school and the scheduled practice time on Friday afternoon. This makes it difficult or impossible for the kids to go and get dinner. It's also hard for parents to arrange to get a meal to their child. Therefore, you can sign up for this service and pay \$5.00 a meal for nine of the ten football games and the four scheduled marching competitions (the tenth game meal is provided to students free of charge). For \$65.00 you can be assured that you child will be fed before each game. The meals will include a sandwich, hamburger or pizza, chips, fruit, dessert and a drink.

There will be a sign-up table at the Barbecue on August 28. You can write a check to Kelle Henson and fill out the sign up sheet that evening or you can use the order form on the back of this page and mail it to Kelle before August 28.

After August 31, 2004 the cost of the meals will go up to \$6.00 per meal. If your child wants to order on a weekly basis, the meals will be \$6.00 each. If they order weekly, the order needs to be in by the Tuesday before each game at 4:15pm.

I chose not to take advantage of this service when my child was a sophomore because I was already paying out a lot of money. By the middle of the season I was begging for my child to be added to the list.

This service is being provided by a band parent and is not affiliated with the Pearce Area Band Club. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail: **Kelle Henson**

1112 Grassmere Drive

Richardson 75080

972-783-1961 k5henson@hotmail.com

ORDER FORM "Game Night Dinners"

The cost of each dinner is \$5.00 which comes to \$65.00 for all nine dinners and the four marching competitions.

Some weeks we will have sandwiches. Please circle one of the following choices:

Turkey/White

Ham/White

Vegetarian/White

The other meals will include Pizza, Hamburgers and Chicken Sandwiches. Each meal will include one of the above along with chips (except with pizza), fruit, dessert and a drink.

Student's Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Amt. Paid: _____

Check#: _____

Choice of Sandwich: _____

Please make checks payable to Kelle Henson

Please mail your check and completed form to:

Kelle Henson

1112 Grassmere Drive

Richardson, TX 75080

972-783-1961

k5henson@hotmail.com

You have the choice of ordering as many or as few meals as you want. Just note the dates you would like meals on the order form. After August 31, 2004 the cost of the meals will go up to \$6.00 per meal.

2004-2005 BAND ASSESSMENTS

What band fees can we expect to pay?

The school district provides money for a portion of the expenses incurred by our bands. For example, they purchase uniforms and pay for the buses to football games and competitions. Unfortunately, the school district does not provide all of the funding that is needed to support a quality band program such as ours. Fundraising activities and direct payments by parents/students must cover the additional expenses. You can expect to pay three different fees (**All of these fees are subject to change prior to registration day in August**):

1. Your "**Registration**" fee is applied toward expenses such as gloves, shoes, uniform cleaning, and refreshments during marching season. The amount paid each year varies depending on the number of kids in the band and whether your child marches, is in the color guard, or is a drum major. This fee is mandatory for all band and color guard members, including color guard who are not in the band. You will pay this fee at the Registration and Uniform Fitting day on August 12th during summer band camp. (In 2003, this fee was approximately \$75. It generally ranges between \$75 and \$100. It looks like the fee for 2004 will be approximately \$77.)

2. Your "**Operations**" fee is applied toward expenses such as supplies, staff assistance, entry fees, clinicians, and student development. This fee is also mandatory for all band and color guard members, including color guard who are not in the band. This fee is usually due in September. Non-band members involved only in the marching band or the color guard are required to pay \$50 of this fee at the same time they pay their Registration fee in August; the balance of their Operations fee will also be due in September. (In 2003, this fee was set at \$165. It will generally range between \$160 and \$175. The fee for 2004 will be \$165.)

3. Your "**Spring trip**" fee is applied to the transportation and accommodations costs associated with the band's spring trip. This school year all three bands will probably be traveling to Corpus Christi in April. In order for reservations to be made and deposits placed, the trip fees are due during the school year with the first payment due in October and the final payment due around February. You can also send in partial payments at any time to make your family budgeting easier. Many students and parents also raise funds to help cover either all or part of their trip expenses by participating in specific band fundraisers such as selling magazines, soliciting items for the annual auction, getting businesses to sponsor band photos in the football program, and purchasing a band yard sign. Each year almost all of the kids earn a portion (if not all) of their trip fees through fundraising. (In 2003, this fee was set at \$450. It will generally range between \$450 and \$500. The exact amount has not been determined yet for this year. Every third year the band takes a big trip out of state, and the trip fee is much larger during that year. In 2002, the "big trip" to New York City was estimated at \$1400. The next "big trip" year is one year away in the spring of 2006, so begin to plan and work for it now.

2004-2005 BAND ASSESSMENTS (continued)

Your child will receive a final Registration Fee Schedule during summer band camp. **Your child should bring the completed form and their payment on Registration day, August 12th.** The draft Fee Schedule has been included in this newsletter so that you have an idea of what your cost will be in August. The prices of the lyres vary by instrument; there will be a schedule of prices available for the lyres at Registration day.

How can we lower our band fees?

The PABC board's Student Assessment Director maintains a band account for each student. Assessed fees, payments, and credits are recorded in detail as they occur. There are numerous opportunities for students and families to lower their assessed fees:

1. If you purchase a band yard sign in the fall, your account is credited \$20.00 in service recognition.
2. If you find a business to sponsor one of the band's photos in the fall football programs, your account will be credited with some amount of service recognition based on how much the total sponsor income exceeded the budgeted income.
3. You can participate in the annual magazine sale. Up to forty percent of each student's total magazine sales is credited toward his/her account as service recognition. It is important to remember that this sale actually goes on all year long, and that you can order magazines at any time to lower your fees!
4. You can participate in the annual auction (our biggest fundraiser) by securing donations of items to be sold at the auction, by obtaining monetary donations or corporate sponsorships, by selling raffle tickets, and by working the event. Each student's account is credited the equivalent of 1/2 share for every \$1.00 they raise through donations, corporate sponsorships, individual raffle ticket sales, and for whatever their donated items are actually sold for. You can also earn the equivalent of 2 shares per hour for the hours you spend selling raffle tickets at group sales events and for the number of hours you work during the auction. The monetary value of a share varies from year to year because the value is calculated based on the net proceeds of the auction. A detailed explanation and examples of how auction shares are calculated is located on the PABC web site at <http://www.pearceband.org/BandInfo/Assessments>.

All cash payments and service recognition are credited in this order: unpaid back assessments, this year's registration fee, this year's operations fee, this year's trip fees. Any remaining service recognition balance can be credited to your future years' band statements (including use with consecutive children within the band program), or can be refunded up to the amount you paid by cash or check for your fees. Any credit that is earned but is not either refunded or carried forward into future years goes into a scholarship fund administered by the board.

2004-2005 Band Assessments (continued)

General Information:

Statements will be mailed to you periodically throughout the year. All payments should be made by CHECK only, payable to PABC.

Payments should be mailed to: **Kim Janney**
6438 Riverview Lane
Dallas, TX 75248

If you have questions about the fees or your statement, please contact Eddie or Susan at 972-387-3282 or at susanojones@comcast.net. There is also assessment information on the PABC web site at <http://www.pearceband.org/BandInfo/Assessments>.

2003-2004 Assessment Credit/Refund!

Thanks to the excellent and thorough planning by the Travel Committee, most band students who went on the Corpus Christi band trip will receive a credit/refund of \$122.00.

Students who were seniors last school year have been sent a letter detailing the amount of credit/refund they are entitled to. Last year's seniors (or students not returning to the band program this year) may apply this amount to the account of a 'consecutive' sibling, donate it to the band, or receive a refund up to the amount of cash/checks they paid.

For all other students the credit/refund will automatically be applied to the 2004-2005 assessments. Parents may receive a refund instead by sending a written or email request to Susan and Eddie Jones no later than July 31, 2004.

START LOWERING BAND FEES NOW!! THE AUCTION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The 2004-2005 World Class Band Celebration and Auction will be held Saturday, November 20, 2004. It's never too early to start gathering auction items: merchandise, services, gift certificates, restaurant certificates, hotel stays, theatre tickets, musical or symphony tickets...anything you or your parents are involved in is a good place to start. Ask for support as you shop or dine around town. Remember, everything you donate to the auction can help lower your band fees. I am looking for willing Auction Team Members to help with the numerous tasks involved in making this a successful event. To get involved, contact Stacy Hughes, Auction Chairperson at (972)994-0480 or by e-mail at Lthughes@msn.com.

Printed Name _____

Student Signature _____

REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE 2004-2005

All of your registration fees are listed below. Please review this form carefully because many of the costs pertain ONLY TO SPECIFIC GROUPS within the marching band and guard. Most of these costs are mandatory and WILL NEED TO BE PAID THE DAY OF BAND REGISTRATION. Be sure to fill in all of the boxes. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHECK WITH YOU.

Basic Registration Fee for EVERYONE IN MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD:

- Includes: Band notebook/sheet protectors/washers
 - Cold drink fee for football games and competitions
 - Freshman Night dinner
 - Season T-shirt
 - 2 pairs of gloves
 - Uniform cleaning
- SUBTOTAL**

Possible additional fees for BAND MEMBERS ONLY:

- Additional gloves - \$ 5 per pair
 - Gloves for Drum Majors only??????
 - Shoes (required for new members & others as needed) - \$ 25 per pair
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 - B.E.R.P.S. (required of all brass players) \$ 15 per brass player
 - School instrument rental fee \$ 25 per year
 - Flip folder (reqd for new members & others as needed) \$?? each
 - Lyre (reqd for everyone except tubas, flutes, drums) \$?? each
 - Season T-shirt \$ 10 each
 - (required for all students NOT doing Marching Band and only doing Concert Band)
 - Mouthpiece (director will tell you if you need one) various prices
- SUBTOTAL**

Basic COLOR GUARD EQUIPMENT FEE (required for every member of Guard):

- Includes: Embroidered Guard T-shirt \$ 104 per guard member
 - Warm-ups
- SUBTOTAL**

Possible additional fees for GUARD ONLY:

- Shoes (required for new members & others as needed) - \$26 per pair
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 - Gloves (required for new members & others as needed) - \$11 per pair
 - (2 pair are recommended)
- SUBTOTAL**

Operations Fee:

- This fee is \$165 for the year.
 - All guard members must pay \$50 today at registration
 - The remainder of \$115 will be billed to Guard in September.
 - Any band member may want to pay a portion of this fee today at registration.
 - The remainder of their Operations Fee will be billed in September.
- SUBTOTAL**

TOTAL OF ALL FEES DUE TODAY

Checks should be made payable to PABC (Pearce Area Band Club)

Check Number

Received by

PABC FUNDRAISING

Sell Magazines! Earn 40% Toward Band Trip!!

Last year the band sold over \$9600 worth of magazines which meant almost \$4000 in service recognition was credited to student accounts! For every dollar of magazine sales, your student will be credited with 40 cents of service recognition dollars in their assessment account. The sale goes on all year – so it’s never too late to place an order and get the service dollars! Students will receive catalogs and details (and the chance to win prizes) in August. Students are not allowed to sell door-to-door so start contacting your friends and relatives now! Questions about the magazine sales should be directed to Wendy Smith at 972-720-8740

Shirt Sales!!!

Show your Mighty Mustang Band Spirit! Band parents and siblings are encouraged to purchase and wear red Mighty Mustang Band polo shirts. We will be taking orders at the Band Barbecue. This shirts will be available in youth and adult sizes, with the Mighty Mustang Band logo in embroidery, and can be personalized with your student’s instrument or color guard flags on the shoulder. You will want to wear these shirts to all of the football games and pep rallies. Questions, call Paula Ward at 972-233-3738.

Get Your Photo Buttons Here!

We will again be selling photo buttons for the parents to wear at the football games and competitions. At the time your student’s individual band picture is taken during registration on August 14, they will need to send a check payable to PABC in the amount of \$5.00 per button ordered. Buttons will be delivered within the first few weeks of school.

Order Your Band Yard Sign!

You have probably noticed yard signs distributed throughout the Pearce Area and want to order your band sign to ensure delivery by the beginning of the fall marching season. To order a yard sign for the 2004-2005 school year, please fill out the form below and mail it, with a check payable to PABC for \$40.00 to Nancy Grabczyk at 301 Fallcreek Drive, Richardson, TX 75080..

Your student’s assessment account will be credited with \$20.00 in service dollars for your order. If you already have a yard sign, but need changes made, please call Nancy at 972-235-8669. These changes can be made for a nominal fee of \$5.00, however, now service dollars will be credited for this fee.

PLEASE PRINT	
Name:	_____
Phone:	_____
Student’s first name as it will appear on the sign:	_____
___	Band (musical note)
___	Color Guard (crossed flags)
___	Drum Line (crossed sticks)
___	MOB (sunglasses)
___	Drum Major (whistle)

What All Band Members (and Parents) Need to Know!!!

HOT TIP! FYI, every year the week or so before we play against Richardson High in football, Pearce High yard signs disappear from our yards! To protect your sign against these mysterious disappearances, take in your Band yard sign a week or two before the Richardson game, or use the new theft protection devices sold with the signs this year.

Each Band Member will need to wear their own solid white, beige or light gray nylon shorts (soccer-type) under their white uniforms at the first marching contest. They may not have any logo, brand, stripe or design on them that might show through the pants.

Band Jackets (letter jacket-style) may be worn with the Band Uniform. If you would like to order one, they are available through Sports Distributors on Arapaho Road.

All Band members have a secret “big and little” brother or sister during Homecoming Week, and they give each other a mum or garter to wear Friday of Homecoming Week. These mums/garters are fun to make, or they can be purchased. What is a Mum? It is a fake chrysanthemum flower, decorated with trinkets and red and royal blue ribbons, and worn as a corsage or arm garter. If you would like to make your own mum or garter with your friends, you can sign up for “mum workshops”. More information to come later.

Before each home game, there is a tailgate party for families in the parking lot of Eagle/Mustang Stadium. The Pearce Area Booster Clubs for different sports/cheerleaders/pacesetters and the band sponsor these parties. Band parents are invited to each one of these tailgate parties. This is a great event to attend to show support for the team and meet other parents.

BE PREPARED FOR SUMMER BAND!!

Top Ten ways to beat the heat!

1. Bring PLENTY OF WATER
2. Wear a HAT
3. Lots of Cotton T-Shirts – (worn 1 at a time)
4. Comfortable Shoes
5. Lots of Cotton Socks (worn 2 at a time)
6. Loose-fitting shorts
7. Cool Sunglasses
8. Think Snow!
9. 2 words – sun screen
10. 3 words – WATER, WATER, WATER

Tips from your Treasurer on Donations

There are many opportunities for members and others to donate to the Pearce Area Band Club. Please review the following and consider PABC as you plan your family's annual giving. The Pearce Area Band Club, Inc. is a 501(C) 3 organization and donations made to it are tax deductible.

Donations to Bands: All three bands in the Pearce area accept donations straight to their individual programs. You may wish to provide support to bring a specialist to the band to provide assistance to our students. These donations are allocated directly to the band that receives them, and are used as the donor or the band director specifies. If you would like to donate to a specific band for a specific purpose, the band director must approve that purpose before it will be accepted.

PABC Scholarship Fund: PABC provides scholarships to students for both private lessons and as assistance to pay for the annual Pearce Band trip. There is an application process for receiving scholarships. The PABC scholarship committee reviews the applications and awards scholarships that are primarily awarded on the basis of financial need. Some funding for lesson scholarships is provided through the private lesson payments students pay – a Richardson School District policy. Additional money is provided to North Band students through the Amy Burgess fund (see below). Funding is also budgeted by the three bands and the PABC Board as needed and as funds allow. At the end of each year, senior students and their families have the option of donating assessments paid, but not used, to the scholarship fund. There is always a need for additional support to the PABC scholarship fund.

Amy Burgess Fund: Amy Burgess was a band director who taught at both North Junior High and J.J. Pearce High School and died very unexpectedly in January, 1988 at a young age. At that time, her family provided a \$10,000 endowment and specified that additional donations and interest received from that fund be used to provide lesson scholarships for students at North Junior High. Each year, that interest and any donations received are included in the total available when the PABC Scholarship committee is awarding scholarships. The Amy Burgess Fund provides a portion of all scholarships awarded to North Junior High students.

Meyerson Fund: Several years ago, supporters of the band program donated \$25,000 to provide funds to enable the Pearce Band to afford the annual Meyerson concert. This donation also funds the annual Meyerson scholarship awarded to a Pearce Band senior planning to pursue music education. Ticket sales and the sale of program ads hopefully fund the concert in full, but when they don't, principle from this fund is used to complete the funding of the concert. Additional donations to the Meyerson funds will extend the life of this fund and provide the opportunity for Pearce students to play at the Meyerson for many years to come.

Annual Auction Donations: The PABC Auction has become a part of our band year. Donations are accepted to support the auction. These can be straight cash donations, or can be used to underwrite a portion of the auction expenses. The value of an auction donation is included when shares are allocated to each student as auction profits are distributed to student's accounts. (See the PABC website for an explanation of auction shares and distribution.)

Corporate Donations: Many area businesses provide corporate donations to organizations their employees support. These may take the form of matching fund donations, or as grants to organizations. Corporate donations are greatly appreciated, and whoever solicited the donation can specify to which of the above categories those donations can be allocated. Corporate donations *may not* be used to pay an individual student's assessments. This would violate our standing rules and it would jeopardize our 501(C) 3 status. According to IRS rules, PABC cannot provide benefit for an individual student. The only way for a student to benefit from a corporate donation is for that donation to be specified as an auction donation.

Thank you for considering a donation to PABC. Checks should be made payable to PABC and may be given to any Pearce Area band director to be forwarded to PABC. Please specify on your check what kind of donation you are making. Call Jana Kerr at 972-235-0254 with questions.

Pearce Area Band Club Board of Directors 2004-2005

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North Junior High Band Summer Newsletter

I hope that all of you are having a fabulous summer! First, we all need to congratulate Mr. Palmer who will be the new head band director at Schrade Middle School in Rowlett next year. Mr. Palmer served the North Band program for a wonderful seven years and we are all going to miss him very much. We wish him the best of luck in his new position! The search continues for a new assistant band director, and we have many outstanding candidates who will do a fabulous job. We will keep you updated!

Summer Band Rehearsals will be **AUGUST 9 – 12th** at North. All 2004-2005 Symphonic Band members and all returning Concert Band members will have summer band from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on August 9-12. We will perform for “Camp North” on Thursday evening. You will receive a letter later this summer (around August 1) with more details.

Attention **ALL** members of the North Bands!!! We're doing a couple of new things this year during the week of Camp North rehearsals that everyone will be involved in. First of all, we are going to take a group picture that will be placed in the J.J. Pearce football program. We want everyone in the program to be represented, so we'll let you know the date and time as soon as possible! Also, you will pay for your band fees at North registration on August 12. These fees include your t-shirt, notebook, sheet protectors, All-District and Chamber Music Festival entry fees and BERP's if needed.

Now the most important news: the Band Party! There will be a band party for ALL 7th, 8th and 9th grade North Band members on Friday, August 13 from 9:00 – 11:00 pm at Greenwood Hills Swimming Pool. This will be lots of fun – **DON'T MISS IT!!!**

One last thing – there will be a band parent meeting on September 9 at 7:00 pm in the North Band Hall. We will go over the band handbook and 2004-2005 calendar at this time. It is extremely important that at least one family member from each family attend.

Have a wonderful and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing all of you again! Stay cool!

Kristin Barker

Parkhill Raider Band News

There is some great news for all students at Parkhill Junior High! A replacement has been found for Mike Davis after his new appointment as assistant director at Coppell High School. We wish him the best of luck in his new high school career.

Mark Nichols, formally a director at Pearce High School, has been named the head director at Parkhill. Mr. Nichols has spent the last three years at Pearce High School, directing the Concert Band for his first two years and this past year directing the Symphonic Band. He also started the jazz program at Pearce that has now grown into two award winning jazz bands. The bands under Mr. Nichols' direction have earned consistent awards, and the Symphonic Band this past year earned straight "ones" at UIL for the first time in four years. Mr. Nichols plans to follow in the great tradition of award winning directors at Parkhill and promises to improve on what is already a wonderful band program. In this unique year of sixth graders having band five days a week and two classes graduating from Parkhill, it will be a challenge, but the great band staff at Parkhill will be ready. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. We will be temporarily relocated to Pearce while we make improvements to Parkhill, but we will still check our messages every day.

Ms. Sledge will be returning for a second year at Parkhill after a wonderful first year. She is very excited and is spending her summer working hard to make sure everything is ready for the first day of band on August 2nd. Both bands will perform a concert at the end of the week and it promises to be fun and exciting. **The schedule has changed for summer band so please correct your calendar and make sure you now have the correct times.**

Congratulations to all new members of the 2004-2005 Mighty Raider Band. We are looking forward to the BEST Raider Band EVER in 2004-2005. Summer is a time of rest for everyone, but don't put away that instrument and let it gather dust! There are a variety of ways to keep yourself motivated and playing throughout the summer. Consider taking private lessons – most teachers continue to teach during the summer months at Pearce High School and practice the music we gave you at the end of the year at home!!! If you did not receive your music at the end of the year, please e-mail Mr. Nichols at mark.nichols@risd.org and we can arrange a time to pick up the music.

This will prepare you for the Parkhill Raider Band Camp which will take place August 2 – August 7!!! The band camp is a mandatory event for all band students and will feature the Symphonic I and II Bands in concert at the end of the camp. Make plans now to attend. We know that some vacation plans will interfere with portions of the camp, and that can't be helped. We want you at as much of the camp as you can attend – catching up will be your responsibility. Give us a call if you are concerned at: 469-593-5078.

A Summer Band Camp schedule follows on the next page.

Parkhill Raider Summer Band Camp

August 2nd – 3rd in the Parkhill Junior High Band Hall

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Symphonic I Trumpet, Flute and Oboe
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Symphonic I Clarinet, Bass Clarinet and Low Brass
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Symphonic I Horn, Saxophone, and Bassoon
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Symphonic I Percussion
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Symphonic II Trumpet, Flute and Oboe
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Symphonic II Clarinet, Bass Clarinet and Low Brass
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Symphonic II Horn, Saxophone and Bassoon
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Symphonic II Percussion

August 4th - 5th in the Parkhill Junior High Band Hall

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Symphonic I Brass and Woodwind Sections
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Symphonic I Full Band
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Symphonic I Percussion
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Symphonic II Brass and Woodwind Sectionals
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Symphonic II Full Band
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Symphonic II Percussion

On August 6th at 11:00 am there is a “Welcome to PJH” Pep Rally where Symphonic I Band will perform:

9:00 am – 11:30 am	Symphonic I Band	PJH Band Hall
4:00-5:00 pm	Symphonic II Band	PJH Band Hall
5:30 pm	Warm-up Symphonic I and II	PJH Band Hall
6:00 pm	Concert	PJH Courtyard

August 7th All Bands to Hurricane Harbor!!!

Thank you,

Mark Nichols

469-593-5078 mark.nichols@risd.org