

The SPARTAN beat!

A Monthly GACS Band Newsletter

May 2010

Upcoming Events

- May 1** Beginning Band Clinic for Select 5th and 6th Graders at Carver Middle School in Monroe. This is an All-Day Event
- May 7** Jazz Band Performs for Senior High Chapel
- May 10** Spring Concert with 5th Grade, 6th Grade, Concert, and Symphonic, and Jazz Bands in the Forum at 7pm
- May 18** Band Banquet at 7pm in Student Family Center. All Members of Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band are Invited to Attend with Their Families
- May 27** Graduation. Members of Symphonic Band will Perform



Spring Concert Preview

- Wes York

Our annual spring concert is coming up on Monday, May 10th at 7:00pm in the Forum. This year we have a couple of special treats for you including Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee" and a performance by several GACS adults conducted by Mayor Bucky Johnson.

We will have a brief reception following the concert. If you can help with set up, please email Sheryl Cottle: scottle@greateratlantachristian.org. Students should bring the following:

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| 5th Grade Girls – bottled water | 6th Grade Girls – veggies |
| Concert Band Girls – cookies | Symphonic Band Girls – napkins |
| 5th Grade Boys – chips/crackers | 6th Grade Boys – chips/crackers |
| Concert Band Boys – plates | Symphonic Band Boys – cookies |

Symphonic Band members should be seated and ready to warm up no later than 6:15. All others should be seated with their instrument and music by 6:30. You can enjoy the sounds of the Jazz Band while you wait for the concert. Details on concert dress for band members can be found on my webpage if you need a refresher.

We need a handful of parents to supervise our younger groups in the bleachers. Please email me if you can help with this.

See you on May 10th!

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Senior Spotlight: Michael Turner



Years at GACS: 9 years, started in 4th grade

Instrument: Trombone. Studied for 8 years, beginning with 5th grade band class. Takes lessons with Greg Leathers

Ensembles: Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band

Marching Band office: Band Captain

Music Honors and Activities: GMEA District 13 Honor Band, GISA All-Select Band, UGA Janfest clinic twice, UGA summer marching band camp twice, Finalist for All-State Band and All-State Jazz Band

College: University of Georgia

Intended Major: History with a minor in Music

Michael says, "I've always liked history, especially through high school. I became interested in UGA after my first year in the GACS Marching Band. I've enjoyed visiting the campus a few times and can't wait to march in the Redcoat Band this fall.

Hobbies: Playing bass guitar, spending time with friends

Favorite Band Memory: "I'll always remember that each of our bands earned 'superior' ratings at every festival during my senior year."

You're Invited!



2010 GACS BAND BANQUET

Please bring your family and join the GACS Bands to celebrate their accomplishments this year

Tuesday, May 18th, 7:00 pm
GACS STUDENT FAMILY CENTER
\$15 Per Person

We look forward to seeing you at the party!

Please RSVP by May 11th to:

Laura Shuler at laura@accentsouthmedia.com or 770-265-2239

Please include the following information in your email:

Band Member's Name; Number Attending

Number of Steak Dinners / Number of Chicken Dinners

Amount to be billed to your GACS Account

\$_____ (\$15 x Number Attending)

Dinner catered by Longhorn Steakhouse Includes choice of Grilled Steak or Chicken and baked potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert

Congratulations to these Beginning 5th grade Band Members!

They were selected to participate in the 2010 District 13 Beginning Honor Band Clinic.



L-R: Ryanne Lenderman, Kyle Dickson, Erik Smith, Zachary Musser, Molly Joseph, Rusk Henry, Matthew Hamil, Carlin Dedecker, Joanna Brooks, Lucas Bauch, Amanda Ghali.

2010 Southern Star Music Festival

On April 17th our 6th Grade Band participated in the 2010 Southern Star Music Festival in Marietta. They earned straight Superior ratings from all three judges, and were given the Sweepstakes Award as the highest scoring middle school band or orchestra at the event. This is quite an honor as they were the youngest ensemble at the competition, which included groups from four states.



Congratulations to the Jazz Band for earning straight Superior ratings at the GMEA Jazz Festival on April 22nd. This is the third time in four years they have earned that distinction!



Students:

In addition to summer camps and private lessons, remember you can get summer help in the band room to keep your skills sharp. This is especially helpful for marching band music. Email Mr. York or Mr. Turner to check on availability.



A Special Thank You & Congratulations!

to Ashleigh (Johnson) James, 2002 GAC Alum and Accent South Media team member.

Ashleigh designs each issue of the Spartan Beat and was recently recognized with a Silver award from the Magazine Association of the Southeast in the Best Design category for her magazine work.