

The SPARTAN beat!

A Monthly GACS Band Newsletter

May 2011

Upcoming Events

- May 5** Jazz Band 2 performs for JH chapel
- May 6** Celebration Dinner - Jazz Band 1 will perform
- May 7** Beginning Honor Band Clinic at Carver MS
- May 10** Spring Concert, 7:00pm in the Forum - All bands perform
- May 13** Band Banquet, 7:00pm, Student Family Center



Spring Concert Preview

Our annual spring concert is coming up on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00pm in the Forum. The concert will feature the 5th Grade, 6th Grade, Concert and Symphonic Bands, as well as the Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Band. Our students have several surprises in store for you including special guest soloists and a very unique piece by the eccentric composer Daniel Bukvich that you will never forget!

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 to begin. Details on concert dress for band members can be found on StudyWiz or 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!

-Wes York

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Senior Spotlight: Craig Redmon



Years at GACS: 12 years, started in First Grade.

Instrument: Bari Saxophone. Studied for 8 years, beginning with 5th grade band class. Takes lessons with Ben Davis.

Ensembles: Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band

Marching Band Office: Chaplain

Music Honors and Activities: UGA summer marching band camp for three years

College and Intended Major: University of Georgia, Business

Craig says, "I've wanted to march in the UGA Redcoat Band ever since I began playing in the marching band at GACS. After attending GACS for 12 years, going to college will be a big change with a new atmosphere. I'm very excited about going to Athens to attend UGA."

Hobbies: Youth Group at Northpoint Community Church, golf, spending time with friends, video games.

Favorite Band Memory: Colliding with Andrew Scialabba in mid-air while playing Ships and Sailors.



Off-Campus Concerts

Our students continue to impress audiences around Atlanta with several off-campus concerts this spring. Our 6th Grade Band recently participated in the 2011 Southern Star Music Festival in Marietta and was awarded the Gold Standard trophy. Each of the three judges gave them a Superior rating for their performance. Judges' comments included "Excellent tone quality, Great overall sonority, Outstanding technique."

Jazz Band 1 and the newly formed Jazz Band 2 participated in the GMEA Jazz Performance Evaluation at Jackson County High School on April 21st. Jazz Band 1 earned superior ratings for the fourth time in the past five years. Because Jazz Band 2 is brand new, we chose to perform only for feedback from the judges and not for a rating. They did a fantastic job and received many positive comments!



2011 GACS BAND BANQUET

Please bring your family and join the GACS Bands (7th – 12th grade) to celebrate their accomplishments

Friday, May 13th, 7:00 pm
GACS STUDENT FAMILY CENTER
\$9 Per Person

We look forward to seeing you at the party!

Please RSVP by May 11th to:
predmon@emory.edu

Please include the following information in your email:

Band Member's Name; Number Attending
Amount to be billed to your GACS Account \$ _____
(\$9 x Number Attending)

Dress Code:
Smart Casual
(no shorts or jeans allowed)



REMINDERS:

Marching Spartans Band Camp Dates:

Week 1: July 18-22

Week 2: July 25-29

Check out www.martin-photography.com for the latest Band Group Photos as well as pictures from the Black & White Gala!