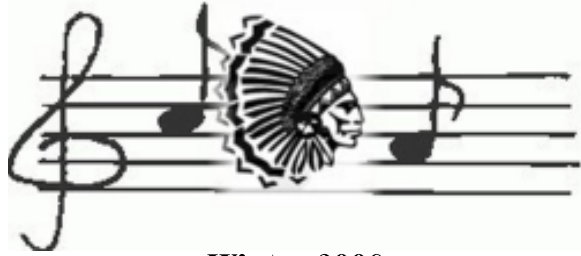


Sequoyah High School Band Alumni Association



Winter 2008
Alumni News

Alumni Night

Thanks to all who assisted with and participated in the alumni night activities last fall. The response to the evening from alumni to parents to current band members was outstanding. We had a final attendance figure of 75 alumni at the game. With everyone's help we plan on upcoming events bigger and better.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help with the various tasks required to get the Alumni Association off the ground. There is still space to get involved with the association. Committees have been formed in the areas of membership, finance, publicity, reunions/social activities, walk of champions, newsletter, and webpage. Contact Pat Dunbar at 770-591-5887 or Drew McMillen at 770-364-1919 to discuss how you could become involved.

Membership Information

Please take a few minutes when you have a chance to go to bandofchiefs.com and print a membership form to send in. This form will help us make sure you know what is going on with the association. Membership is open to past members of the SHS Band and does not depend on graduating from SHS or not. Additionally, it does not matter which of the bands at SHS you participated in. Also consider becoming

Welcome Back Band Alumni!

Thank you for taking a few hours from your busy schedules to re-live some memories (and truth to tell, talk about how it's not like it was when you were in!!). And that is true; those of us who have been around for 'awhile' know that each group develops its own personality and dynamic but many of the things that make the Sequoyah Band the quality group that it is remains constant; dedication, love for what you do, and the willingness to work as hard as you need to accomplish your goal! (Don't forget "On Time is Late!").

The response was overwhelming and the bonus members (alumni who showed up for homecoming without knowing we were doing a reception) were a blessing as well. We want to put together a newsletter to keep everyone updated on all activities, past and present, and an alumni performing band for next year. The majority response was that you preferred it be scheduled earlier in the year so as soon as we get a football schedule for 2008 (we will have to wait for region re-alignment sometime in the spring) we will set a date, set up a rehearsal schedule, post music up on the web, get reservations for instruments and plan a full weekend complete with a get-together cookout on Saturday!

As always we want to thank the parents and alumni parents (especially Pat and Kim Dunbar) for being so much help and for Drew McMillen, Whitney Russell and Stephanie Dunbar for jumping right in and providing a much appreciated helping hand. We are looking for alumni to serve on the newly created board of directors and also to get the word out to many more of our earlier alumni; Drew calculated that 90% of our attendees were from the Class of 1999 and later. We want to reach many more members of the Classes of 1991-98.

Remember if you wish to serve in any capacity; board of directors, publicity, hospitality, contact committee, please email us through the Band of Chiefs website alumni link at:

<http://bandofchiefs.org>

It was a great evening - we hope to see you again soon!

David E. "Harry" Harrison
SHS Director 1990 -present day!!

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a paid member of the Alumni Association. Paid members get a membership card and certificate acknowledging you as a member, discounted prices on alumni band paraphernalia, as well as stuff ONLY for our paid members. Membership dues are used for operating expenses of the association (postage, paper, etc.), to support the various band scholarship programs and to provide financial assistance to the SHS Bands.

Website

We are currently developing an improved band alumni website. Stephanie Dunbar is heading up the project. If you have a mini bio of yourself that you'd like to have included in the members section please email us at shsbandofchiefs@gmail.com. She is also in search of pictures of alumni from either while they were in the band at SHS or during their life after band. If you have any ideas for content or anything you'd like to put on the site please let us know.

Retirement News

After 18 years of faithful service we have a retirement to announce. Effective at the start of the 2007-08 academic year the original Band of Chiefs marching uniforms have retired. New marching uniforms made their debut at the 2007 season opener and received rave reviews during their rookie season.

The arrival of new uniforms means we are able to start accepting tax-deductible donations of a minimum \$100 for the original tunics.

These are available to paid alumni members first, and then others can get one on a first-come, first-served waiting list

for a \$125 minimum donation. Information on becoming a paid alumni member can be found at bandofchiefs.org under the SHS Music Alumni Assoc. link.

Also available are past drum major uniforms (available at the same price as regular uniforms) and a limited number of guard uniforms, available at \$50 each.

If you have any questions or need more information about the tunic sale please contact Pat Dunbar at 770-591-5887.

Thanks for The Help

Thanks to all who voted for SHS in the WSB McDonald's High School Spirit Spotlight. The high voter turnout enabled SHS to win the competition.

Spring Alumni Event

We are planning on having another alumni event some time this spring. The event will be held on March 15, location and time to be determined. If you have any ideas on a location or would like to help with coordination contact Pat Dunbar at 770-591-5887 or Drew McMillen at 770-364-1919.

Facebook

If you have a facebook profile make sure your a member of the Sequoyah HS Band Alumni group. If you need help finding the group please let us know at shsbandofchiefs@gmail.com. This group will be used to distribute information in addition to the bandofchiefs.org website.

Alumni Night 2008

Make plans to be in attendance at the 2008 alumni night. Plans are underway and tentatively include an alumni cook-out along with an alumni band performance at the game that night. Further information is to come once the 2008 football schedule gets released. Call Pat Dunbar or Drew McMillen if you would like to be involved with coordination of this event.

SHS Band Online

Keep up to date with all that is going on with the band program at bandofchiefs.org.

Alumni Email List

Please make sure to email us at shsbandofchiefs@gmail.com to make sure we have a current email address and phone number for you. We want to be sure to be able to reach everyone that is interested participating in the Alumni Association.

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Alumni Association Information

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SHS Band Dates to Remember

March 4	Pre-Festival	Cherokee HS	TBA
March 12-14	Festival	Reinhardt College	TBA
March 15	Spring Alumni Event	TBA	TBA