



# Walton High School

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Welcome all!

I am sitting in on the cello sectionals at the orchestra camp while writing this and you cannot believe how wonderful they sound; it makes one get Goosebumps! We have one of the largest groups ever of freshman attending camp this year, and what a terrific group. We are delighted to welcome these new students, as well as the ones who could not attend, into our award-winning orchestra program. Welcome back also to all the returning students and parents; we look forward to yet another very successful year with many exciting events to look forward to.

This newsletter will be coming to you (electronically) four times a year with news about the program, the achievements of the students and directors, important calendar items to note and feedback on any events that occurred in the past quarter. Please bookmark the orchestra website [www.waltonorchestra.org](http://www.waltonorchestra.org) which will carry the most current information on anything "orchestra". Make this your first point of reference when you have questions and also note that contact information for the Directors, Board members and Committee chairs is on the website as well as forms, the orchestra handbook and numerous other items of importance to you and your student.

I would like to thank in advance those who have committed to volunteer this year, especially the many freshman parents who are helping ahead of having a year of high school under their belts. Without you we could not have the fantastic and highly rated program we do.

Please make sure that you ALL attend the mandatory meeting on **August 7th** or make sure at least one family member can. We will be speaking about all elements of the program: academic, social, fundraising and how your funds are spent as well as answering ALL questions. Tuxedos will be fitted and rented out, dresses will be delivered and Rock-A-Thon Packets will be available for pick-up.

2010/2011 promises to be a fantastic year with our biggest ever class of over 240 students!

Regards,

Ingrid & Fred Taute

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## ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE – BUT MONEY SURE HELPS GET THINGS DONE

Walton's Orchestra program is leader in the county, in the state and in the region. We have every reason to be proud of our student players and their instructors. But how can we ensure the program maintains its vision and increases its scope as school budgets are cut and costs increase? Direct volunteerism helps a great deal and is always appreciated, but many of the program components also cost money, so the hard truth is that we need to engage in fundraising. Have you bought a set of cello strings lately? How about 20 sets? It adds up quickly. How about chartering a bus? You get the idea....

There are many ways to help us this year, so please take a look at some of the initial programs and think about how you and your student can participate to keep these opportunities available to our children and those which will follow.

### MAKE A DONATION

We often overlook the simplest solutions.... Perhaps you'd like to make a direct donation to WBOP? Donations to our 5013C are tax deductible as allowed by law, and will have no off-setting expenses. We LOVE direct donations. You can drop a check in the locked cash box in the Walton Orchestra office or mail them to our Treasurer, Maggie Fan. ([hyfan@bellsouth.net](mailto:hyfan@bellsouth.net))

Also, donations made to WBOP may be eligible for **matching gift monies** from your employer. These matching gift funds may double or triple the direct value of your giving. Please contact your Human Resources Department to determine whether their program supports school and/or arts organizations.

### ROCK-A-THON

This is a long-standing annual fundraising partnership with the Walton Band, and yields a high rate of financial return for the orchestra and

for student accounts. Valerie Kilpatrick has graciously taken on the lead role for this year's project and has forwarded sales information via email. In addition, this event which is now underway is covered in a separate article in this newsletter in more detail (see page 4).

And remember --- you **must** collect \$100 in listings, ads and/or donations to qualify for the RAT party. After you have qualified by collecting \$100, every additional dollar you collect is split 50/50 between the orchestra budget and your student account.

### PUBLIX SWIPE CARDS

This is the EASIEST program to use, and results in quarterly checks to the orchestra program. (Thank you, Publix!) The next time the cashier asks "coupons or school cards?" you can proudly display the tan Walton Orchestra card on your key chain and have Publix make a donation! **WBOP receives 0.667% of your total purchase and it adds up!**

These Orchestra-specific swipe cards are available in the orchestra office and we encourage you to use them for your own purchases. These can also be shared with grandparents or neighbors – even in other states - and the Publix contributions will still be attributed to Walton Orchestra. Take one for yourself, and one for a friend!

### RESTAURANT NIGHTS

During the course of the year we will send out notices for California Pizza Kitchen and possibly Panda Express "restaurant nights," where a portion of your food bill (usually 20%) will be donated back to Walton Orchestra. Eating for a good cause....

### SCRIP

This will be a TWICE A YEAR PROGRAM (**further details on page 5**). Scrips are negotiable gift certificates that are used just like cash, and

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make great gifts. The Scrip is issued by national and local retailers where many of you already shop. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday items like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, the **WBOP** receives varying percentages, based on vendor. Great for holiday planning! Please check with **Elizabeth Barnes** at [hehebarnes@att.net](mailto:hehebarnes@att.net) or Tel # (770) 992-5771 if you have questions about the program.

### ORCHESTRA PHOTOS

While we know you'd have the lovely orchestra photos made for your own delight (and for gift-giving potential), purchase of these photos also yields a percentage of income for the orchestra. **Photos will be done on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE....

As the year progresses you will hear about our winter fruit sale, delivered in time for sharing over the holidays, and about special concerts. We hope to have some additional creative ideas employed this year, and welcome your suggestions for fresh approaches to raising money – especially as we look to defray the significant costs anticipated with a proposed trip to China in 2011.

Please keep in touch with your ideas and help us make this the best year ever for Walton Orchestra!

Ginger Kane  
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## Walton Orchestra Mandatory Meeting Day August 7<sup>th</sup> 2PM in the Walton Auditorium

- For all the guys: Tuxedos will be fitted starting at 12 noon.
- For all the freshman and new girls: Dresses will be delivered immediately following the meeting and new orders for dresses will be taken.
- Rock-A-Thon packets will be available for pick-up
- Enrolment forms which will be handed out at school can be returned to the Admin Table.

## ROCK-A-THON

STUDENTS and other interested parties!!! It's time to Make Merry on the streets or on the phone, raising money for Rock-A-Thon!

You are surely motivated to get out (or on the phone) and drum up business and personal sponsors for the orchestra, because it will support music programming, and put money into your orchestra account (think TRIP!)

You have your Rock-A-Thon Information... it was e-mailed to everyone July 16. If you do NOT have it, you can get it easily by logging onto [www.rock-a-thon.com](http://www.rock-a-thon.com). \$100 in listings, ads and/or donations will qualify you for the Rock-a-Thon party.

Every additional dollar you collect is split 50/50 between the orchestra budget and your student account. For example, if you collect \$500 total, \$100 initially goes to the orchestra budget, \$400 gets split 50/50 between the orchestra budget and your student account, so you get \$200 in your account. Student account money covers trips, camp, fees, banquet, etc.

**Deadline is October 15th** -- contact Valerie Kilpatrick at 770-331-0168 or [rattlesby2@gmail.com](mailto:rattlesby2@gmail.com) with any and all questions/concerns etc.

Tell everyone you know to pony up a little cash and support Music and student musicians!

## TUXEDO FITTINGS AND RENTALS

**August 7, 2010 12:00-2:00** preceding the mandatory meeting.

Men's tuxedo jackets and pants will be available in the orchestra room to try on. *This will be the only opportunity to get your tuxedo!* Rentals are \$35.00 (Cash or check please) due at fitting.

*New students please remember to order your Lands End mock turtleneck early.*



Any questions, please contact me. I am also asking for volunteers to assist with this event. Please contact me if you can help.

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## WANT TO SAVE TIME AND MONEY? ORDER SCRIP FROM ORCHESTRA

The same great gift cards you get from stores can be ordered through Walton Orchestra. We get a percentage back to help the music program and your student.

Do one stop shopping on all the gift cards you need and a Walton Orchestra volunteer does the work for you. Don't see a gift card you need, look online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for all the retailers.

This is the easy fundraiser for Walton Orchestra and the forms are on the Website for Walton Orchestra.

Our order dates are **November 4<sup>th</sup>** and **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** for winter holidays with more dates in the spring for graduation and other holidays.

Place order forms in the Orchestra box and the forms will be pick up and processed that week. The orders will be received and delivered in about one week.

Scrip is an easy way for you to raise funds for your student's account. The student gets half of the bonus that Walton Orchestra receives from buying discounted gift cards. For example: Order a REI gift card from us with a 8% bonus, the orchestra gets 4% of the bonus and the student account gets 4%.

When Orchestra members purchase scrip, they're purchasing negotiable, gift certificates that are used just like cash. The scrip is issued by national and local retailers where many of you

already shop. You will see a list of hundreds of merchants where you can order gift cards from forms available on the Walton Orchestra website [www.waltonorchestra.org](http://www.waltonorchestra.org) under "Forms". <http://www.glscrip.com/> is the organization's website.

These merchants support non-profit organizations, and in return we ask you to support them by shopping with scrip at their stores. You can use scrip to purchase everyday items like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, the **WBPO** receives **between 3% & 13% of the purchase** you make depending on the merchant.

### Upcoming Orchestra Concerts

#### First Semester Dates

*Tuesday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm*

Walton Theater

*Monday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm*

Walton Theater

*Monday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm*

Walton Theater

#### Second Semester Dates

*Tuesday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> TBA*

Walton Theater

*Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm*

Walton Gym

Nanette Luna  
Concert Coordinator  
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## Orchestra Camp 2010 Battle of the Bands @Reinhardt College

We went to Reinhardt College for the second year and had a fantastic camp. Reinhardt continues to impress us with their friendliness, location, facilities, and ease of changes. Food was better than last year and will get better each year we go there. For the first time I can remember we had a rain day and wound up in the Gym for our ice cream social. We had the biggest dodge ball game going that I can remember.

Many hours were devoted to planning this trip. We had a great co director in **Vicki Mullis**. When one of us couldn't be there the other could so camp planning went off without a hitch. I want to thank the officers for a job well done. We had **Tim Reardon, Candice Brown, Harry Barnes, Meredith Halpert, Morgan Kemper, Anne Wang, Stuart Taute, Connor Mullis**. This team did a great job. The time you put into this years camp was rewarded with a lot of praise by your fellow campers. Everyone appreciated your efforts. I know the superlatives prizes were a big hit as well as the Dorc of the Orch prizes. Most tasks were ahead of schedule and for the first time we were done setting up camp ahead of schedule. The officers selected the theme, T shirt design and camp social activities. I would like to commend **Candice Brown** for her art work

Our theme was battle of the bands. The officers selected 5 genres, rock, rap, country, reggae, techno. Each camper got their backstage pass with band, goodie bag, forced fun rotation, lanyard, and spirit day. We had a lot of creative thought. The staff at Reinhardt was always asking what the theme for the day was as we paraded by at meals.

For those who are wondering the themes it went like this: Sunday Hawaiian, Monday Your Band Genre, Tuesday Comic book character, Wednesday Class color, Thursday Favorite Artist, and Friday let loose with Cinco de Mayo.

I feel very proud to have had a great group of chaperones that helped out this year. While many are graduating this year I am sure others will fill in for next year's camp. Please keep it in mind and know that we all walked out with a bunch of stories that will keep me laughing for a good time. I also have recovered from my lack of sleep. The chaperones this year were **Mitch Halpert, Joyce Kemper, Nanette Luna, Vicki Mullis, Michael Mullis, Barbara Reardon, Angi Smith, Robert Smith, Fred and Ingrid Taute**.

**The Fulkerson's, Susan and Brad**, continued their participation in Field night. We want to thank them for all their help.

I want to thank our music department for an outstanding effort this year at camp. We need to recognize a great Orchestra Director in **Perry Holbrook** who arranged one of our pieces this year, New York, New York. While we will miss **Rebecca Dosch** in the coming year, she did an outstanding job with our campers. The 6 clinicians provided instruction and guidance. **Ms. Judy McNeill**, Principal traveled up to enjoy the concert and lead us in the Walton Fight Song. As all who went to the concert can attest we have a truly outstanding music department. The concert was a great success.

If I've omitted anyone I apologize.

Orchestra Camp Directors  
Tom & Barbara Reardon

Orchestra Camp Co Director  
Vicki Mullis

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Save the date

Orchestra Camp  
July 17 – 22,  
2011  
Reinhardt College  
Waleska, GA

