

BAND  
CALENDAR

- 2-2-08—UIL Solo & Ensemble
- 3-8-08—Golf Tournament
- 3-12-08—UIL Concert & Sightreading
- 4-26-08—Chicken Supper
- 5-3-08—UIL Wind Ensemble Festival
- 5-10-08—Cobra Band Festival
- 5-12-08—Mother's day concert

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# Cobra Band Notes

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## Solo & Ensemble This Saturday

Cobra band members will be performing at the UIL Region 13 Solo & Ensemble contest this Saturday, February 2.

The contest will be held in Needville, at the Junior high school.

All cobra band students are required to fulfill one of 3 requirements during the year. They can either:

1. Audition for the all region band.
2. Perform a solo at UIL
3. Perform in an ensemble at UIL.

These requirements push band students into developing their individual skills on their instruments. Not everything on an instrument can be learned just in band class every day.

Performing the challenging literature from Region band or UIL Solo & Ensemble allows students to get better on their instrument.

This is one of the reasons that



our AA High school band can consistently perform on the 4A and 5A music list. Our students are more developed than other AA band students in our region.

Last year, 25 band members advanced to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest. Believe it or not, this was one of our

lower numbers of students that had advanced in years.

This year, we will be taking a large woodwind ensemble, a clarinet choir, a flute choir, and several small quartets and quintets.

Mr. Henry is very excited about the brass quintet. They are the same kids that performed during this year's halftime show, and they have a great history of playing well together.

The itinerary for the contest has been handed out to the kids, and it is on the charms website if you didn't get a copy

We will be meeting at the High School Band hall at 7:30 on Saturday morning.

## Students Perform in All Region Band

On Friday and Saturday, Jan 18—19, 8 band students performed at the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) Region 13 All-region band clinic and concert, held in the Wharton High School Auditorium.

To qualify for this very distin-

guished honor, the students had to audition in front of a panel of 5 band directors. That Audition was held at Ganado High School on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Students arrived at Wharton to begin their rehearsal on Friday, Jan 18, at 5:30 p.m. They re-

hearsed until 9:30 that night.

Rehearsal resumed the next morning at 8 a.m., and they worked all day.

The concert began at 6 p.m. that evening to a packed house.

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## Four Advance to Area

Four Cobra Band students advanced to the ATSSB All Area / All State Band auditions.

Auditions were held at Orange Grove High School on Saturday, January 5.

To qualify for the all state band audition, students had to finish in the very top of their section in their respective region band auditions.

There are 5 regions in the ATSSB Area South. Regions 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 make up our South area.

For example, in each of the 5 regions that auditioned students in the Fall, only 5 Tubas advanced to the Area Auditions. This means that only 25 Tuba players in South Texas would have the opportunity to audition for the ATSSB All State Band.

Of those 25, only 5 would advance to state. This is an extremely difficult audition.

Industrial was well represented at the Area Auditions this year, and the kids should be con-

gratulated!

This year's Area Band Qualifiers were:

- Michael Hudson—French Horn
- Logan DeBord—Mallets
- Kyle Griffith—Tuba
- Colton Marek—Tuba

Although none of them advanced to the All State Band, it most definitely was a wonderful achievement.



40 + Years of Sweepstakes.

*“The silent auction is one of the booster’s most successful fundraisers that requires little work to be successful”*

## Band Chicken Supper

We will once again host the band annual BBQ at the Trinity Center here in Vanderbilt.

The Inez community center was looked at as well, but the cost for renting the hall on a Saturday is just too much.

The supper will be held on Saturday, April 26. Just like last year, we will feature the Junior high bands as well as the High School bands.

We will have the silent auction again this year as well. This is a great fundraiser. If you have a neat craft, gift certificate, or new merchandise to donate for this, it would be very helpful.

The band boosters support the band in many ways, and this silent auction is one of their annual fundraisers that always does well.

An interesting item that we auction every year is the old band uniform.

One of the old red, white, & blue band uniforms has been preserved in a very nice case, and hangs in the band hall.

Each year, we auction it off, and the winner of the auction will be acknowledged by having their name engraved on the plaque in the case.

## Concert & Sightreading

Industrial High School will once again be hosting the UIL Concert & Sightreading contest.

This year's contest will be earlier than ever. It will be on Wednesday, March 12.

Although it is nice to

have a “home field” advantage, many don't realize that this is much as a disadvantage as it is an advantage.

You see, not only will the kids have to perform that day, but they will also be helping run the contest. This is a lot of work, and the kids do get tired. The other bands get off

the bus, warm up, perform.

We, on the other hand, will be here first, work all day, perform, and be the last to leave.

It makes for a long day, but it is very rewarding to “bring home the gold” on your own stage and in your own band hall.

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# All-Region (cont.)



The clinicians for this year's concert were Mr. Mike Henderson for the Symphonic Band, and Mr. Mike Cudd for the Concert Band.

Mr. Henderson was the band director at Van Vleck High school when

## 2008 All-Region Band members

The students that made the Symphonic band included:

- Michael Hudson—French Horn
- Kyle Griffith—Tuba
- Colton Marek—Tuba

he retired. His career also included teaching at East Bernard, Sweeny, West Columbia, Calhoun and Louise High schools.

- Logan DeBord—Keyboard
- Students that made the Concert band included:
- Julianna Sheeran—Flute
  - Jenny Tseng—Flute
  - Julie Book—Flute
  - Nick Krasnytsky—Bari Sax

Mr. Henderson commented that the Region 13 kids were so well behaved that he was extremely humbled to get to work with them.

*“The entire Edna band and the Seniors from the Ganado Band were there cheering for the Cobra Band”*

# Jackson County Support

Many of you might not be aware of the great relationship that the band kids in Jackson County work to support.

When the Cobra Band returned to the State Marching Contest this year, the band members from Edna and Ganado were excited and supportive of the Cobra Band's efforts.

Two stories support this, and I think that you will enjoy them.

At the Cobra vs. Cowboy game half time show, the Edna band performed first, since they were the visiting team.

After their performance, (which was the Friday prior to the State Marching Contest), the Cowboy band stood on the track and watched the I.H.S. band perform.

After the performance, the Edna band members presented the Co-

bra band with a poster that they had all signed, wishing the I.H.S. band luck at State.

At the State Contest, the entire Edna band and the Seniors from the Ganado band were all in attendance, shouting encouragement and support as the Cobra Band took the field. It was AWESOME!

# Golf Tournament Right Around the Corner...

This years band booster annual Golf tournament will once again be held at the Colony Creek Country Club's golf course in Victoria.

Registration has begun, and the sponsors and teams have already begun signing up.

If you or your business might be interested in supporting the band, you have several ways to do it.

First is to sponsor a Hole. You can sponsor a hole with or without a golf team

The second way is to put a team together and sign up to play

The third way to get involved is to donate an item(s) for our golf ditty bags and the ice chest fundraiser. We also use donated items as door prizes.

The Fourth way to help is to purchase an ad in the tournament program. They can range from business ads to personal ads.

The golf tournament is a GREAT fundraiser that does not tap the entire community for money.



**The pride of South Texas.**



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**Because they think they can, they will.**

The Golden Cobra band is one of the most successful band programs in the great State of Texas. In its colorful history, it has been the State Champion in the Texas Music Educators Association's (TMEA) Honor Band competition on 4 occasions. It has performed 4 times at the Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival, and has performed at the Texas State Marching Contest on 6 occasions.

The band has been the recipient of the UIL Sweepstakes award 48 times in the school's history.



# Charms & the Web.... A Great Combo

You would be hard pressed to find a band website that has more relevant and current information than the website of the Golden Cobra Band.

On the website, information is regularly updated. From pictures at contest and other band events, to forms and calendars..... It's all there.

Do you have a question at home about band that no one seems to have the answer? Check the website. I would bet that it could be there.

If you haven't visited the band website, you really should. The band booster club also has a website that can be accessed from the band's site. It has important information as well.

Wondering when the chicken supper will be? On the band website

Wondering how to register for the golf tournament? On the band website.

Wondering who was the band director in 1980? On the band website.

Wondering how many were in band in 1959? Yep, it's there....

Also offered to you is the band's



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"Charms" website. You can access it from the band website as well.

In Charms, you can see all band student fines and fees, inventory, fundraisers, calendars, forms to be turned in, assignments, and more.

If you haven't visited Charms and updated your information, today would be a great way of doing it.

In the future, these newsletters will be completely electronic, and we will abandon "snail mail"

If you aren't registered on "Charms", you won't be "in the loop" so to speak.

Band: [www.iisd1.org/ihs\\_band](http://www.iisd1.org/ihs_band)

Charms: [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)

The I.H.S. band school code is:

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