

## INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND

### BAND CALENDAR

- 5/10/08—Cobra Band Festival
- 5/12/08—Annual Mother's Day concert
- 5/20/08—Annual High School Band banquet
- 5/22/08—Flag and drum major auditions
- 5/24/08—Texas State Solo & Ensemble contest
- 5/30/08—Graduation
- 6/8—6/14—Band Senior trip to Orlando.

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# Cobra Band Notes

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## Band Performs at U.T. Austin

The Texas State Wind Ensemble Festival held at the University of Texas, Austin, is one of the most prestigious festivals of its kind in the United States.

16 bands state wide are invited each year, from all classifications. This year, the Golden Cobra Band was once again invited to participate in this great performance venue.

The band will perform their U.I.L. contest selections for the final time at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 in the Bates Recital Hall. This amazing recital hall is located in the main music building at U.T.

This trip is a long one, since the band will be departing Vanderbilt at 4 a.m. that morning, in order to make our 8 a.m. warm up slot there in Austin.

All maps, schedules, itineraries, and other information about this trip, along with a great picture of the band playing there last year, can all be found on the band website.



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

The performance will be judged by 3 very prestigious judges. Dr. Scott Hanna, the University of Texas at Austin; Dr. Richard Mayne, the University of Northern Colorado; and Matthew McInturf, Sam Houston State University.

Immediately following the band's performance, they will move to the Longhorn band hall, to be worked with a reknown clinician.

This years clinicians are:

MICHAEL HAITHCOCK assumed his duties as Director of Bands and Professor of Music at the University of Michigan in 2001 following 23 years on the faculty of Baylor University. Following in the footsteps of William Revelli and Robert Reynolds Mike conducts the internationally renowned University of Michigan Symphony Band. He will be conductor of the 2009 TMEA All State Symphonic Band.

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## Sweepstakes!

On Wednesday, March 12, the Golden Cobra Band won it's 12 consecutive Sweepstakes, making a grand total of nearly 50 in the school's history.

Less than 5% of schools across the state reach this level of achievement, and less than 10%

of them do it consecutively.

A sweepstakes consists of a Division I in Marching, Concert & Sightreading. 3 very different contest that are all challenging.

The UIL office maintains a record of Sweepstakes winners, and you can find it at:

<http://www.uil.utexas.edu/music/>

The state office keeps this record because is the equivalent of a regional championship in athletics. That is why the Sweepstakes trophy is so large. It is the same trophy that a regional champion receives in athletics.

# Junior High Band brings 84 golds



40 + Years of Sweepstakes.

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

Golden Cobra Band



On Saturday, March 1, the Junior High band traveled to Needville to compete in the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest.

84 gold medals were won by our great junior high students. They did an amazing job at this contest, and represented their school so well!

“I am so proud of the kids,” says Stacy Hudson, Junior High Band director.

“They all worked so hard, and it was great to have their hard work rewarded.”

“I really appreciate all the support from the Junior High parents and Teachers. Thank you,” Hudson said.

On April 12, the J.H.S. Band traveled to Palacios to Compete in the U.I.L. concert and Sight reading contest.

They brought home a division II or “Excellent” rating from 2 of the judges, and a division I “Superior” rating from one of the judges. This composite division II was disappointing for the kids, but their spirits were

raised when they received all Division I “Superior” ratings from the sight reading judges.

“Our JHS kids played a more aggressive program than most of the AA High School band programs in region 13,” said Stephen Henry, I.H.S. Band director.

“I am extremely proud of the band and of Mrs. Hudson,” said Mr. Henry.

Be sure and come listen to the band at the annual Mothers Day concert on May 12.

## Band Chicken Supper

This year’s band “chicken” supper was one of the most successful in recent years!

It was a packed house at the Vanderbilt Trinity Center. There were over 400 chicken plates served, and over 500 brisket plates served.

The silent auction raised more than \$3,000. That is the most the auction has ever raised since it began 7 years ago.

The Junior high bands played so well. They were very well received by the audience. It is so neat seeing the younger band kids involved in the tradition that is the Golden Cobra Band.

Many thanks go to all of the mom’s and dad’s that worked so hard to make everything come off so well.

A big thanks to David Sappin-

ton, our head cook. David organized all the pits and cooks, along with seasoning all the brisket. He was AWE-SOME!

Another big thanks to Barbara Thedford. Mrs. Thedford did a great job on the beans, rice salad and cakes. Thanks!

The biggest thanks to Susan Myers and the Booster club moms. Job WELL DONE!

## Doing it all..... (part 2)

Being a well rounded student counts more than just good grades.

Did you know that on most of the college applications in Texas, that the first page is devoted to academics, but the next 5 pages are devoted to extracurricular activities.

At A&M, they not only want to know what activities you were involved in, but they want to see if you did them all 4 years of high school.

Medical schools across the nation will take a musician’s application over an equally qualified non-musician. Why? Musicians are notoriously

more self-disciplined than non musicians. Musicians are more able to stay on task, and to finish what they start.

The list goes on and on... Just know this: High School and College students that are musicians very often have doors opened for them than non-musicians do not.

# How does this all help me in life? (part 2)



By Stephen Henry

In the last news letter, I was speaking to you about some of the qualities the band promotes, and how that transfers to the workplace.

## ATSSB All Region band members

Qualities like self-motivation, teamwork, dedication, passion....

I was speaking the other day to a lady who played in the band in high school.

Granted she is in her 40's like me, but she just began a new part of her career by being promoted to "upper management" in her company. She has literally worked from the bottom up in this business.

She was given a test at the corporate headquarters. She was supposed to keep up with 4 different things at once. She passed with flying colors, while people with PhD's could not even finish it. Upon reflection, she tied it back to being a musician, and her piano lessons. In piano, you read 4 lines of music at the same time.

Her music training developed a part of her brain that a non-musician's did have the benefit of. Music made a difference for her. A real difference.

**Live video streaming of the band's concert in Austin. See the band website for details!**

## State Wind Ensemble (cont.)

The other clinician is:

JOHN WHITWELL is certainly no stranger to Texas band directors having served as Director of Bands at both Abilene Christian University and Stephen F Austin University. He recently retired from his post as Director of Bands at Michigan State University and now makes his home back in Texas. John continues to serve on the Board of Direc-

tors for the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic and routinely works with countless high school bands each year.

After the band performs, they will eat a nice lunch in Austin, and then return for the listening portion of the festival. All participating bands are required to attend two performances of other bands.

Immediately following the listening portion, the band will taking a short tour of the State Capitol.

This performance will end a great year for the Golden Cobra Band. They certainly earned the bragging rights to their name this year.

If you can't travel to Austin, be sure and watch the band perform via the web. The band website has details.

## Golf Tournament scores birdie!

This year's golf tournament was a GREAT success. Even though it didn't grow that much from last year, our profits did better.

Since this was the second year of the tournament's existence, the booster club and the band directors had a much better idea of what worked and what didn't work, based on last year's tournament.

We had a great group of sponsors this year, along with a great group of golfers. We had some new faces this year, and that was great.

The booster club was able to raise about \$2,500 this year. This is about \$900 more than last year.

Thanks to all of the businesses and people that donated items for the tournament. They were all listed

in the tournament program, and a copy of the program will be posted on the website soon.

This year's winners will also be on the website soon.

Next year's tournament will be approximately the same time in March in 2009.



**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 5 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 49 times in the school's history.



# Summer Band Information

The band camp for the Cobra Band will begin the same day as the athletic 2-a-days, on Monday, August 4.

There will be officer and drill instructor training on Friday, August 1.

Freshmen and drill instructors will report to the band hall at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 4th.

Summer band hours run from 2—9 p.m. for the first 5 days. The second week of summer band will be from 8 a.m.—2 p.m.. Athletics and band will be opposite from each other.

Mr. Henry and Coach Kuhlman have met and worked out all conflicts. It is important to both of them that all of this is worked out in advance.

This is the schedule in a nutshell, and it is subject to change. Be sure to check the band website in July.

Week 1

Athletics—8—1 Band 2—9

Week 2

Band 8—2 Athletics 3:30—6:30

Week 3

Athletics 3:30—5:30 Band 6:30—9

Buses will run to pick up and drop off.



**A Tradition of Superior Bands!**

The band will be providing meals for the band kids for about \$2 a day. Kids are also encouraged to bring a sack lunch if they don't like the menu.

We have a lot of fun in summer band. It isn't all work. We have lots of amusing activities planned...

Lots of the band kids, when asked, have said that summer band was their favorite part of it all. Some of them loved it more than the trip to the State Marching Contest.

Summer band is not only a time to learn music and marching fundamentals. It is a time of bonding, fun, and team building.

Remember, all those that have perfect attendance to summer band qualify to get to go to Schlitterbaun at the end of it all. (at a discount, of course)