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The Monthly Newsletter of the Opelika Middle School and OHS Spirit of the South Bands  
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# Don't Forget

## BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

### TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 7:30 P.M.



#### **FROM OUR BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT**

Another busy month is behind us! I would like to thank everyone that came out Saturday morning for the 5K/1Mile Run. We could not have done it without you. We all had a great time, both boosters and race participants, and the race went smoothly.

We are doing a concession stand this Saturday, March 17th at the USA Factory Stores. This is a last minute event. More details will be provided at the Booster meeting. Don't forget the meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 PM.

Congratulations to all those who played in the District Honor Band, I heard that you all did a great job.

Congratulations to the alternates selected for the marching band next fall. If you are the parent of an alternate and would like to chaperone the Philadelphia trip please contact Janice Phelps at 745-2918.

The Nominating Committee will be announced at this month's meeting. They will

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#### **FROM THE OHS BAND DIRECTOR**

I would like to congratulate all the members of the District Honor Band for their wonderful concert in Montgomery this past weekend. They all represented Opelika and our band program well.

On April 5-7 the All-State Band Festival will be held at Auburn University. The students participating in this are Kyle King, Jana Burns, Natalie Daughtry, Stephanie Shiver, Anna Beth Trussell, Blake Melnick, Heath Ledbetter,

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#### **FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS**

It has certainly been a busy two months for the Middle School Bands since Christmas break. We completed All-State/All-District auditions in January and, as you saw in the February Spirit News, we were very fortunate to place four students in the District Honor Band and two students in the All-State Band. We are very proud of these students! February brought the annual District VI Band Festival, which was held at Auburn High School

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Jennifer Shepherd, and Lindsey Epperson. Congratulations and good luck to these students!

Also, congratulations to all Middle School and High School Bands for their Superior ratings at District Contest!

Of course we are all looking forward to the Myrtle Beach Trip on April 26-29. The Symphonic, Concert, and Jazz Bands will all be participating in this event. I think that this will be a great trip and that the students will really enjoy it. We will be working very hard preparing for this event so hopefully we can make a good showing.

Thank you for all you do to support the band programs and all of our band students.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Hudson

**THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING  
SPONSORS OF THE 5K/1MILE RUN**

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***OMS Band Directors, continued***

this year. As you have probably heard by now, both the Concert and Symphonic Bands made Superior (1) ratings for the nineteenth consecutive year. With a completely new band every year, it is difficult for any middle school band to establish and maintain a record such as this. Thanks to ALL of the students who worked so hard to keep the "streak" alive. This all started about seven years BEFORE any of them were even born!

We are currently working toward the Solo and Ensemble Festival (April 21 at Auburn University), the OMS Bands Spring Concert (May 10 at OMS), as well as OMS and OHS auditions for next year. Recruiting for next year's beginning bands will begin soon. It never ends!

Auditions for OMS/OHS Band Alternates were recently completed. We look forward to having twenty outstanding eighth grade students have the privilege and the honor to march with the 2001 Spirit of the South this fall and winter. Students who were selected (by audition) are: Flute—Mary Louise Gore, Tiffany Moore, Mike Reutebuch; Clarinet—Janessa Bedell, Ali Dudley, Peggy Rossmanith; Alto Saxophone—Cray Eubanks; Tenor Saxophone—Rachel Finley, Grant Ryan; Trumpet—Jake Rubio, Brian Ponder, Eric Anderson, Joanna Howell; Trombone—Wes Cowan, Brent Smith; Tuba—Stewart Ives; Percussion—Michael Kennedy, Matthew Baca, Frandisa Todd, Michael Nolen. Congratulations to these fine students and—get in good shape!

Thanks for your continued support for the OMS and OHS Bands. We truly appreciate all that you do!

Sincerely,  
From Rick Holland and Lance Pruitt

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get started very soon working on a slate of officer's for your Opelika Band Boosters!

Hope to see you at the Booster meeting on Tuesday.

Sincerely,  
Ken Adams

# SPOTLIGHT ON BAND STUDENTS

## OHS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### **LATOREA BROOKS**

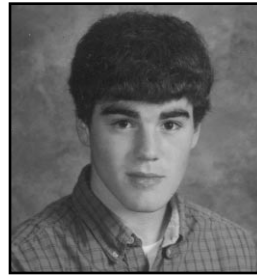
Latorea is in the 11th grade Opelika High School where she plays bass clarinet in the Symphonic Band. Her music awards include Tennessee Honors Band, four years in the District Honors Band, Auburn University Honors Band, and numerous Solo & Ensemble Awards. After graduation Latorea plans to attend college and major in pre-medicine. She hopes to continue with her music while she is in college



### **LINDSEY EPPERSON**

Lindsey plays french horn in the Opelika High School Symphonic Band during concert season. During marching season you can find her on the majorette line. She is in the 11th grade and has been a part of the Opelika City Schools band program since the

7th grade. Lindsey's music awards include the All-State Band for three consecutive years, District Honors Band, Tennessee Honors Band, and numerous awards at Solo and Ensemble Competitions. After she graduates she plans to attend Auburn University and major in pharmacy.



### **PETER FOLTA**

Peter is a ninth grade percussionist in the Opelika High School Symphonic Band. He has been in the band program since the seventh grade. Peter was recognized as the best percussionist in the Beginning Band. After high school he plans

to attend college and major in engineering. He plans to continue "drumming" for many years after graduation!

## OMS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### **CHARISSA DOPSON**

Charissa is in the seventh grade at the Middle School. She plays the flute. In her spare time she talks on the phone and watches television. Her hobbies include swimming, shopping and hanging out with friends. Her favorite class is Math and her favorite

teacher is Mrs. Coleman.



### **JACOB HORNSBY**

Jacob is a thirteen year old percussionist in the Opelika Middle School Band program. His favorite hobby is baseball and in his spare time he likes to play all sports. Math is Jacob's favorite class this year but his favorite teacher is Mrs. Meadows.



### **DANIEL KELLY**

Daniel plays trombone in the seventh grade band at the Middle School. He is thirteen years old and likes to listen to music in his spare time. This year his favorite class is band and his favorite teacher is Mr. Holland.

Daniel's hobbies include playing basketball and his trombone.



### **BRITTANY STRANGE**

Brittany is in the eighth grade at the Middle School. She is thirteen years old and plays the trumpet. Her favorite class is Band; her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cunningham. Brittany's hobbies include horseback riding, golf, and tennis. In her spare time

she likes to ride horses and hang out with her friends.

## THE FUNDRAISING CORNER . . .

Despite all the rain we've been having, we were blessed this past Saturday with a beautiful day for our 5K Run/1 Mile Run-Walk. And, checking the forecast, it looks like we'll have a nice day for our next fundraiser, Saturday, March 17. Amy Flowers of the USA Factory Stores has given us three fundraising opportunities this spring, with the first one being this Saturday (Children's' Miracle Network/Spring Thing 2001). The other two dates are Saturday, April 7th (Easter kickoff/Sidewalk Sale) and Saturday June 16th (Antique Car Show). We will be the food vendor for events happening at the USA Factory stores on these dates. What are we vending?—our Summer Swing Suppers. For those of you new to the organization, the suppers are made of grilled hamburger or hot dog, snack bag of chips, and a dessert. We will also have cold drinks for sale. If you would like to help, please email or call me @ marchase@aol.com or 740-0001. Please leave a message about helping so that I can call you back. Generally we'll need at least two cooks, one "wrapper", and two people on the front line. The times will vary. Shade will be provided. Sign up sheets for April and June will be at our next Band Booster meeting.

All of the above fundraisers raise money for the Philadelphia trip.

One final note: THANK YOU! to all of our sponsors, workers and runners/walkers from the 5K this past Saturday. You were all much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Chase

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17	Concession Stand USA Factory Stores	
March 19	First Payment due on the Philadelphia Trip	
March 20	Band Booster Meeting	7:30 PM
March 23	Majorette Tryouts	
April 7	Concession Stand USA Factory Stores	
April 20	Concession Stand USA Factory Stores	
April 21	Solo & Ensemble Festival at Auburn University	
April 26-29	Myrtle Beach Trip	
May 10	OMS Bands Spring Concert	

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