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To: PEARL BAND AUXILIARY PARENTS

From: Todd and Mischa Ambrose

Pearl Band Auxiliary Co-Presidents

We would like to welcome you to the 2011-2012 Pearl Pirate Band Auxiliary. Our auxiliary is organized primarily to assist band directors in carrying out a successful band program. To do this, our responsibilities include raising money for trips and other necessities not provided by the school. We work hard but also enjoy the spirit of fellowship among band parents. This spirit is one of the strengths of our band program, and you will certainly want to be part of it! We have another busy year ahead of us and encourage all parents to participate in as many activities as possible.

Band Auxiliary Meetings are held on the first Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, August 1. These meetings will provide you with valuable information about the band program, as well as a calendar of auxiliary activities for the coming year. The band directors' reports will keep you informed about upcoming events and help you be familiar with the total band program. **Students earn Points of Achievement for your attendance at all auxiliary meetings!**

The Band Auxiliary's First Activity of the year is "Homemade Ice Cream Night" on Friday, July 22, following the annual march-off, which starts around 6:30 PM. Ice cream will be served to the students and parents. If you have an ice cream freezer and would be willing to make some homemade ice cream for the march-off, please contact us at 601-940-7899(Mischa) or 601-278-2211(Todd).

The First Fundraiser will be the pizza sale in July/August. Your child will be bringing home more information about this from the band directors during band camp week. Fundraisers give the students the opportunity to sell and receive credit toward their own band account. Some students pay their entire band accounts through fundraisers. We will need assistance with compiling orders and distributing the pizzas when they arrive. This will occur during the regular work day. If you can help with this first fundraiser, please contact us! Tentatively, these are the upcoming fundraisers:

1. Kroger gift cards
2. Cow Patty Bingo
3. Pizza Sale

The Band Auxiliary also raises money for the PHS Band Program through the MHSAA Region IV State Marching Festival and the State Marching Championship in October. In addition to the festivals, money is also raised with the operation of the Concession Stands at the junior high and high school football games.

The Pearl Band Auxiliary's schedule has always been a busy one and this year is no different. The days can be a bit long at times, but very rewarding. No greater satisfaction can be gained than that of knowing you are supporting your child in a worthwhile activity. You will not want to miss this quality time with your child.

For three decades the "Pirate" Band has symbolized a tradition of excellence not only in Mississippi, but also in places as far away as New York, Mexico City, and Walt Disney World in Orlando. We have some of the finest Band Directors that this nation has to offer! So, please join us in supporting our students as they continue to build on that tradition. We look forward to working with each of you as an exciting new year begins! Welcome to the Pearl Band Family!