

ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

September 2006 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Back to School! Three words parents love to say and some kids don't like to hear. Another outdoor season is underway. Our first time out will be the football game Friday, September 29- game time 7:00 PM. All Home football games are played at William Tennent High School. Our first competition is scheduled for September 30th at Pennridge High School, followed by another football game October 6 and a competition Saturday October 7 at Plymouth-Whitmarsh. WOW.

Thanks to all families that hosted parties for the unit during Band Camp. Thank you to Tom and Linda Rakszawski for organizing the end of camp Band Family Picnic. And thank you to all the families for all the food at the picnic...We all enjoyed. Welcome again to all the new members and parents. It was a pleasure meeting everyone at the picnic and the parent meeting.

Please check your hanging file frequently for flyers, notices, fundraisers, information, etc....

Volunteers are needed in various ways. If you can help in any way, please contact me or anyone on the board.

I can promise you this, we will have fun. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ed McTague

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, September 19th. Upcoming competitions and fund raisers are on the agenda.

REGISTRATION and MEDICAL FORMS fee and forms for all Marching Unit

members should be completed. Any one not registered for the 2006-2007 season, please contact Ed McTague at 215-956-0203. Medical forms must be submitted by the first competition. September 30th. The students will not be permitted to participate if we do not have a form on file. If you are not sure of having a completed medical form, please contact Mary Kay Zimmario 215-675-9598 or Diane Smith 215-675-4312.

FUND RAISERS

PIZZA –Patti Hughes fundraiser chairperson 215-675-0397.

YANKEE CANDLES – fundraiser begins at the September parent meeting. David and Christine Brownlee will have additional information available at the meeting. Any questions, please call 215-659-4514.

GERTRUDE HAWK-Roseanne Lawler fundraiser chairperson 215-822-1284.

SALLY FOSTER WRAPPING PAPER- Wrapping Paper will run from the September Parents meeting thru October Parents Meeting. Please make checks payable to AW Marching Unit. Any questions please contact Patti Hughes 215-675-0397.

CANDY BARS - All American \$1.00 Candy Bar Fund Raiser offers \$18.50 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. Candy will be available at the Parent Meeting. See Denine Anderson.

HOAGIE COUPONS – Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!

GIFT RAFFLE – Volunteers are needed to help organize, solicit, sell chances, and various other jobs to make this general fund raiser a success. The unit

made approximately \$3,300 last year and hopes to increase that amount this year. We are also asking each family to contribute **one bottle of liquor** toward our "basket of cheer" gift raffle. In addition, we will be discussing and choosing themes for our baskets. Families can go in together to donating items for a basket. Please **bring your bottle of liquor** and theme ideas to the **September 19th** parent meeting. Please call Denine Anderson at 215-328-9189 with any questions.

Assistance is being offered by a band parent, Terri Diamond, to compile and package/wrap your gift basket. Her number is 215-882-5009.

SHOE DONATIONS of previously used and/or outgrown band shoes are always needed. If you have a pair for donation, please contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435. There is need for a parent to "shadow" Rose throughout this year, to take on this responsibility next year.

FLAGS Sewing started on Tuesday 9/12/06 and will continue EVERY Tuesday and Thursday until the flags are done. We need people to cut, pin, hold fabric, and sew fabric. Anyone with a sewing machine is encouraged to bring them. Please direct all questions to Jenell Carmona 215-364-1917.

UNIFORMS Does your child still need adjustments to his/her band uniform? Please ask your child and if so, please contact Rose Kennedy 215-443-8435 or Tracey Hartigan 215-674-0266. Band Uniform "responsibility" sheet needs to be returned-SIGNED and put into the "Kennedy" file folder in the bandroom.

PARENT GREEN SHIRTS may be purchased by calling Loretta DeFrancisco at 215-659-6918 or see her at the next parent meeting. Please watch your file folder for a flyer regarding order and pricing information.

ALL CATHOLIC - Audition music is available for Band, Choir, and Jazz Band from Tom Rakszawski 215- 674-5006 or drop him a note in the Rakszawski file. Auditions are: *Strings* Wednesday Oct. 25 at Dougherty, *Chorus* Thursday Oct. 26 at Archbishop Carroll . *Jazzband* Tuesday Oct. 30 at

Cardinal O'Hara. **Concert Band** Sunday Dec. 3 at North Catholic. The Website is www.aboutpasa.com.

BI-CENTENNIAL OF ARCHDIOCESE

Auditions being held at Wood on September 30th 2006. 10 volunteers from the Band Parent Association are needed to serve in the capacity of hospitality for the judges in the teachers lounge. Please see Tom Rakszawski. All volunteers need to arrive by 8:00 AM and stay until 11:00 AM.

BI-CENTENNIAL AUDITIONS FOR STUDENTS-

The Celebration for this event will be held October of 2007. The following auditions will be held as follows:

Winds/Percussion Saturday 9/30/06 @ Wood

Strings Saturday 9/30/06 @ Dougherty

Chorus Sunday 10/1/06 @ Archbishop Ryan

WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.abwoodmu.net> Visit our website for the latest in calendar updates, competition results and the current newsletter, along with photos and other information you may find interesting. Feedback, suggestions, ideas, photos, stories, links to Cavalcade of Bands (AWMU related) etc. are welcomed and in place. Please contact Jim at chief77@verizon.net . The website for Cavalcade of Bands, the division which Wood is marching, is as follows: <http://cavalcadeofbands.com> FYI: Wood Marching Band Unit won the Championships , within this division, in 1990 and 1991. Go Wood!

ADVANCED TICKET SALES for each competition may be available during the week of the competition. These tickets are often discounted before the competition; however, full price will be charged at the door. Stop by the band room on Thursday evenings of practice, or the day of the competition, to purchase tickets from Diane Smith and or Mary Kay Zimmaro. Directions to the upcoming competition site may also be obtained at these times.

CHAPERONES NEEDED : 8-10 people are needed for each competition. Diane Smith will address this issue at the September Parent Meeting. Sign Up sheet will be available at the meeting. Please sign up! All are welcome!

ABWMU CRAFT FAIR To all parents, please keep these dates available for the biggest fundraiser of the year! All hands are needed!
NOV. 16th, 17th, and 18th .

SODA DONATIONS Soda for the Craft Fair can be dropped off at the September 19th Parent Meeting in the Band Room. The soda's can also be dropped off, in the band room, any band practice night. See Ed McTague or Tom Rakszawski.

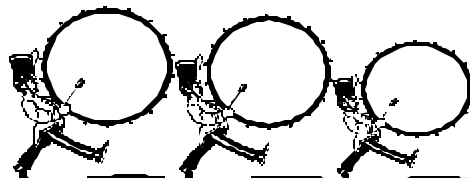
**MARCHING UNIT MEMBER
COMPETITION CHECKLIST**

BRING THE FOLLOWING EACH WEEK:

Garment Bag
Shoes
Socks or hose
Gloves
Instrument (band)
Lunch and/or dinner
Spending money for snacks

WEAR THE FOLLOWING:

Shorts (band)
WHITE t-shirt (band)



NOTE: As the weather gets colder, make sure to bring a coat, gloves, hat, blanket, long underwear, etc.

CALENDER ADDITIONS:

Wood Marching Band will perform at the following home football games:

Friday, September 29 @ 7:00 Kennedy-kenrick

Friday October 6 @ 7:00 St. John Neumann
Homecoming Game-this is already on the calendar.

Friday, October 27 @ 7:00 Cardinal Dougherty

**ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES ARE PLAYED
AT WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH SCHOOL.**