

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

## MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

### September 2008

#### **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 on Saturday, September 13 at 7:00 PM. This year, all home football games will be played at Wissahickon High School. Our first competition is scheduled for September 27 at West Chester East High School.

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. 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.

Mark Arnold

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Upcoming competitions and fund raisers are on the agenda.

#### **FUND RAISERS**

**PIZZA** – Patti Hughes is the fundraiser chairperson 215-675-0397. Orders are due by the parent meeting on September 16.

**YANKEE CANDLES** – orders are due by September 16. Any questions, please call Christine Brownlee at 215-657-1393.

**CANDY BARS** - All American \$1.00 Candy Bar Fund Raiser is sold in boxes at \$40.00 per box. Payment is needed when you take delivery of the candy. Boxes will be available at the Parent Meeting. See Denine Anderson.

**HOAGIE COUPONS** – Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Linda Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

#### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!**

**GIFT RAFFLE** – The unit made approximately \$3,500 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 join together in donating items for a basket. Please bring your bottle of liquor and theme ideas to the September 16th parent meeting. Additionally, we'll be asking for volunteers to be “basket leaders” to coordinate the items in each basket. 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 215-822-5009.

**UNIFORMS** Does your child still need adjustments to his/her band uniform? Please ask your child and if so, please contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435 or Mary Kay Zimmaro at 215-675-9598. A Band Uniform responsibility sheet needs to be returned-SIGNED and put into the Kennedy file folder in the band room.

**ALL CATHOLIC** - Audition music is available from Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006. Auditions for Jazz Band will be announced soon. Other audition dates are: Strings – October 29, Chorus – October 30, Concert Band – November 23, Piano/Vocal competition – January 6. The Website for All Catholic is [www.aboutpasa.com](http://www.aboutpasa.com). All ensembles will also perform at the “Concert of Excellence” on March 31, 2009, at the Kimmel Center.

### **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 Redcay at [chief77@verizon.net](mailto:chief77@verizon.net). The website for Cavalcade of Bands, the division in which Wood is marching, is as follows: <http://cavalcadeofbands.com> FYI: Wood Marching Band Unit won the Championships for this division in 1990, 1991 and 2007. Go Wood!

**ADVANCED TICKET SALES** are not available for Cavalcade. Tickets for competitions must be purchased at the gate.

**PARKING NOTES** Please do not park in the school driveways, especially on performance days, as this makes it very difficult for the buses and trucks to get through. These vehicles are very large, and need the extra room to make turns, load and unload. Also, keep in mind that the small parking lot nearest the band room is often used by the band for practice, and equipment needs to move through this area. Please try to use the larger parking lots if possible.

**CRAFT FAIR** To all parents, please keep these dates available for the biggest fundraiser of the year! All hands are needed! **NOV. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**. (November 21<sup>th</sup> is also the 8<sup>th</sup> grade visitation & open house, where the unit will perform.)



### **MARCHING UNIT MEMBER COMPETITION CHECKLIST**

#### **BRING THE FOLLOWING EACH WEEK:**

**Garment Bag**  
**Marching Shoes**  
**Black Socks**  
**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.**

## **2008 OUTDOOR SEASON CALENDAR:**

At the present, we are aware of the following home football games where the Marching Unit will perform. Additional games may be added depending upon the overall schedule and other variables:

Saturday, September 13 @ 7:00 vs Ryan

Saturday, October 18 @ 1:00 vs Conwell/Egan  
(Homecoming Game)

**ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES ARE  
PLAYED AT WISSAHICKON HIGH SCHOOL.**

### **COMPETITION SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, September 27 at Westchester East HS

Saturday, October 4 at Plymouth Whitmarsh HS

Saturday, October 11 at Upper Dublin HS

Saturday, October 18 at Wissahickon HS (Please note: the unit will also be performing at the homecoming game in the afternoon that day).

Saturday, October 25 – TBD

Saturday, November 1 at Hatboro Horsham HS

Saturday, November 8 – CHAMPIONSHIPS at Hershey Stadium

NOTE: Competition performance times and directions to the schools will be communicated each week by email and/or phone tree, as they become available

