

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S. MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER August, 2008

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome back to our returning members, and a special welcome to all our new members. I hope you are having a great summer. We're looking forward to another fun and exciting year.

Our fall season begins with Band Camp, which runs from August 11-15 and 18-22. Sessions run from 8:30-12:00 and 6:30-9:00 each day. Members should make a note to bring sunscreen, water, sunglasses, hats, etc. for protection against the elements.

During the two weeks of Band Camp several families will be hosting parties for members of the marching unit. This is a good opportunity for the members to get to know each other and have some summer fun. Details of the parties (dates, locations, directions, etc) have been forwarded via e-mail.

Our annual family picnic will be held on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm, prior to the evening session. All parents and siblings are invited to attend the picnic. Look for a flyer to be distributed during camp.

Immediately following the picnic, the students will attend their evening session, and the parents association will hold its first general meeting of the year. Please try to arrange for at least one parent to attend the meeting, as well as other meetings throughout the year. This is a great way to keep informed of the unit's activities and to meet other parents as well. After the meeting, all are welcome to stay and watch the remainder of the evening session, as with the other nights during camp

As usual, volunteers are always needed and welcome. If there is a particular activity or fundraiser that you are able and willing to help with, please contact me. Thanks in advance to all

the individuals who help keep the organization running smoothly. Here's to a very successful year!

Mark Arnold

**BAND PICNIC** will be held on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM with a parent meeting to follow. All marching unit members and their families are invited. It would be a good idea to bring lawn or camp chairs for your own comfort. Linda & Tom Rakszawski are organizing this event and will distribute more information during band camp. If you would like to offer any help, please call them at 215-674-5006. We will especially be asking for help cleaning up after the meeting, before practice ends.

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following the Band Picnic in the school auditorium. Please have at least one parent stay for the meeting.

**REGISTRATION** for all Marching Unit members should have been completed by band camp. Anyone who has not registered for the 2008-2009 season, please contact Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006 to pay the \$40 registration fee.

If you have not filled out the registration and/or medical form(s) for your child, please contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261, so you can be added to the roster. Registration and medical forms are required in order for your child to travel and perform with the unit.

Additionally, parents who will be chaperoning or helping in other areas are required to obtain state police and child line clearances. More information and forms will be distributed in the near future.

**MAILING LIST:** We ask for parent E-mail addresses for distribution of our monthly newsletter and other communications. Please notify Jay Wieckowski at 215-942-9009 or [jwieckowski@comcast.net](mailto:jwieckowski@comcast.net) of any address, telephone number and E-mail changes.

**FILE FOLDERS** for each band family are in a file box in the band room. Folders are filed alphabetical according to last name. Encourage your son or daughter to check your folder daily during band camp and at each practice throughout the year. Important information concerning fund-raisers, special events and monthly meetings is sent home this way.

**UNIFORM FITTINGS** for each member will be completed sometime during the two-week band camp period. If anyone still has a uniform or rain coat at home, it must be returned immediately.

**SHOE FITTINGS AND GLOVE ORDERS** for new or returning members will start on Thursday, August 14 at 8:30am. Payment is due upon delivery. Gloves are needed for all band members except those in percussion. Two pairs are recommended. New guard and band members need to be measured for shoes. If you are a returning member and need new shoes, you will also be measured that day.

**SHOE DONATIONS** of previously used band shoes are always needed. If you have a pair for donation or exchange, please contact Linda Gioffre at 215-953-8996.

**SHIRTS** for band camp members and marching unit parents are normally ordered during band camp and at the first parents meeting. A flyer for ordering parent shirts has been e-mailed. Please watch your file folder for additional information regarding shirts for marching unit members.

**ALL CATHOLIC AUDITIONS** Anyone interested in auditioning for the all Catholic ensembles... Choir, Concert Band or Jazz Band... please contact Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006 for more information. He will obtain the necessary music for auditions. Please let him know your instrument or position for tryouts.

## **BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **2007-2008 Executive Board**

Listed below are the names and telephone numbers of current Board Members and Chairpersons. Please contact them with any questions or concerns.

**President** Mark Arnold 672-7579

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** Denine Anderson 328-0261

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** Carol Higgins 741-3970

**Rec. Sec.** Marie O'Leary 443-8358

**Corres. Sec.** Jay Wieckowski 942-9009

**Treasurer** Tom Rakszawski 674-5006

**Immed. Past Pres.** Ed McTague 956-0203

#### **Craft Show Chairpersons**

Angie Palardy 230-3794

Loretta DeFrancisco 659-6918

#### **Head Chaperones (Outdoor)**

Diane Smith 675-4372

Mary Kay Zimmaro 675-9598

#### **Indoor Guard Head Chaperones**

Diane Smith 675-4312

Patti Hughes 675-0397

#### **Indoor Percussion Head Chaperone**

Mary Kay Zimmaro 675-9598

#### **Public Relations**

Vicki Herold 646-7982

#### **Ways & Means Chairperson**

Susan Fennecken 766-9557

#### **Uniform Chairperson**

TBD

#### **Equipment & Property Chairpersons**

Kevin Anderson 328-0261

Steve Hart 659-6918

## FUND-RAISING CHAIRPERSONS

<b>Pizza</b>	Patti Hughes Denine Anderson	675-0397 328-0261
<b>Pies</b>	Carol Higgins Marie O'Leary	741-3970 443-8358
<b>Pot Pies</b>	Denine Anderson Patti Hughes	328-0261 675-0397
<b>Hoagies</b>	Linda Rakszawski	674-5006
<b>Candy</b>	Denine Anderson	328-9189
<b>Christmas Trees and Plants</b>	Denine Anderson	328-9189
<b>Yankee Candles</b>	Christine Brownlee	659-4514
<b>Bulbs</b>	Linda Gioffre	953-8996
<b>Flowers</b>	Denine Anderson	328-9189
<b>Gertrude Hawk Candy</b>	Rosanne Lawler	822-1284

## APPRENTICES NEEDED

“Apprenticeships” are necessary for various fundraisers and committee chairs for the 2008-2009 season. See any board member for additional information. In particular, help is needed in the following areas: Pizza, Bulbs and Pot Pies Fundraisers, as well as with uniforms.

**Color Guard:** Sewing/Painting/Cutting. Help needed to make flags/props.

**Building and Fix it Group:** Help is needed to build/repair props and equipment.

**Watch for “Sign Up” Sheets at our monthly Parent Meetings.**

**NEWSLETTER NOTE:** The newsletter will be sent via email during the second week of each month, using a Microsoft Word attachment. A hardcopy will be given to each family for the August parents meeting.

If you cannot download the attachment or are not receiving emails, please notify Jay Wieckowski at [jwieckowski@comcast.net](mailto:jwieckowski@comcast.net) or at 215-942-9009. You may also need to update your email server to allow it to receive email from this address.

## STUDENT OFFICERS 2007-2008

Drum Major	Kait Morton
Captain	Elizabeth Curran
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Michael Palardy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Liam Fennecken
Sergeant	Shawn Diamond
Drum Captain	Andy Zimmaro
Pit Captain	Devon Herold
Percussion Equip Captain	Andy Zimmaro
Guard Co-Captains	Sammy Anderson Christina Gioffre
Guard Lieutenants	Emily Hart Lauren McTague

