



Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter August 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2010 Outdoor Marching Season! Things are already in full swing, with band camp wrapping up and the school year almost upon us.

This year brings us some new faces and some changes. First, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new unit members and their families. I hope that you all will enjoy being a part of the Marching Vikings and will find it to be a very rewarding experience. I would also like to introduce Mr. Ed Downs, our new band director. Ed comes to us with a great deal of experience and is a valuable addition to our program. Please take a minute to introduce yourself so that he will have the opportunity to get to know the parents, as well as the students. And, finally, I would like to congratulate Mr. Gary Zimmaro, the new president of Archbishop Wood. Gary has been the heart of Wood's marching program and, even though he is turning over the directing reigns after so many years, we know that he will always be a vital part of the marching unit. We wish him all the best and thank him for his continued dedication to the unit.

I ask for your patience as I attempt to step into the very big shoes of my predecessor, Mark Arnold, who made the job look very easy. Thank you, Mark, for all of your guidance - please keep that advice coming!

I just want to mention two initiatives that will be very important for us this year and ask that you consider how you can assist in these efforts. The first is creating a smooth transition for our craft show since this is the final year that Angie Palardy, craft show chairperson extraordinaire, will be here to lend us her guidance. And we have some exciting new ideas for marketing the marching unit to the

local grade schools. More information will follow, but please think about joining one (or both!) of these committees - the marching unit can't be successful without all of you!

This year's show, Tribal Elements, promises to be very exciting. I look forward to seeing you all on the field, behind the scenes, and in the stands - Go Marching Vikings!
Beth McSherry-Nichols

BAND PICNIC will be held on Friday, August 20th 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. Tom and Linda 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 20th, 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 2010-2011 season, please contact Glenn Miller at 215-230-4267 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 Joe Reiter at 215-534-2045 or jsr3312@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 Uniform fittings for each member will begin the second week of band camp and continue at the regular evening practices for several weeks after. All returning members will be fitted first and new members will be fitted last. Please contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435 if you have any questions.

SHOE FITTINGS AND GLOVE ORDERS for new or returning members started on Tuesday, August 10th during band camp. A flyer was e-mailed to everyone already. 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 have any questions please contact Barbara Niederriter at 215-891-9717.

SHOE DONATIONS of previously used band shoes are always needed. If you have a pair for donation or exchange, please contact Barbara Niederriter at 215-891-9717.

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 previously. These shirts are usually worn during competitions and other band functions to identify ourselves. The deadline for ordering these is the band picnic on Friday, August 27th. Contact Nora Lutz at (215) 784-0475, if you have any questions.

ALL CATHOLIC AUDITIONS Anyone interested in auditioning for the all Catholic ensembles... Choir, Concert Band, Orchestra, 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

2010-2011 Executive Board

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

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Beth McSherry-Nichols 215-884-6960

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Rose Kennedy..... 215-443-8435

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FUND-RAISING 2010/2011 CHAIRPERSONS AND TIMELINES *(Timelines are Approximate)*

(Year Round)

**Steak & Hoagie
Factory** Linda Rakszawski
215-674-5006

Candy Denine Anderson
215-328-0261

Rilling's Bakery Carol Higgins
215-741-3970

(Fall/Winter)

Yankee Candles Denine Anderson
215-328-0261

Delivery: Before Thanksgiving

Pizza Heidi Flanagan
215-957-0387

Orders: September

Delivery: October

Pot Pies Donnabeth Murphy
215-340-0185

Orders: October

Delivery: End of October

Gertrude Hawk Rosanne Lawler
215-822-1284
(w/Performing Arts)

Orders: October – through November

Delivery: Before Christmas

Christmas Trees Denine Anderson
215-328-9189

Orders: October Parents Meeting

Delivery: Early December

(Spring)

Gertrude Hawk Rosanne Lawler
(W/Performing Arts)
215-822-1284

Orders: February/March

Delivery: Before Easter

Bulbs Rosemary Cotellese
215-659-3085

Orders: February 21st – March Parent Mtg.

Delivery: April

Spring Flowers/Bedding Plants
Denine Anderson
215-328-0261

Orders: March Parent Meeting – March/April

APPRENTICES NEEDED

“Apprenticeships” are necessary for various fundraisers and committee chairs for the 2010-2011 season. See any board member for additional information. In particular, help is needed for the Craft Fair.

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 as a PDF file during the second week of each month. A hardcopy will be given to each family at the August parent’s meeting.

If you cannot download the attachment or are not receiving emails, please notify Joe Reiter at jsr3312@comcast.net or at 215-534-2045.

