



ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER



December 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*It was the night after the craft show,
And through the Celenza home,
Lots of people were stirring,
No one was alone.
The food was placed in the kitchen
with care,
Knowing crazy Band Families would
soon be there.
To eat, and drink, and run through the
house,
Spending fun time with friends, not
just your spouse.....*

OK, I've reached the extent of my creative poetry ability (Can you believe I actually got a "C" in my poetry course at Temple?), but I'd like to thank the Celenza family for opening up their home to us for our Champs party and a wonderful time was had by all. I have to say this - we have people who can cook! Lots of excellent food and Vince's dad was a barkeep extraordinaire. Thanks again!

Congratulations to our Marching Unit for their third place finish in Cavalcade's American Open Division. I think we showed how hard work and dedication can pay off and I'd like to thank the kids and Mr. Zimmaro for working as hard as they did to overcome the challenges of this past season. Now indoor season starts!

Thanks to all for your hard work at the Craft Show. We could not put this show on without everyone's help, both parents and students, and I want everyone to know that all your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The Advent season is upon us once again, and on behalf of the Executive Board I'd like to wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Christmas season. Please remember those who are less fortunate during this holiday season.

Mark



PARENT GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 6:45 p.m. Indoor Show, Fundraisers and the spring Craft Show are on the agenda.

FUND RAISERS

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

CANDY – Hershey Candy bars are available from Denine. 30 Count Boxes - \$30.00 – you will receive \$15.00 toward your obligation. 215-328-0261 or e-mail de9cma@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, January 2, at the whimsical, yet stately, home of the Palardy family, located at 12 Brinker Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901. It is requested that each family helps supply the party depending on last names as follows:

A – D Wine or Beer

F-H Soda

K –Z Desserts

Additionally, it is hoped that everyone can bring an appetizer, side dish or snack type food. Please contact Angie Palardy at 215-230-3794 so that items can be coordinated and avoid duplication.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST – The Marching Unit Communion Breakfast is scheduled for January 17th. Mass is at 9:00 a.m. More details will be provided in the coming months. **We are also looking for some volunteers with a creative streak to make centerpieces for this event.** A big “Thank You” goes to Donna Huttenlock for arranging this.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION UNIT practices have begun. Check with your child regarding current practice days and times. We will discuss this further at the January parent meeting. Keep **Saturday, February 13** open on your calendar. This is the date of the Indoor Guard and Percussion Unit Competition hosted at Archbishop Wood. **All members of the music program are required and expected to be present to help the entire day.**

Volunteers are needed to staff the kitchen, sell tickets at the doors, sell candy grams and flower grams, sell raffle tickets, escort visiting units to various areas of the school and many other odd jobs. Volunteer sign-ups will take place at the January meeting.

FALL MUSICAL Willy Wonka – Advance tickets are still available for performances. The performances will be Friday to Sunday, December 11th – 13th. Friday and Saturday, the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Sunday’s show is at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Donna Huttenlock at 215-262-4774 for tickets.



WEB SITE FOR MARCHING UNIT
<http://www.abwoodmu.net> Visit our web site 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 Mike Rakszawski at webmaster@abwoodmu.net; the web site for Cavalcade of Bands, the division in which Wood is marching, is as follows: <http://cavalcadeofbands.com>

MARCHING UNIT CALANDAR

December 11-13	Fall Show – Willy Wonka
January 2	Christmas Party
January 17	Communion Breakfast
January 19	General Meeting
February 13	Home Indoor Show