

ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.



MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

February 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is here, which means the indoor season is fast upon us. We actually have had a bit of a real winter this year, so with that said I'd like everyone to hold a good thought out for nice and DRY weather this Saturday for our home show. We have a good number of groups signed up to perform at Wood and we've had an excellent response for volunteers to help make this show a success. Thank you all very much. Due to the nature of the performance schedules for the groups being a living, breathing life form, changes are always possible. We will keep the website as current as possible with performance times, report times, etc. and will email information out as soon as we can. But please make sure your children know to communicate information to you as they get it.

We will need plenty of help from parents for prop building and field crew for both the guard units and the drumline. Please continue to be as generous with your time as you can. Our spring craft show is Friday, April 3 for one night only. Please keep that date open as we'll be needing help for that event also.

We have several positions that need new volunteers and this is a great time to shadow the parent(s) doing them now and learn the ropes. Believe me, it's better to watch and learn before you take over a position. Please contact an executive board member with any questions.

Thanks for your support! GO WOOD!!!
Mark

PARENT GENERAL MEETING

Due to a mandatory senior parents meeting on February 17th, the next general parents meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 18** at 6:45PM.,

in one of the classrooms. Fundraisers, craft show, indoor season and Wildwood are on the agenda.

FUND RAISERS

CANDY BARS - All American \$1.00 Candy Bars Fund Raiser offers \$18.00 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. To order, please contact Denine Anderson Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261.

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

DUTCH MILL BULBS - Brochures and order forms will be in your child's folder by the parents meeting on Wednesday, February 18 - parents meeting. All orders and payments are due to Linda Gioffre at the March parents meeting. Delivery should be by the April parents meeting. Make all checks payable to Archbishop Wood Marching Unit.

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY - Brochures and order forms have been placed in your child's folder. Information will be provided in your folders and at the parents meeting on Wednesday, February 18. Any questions, please call Roseanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION UNIT HOME SHOW

- The Indoor Guard & Percussion Home Show will take place on Saturday, February 14th for an afternoon show. Please contact Denine Anderson to volunteer to help out at the event. We expect this to be an exceptionally well attended show with many groups performing. We need parent volunteers to sell tickets, timers in the warm-up & practice areas, parking lot attendants,

monitors for the hallways and the entrance & exits to the gym area. We will also need parents who can volunteer to spend one hour monitoring the hallways so that the visiting schools will see our presence. **Special note: We are in need of volunteers to make Valentine Day themed baked goods to sell at the show.** Please be aware that there is a lot of “down time” during this show. It is not as fast paced and busy as the craft shows. If any of the “new” parents are interested in helping in shadowing these events, please let a Board Member know of your interest. Thank You!!

All Raffle Baskets need to be returned to Wood for this show. Please be prepared to bring the baskets on the day of our indoor show. Thank you for all that you do to make this raffle such a great success.

Also, we are looking for businesses or parents to **sponsor a trophy** of \$10.00. To be given out during the “Home Show” Award Ceremony. A brief acknowledgement will be read for each sponsor...in memory of, in honor of, etc. Please contact Denine Anderson at 215 328 0261 if you are interested in sponsoring a trophy.

If you would like to sponsor a trophy for \$10, please contact Denine Anderson as soon as possible.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW is scheduled for Friday, April 3 from 5:30 – 9:30. Sign-up sheets will be available at the parents meeting. Please help out with this important fundraiser.

CREW AND EQUIPMENT: Indoor season has arrived and we have lots of equipment to be moved on/off the floor, loaded/unloaded on the truck and buses. We need volunteers, so please help out whenever you can. Moms, Dads, and able bodied siblings are all welcome. We'd also like to express gratitude to **Pat Succi**, for once again supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

WILDWOOD “PREVIEW” SHOW

This event is scheduled for April 29 at 8:00 pm. Please invite all relatives and friends who will not be able to come to Wildwood. Have them come to hear and see the sights and sounds of the Archbishop Wood Drum Line and Color Guard Units performing their “Championship” Show before heading off to Wildwood.

WILDWOOD WEEKEND UPDATE

Just a reminder the dates are April 30 to May 3. Mary Kay Zimmaro will have information at the parents meeting.

BAND BANQUET - The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday May 15, 2009 at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. Please mark your calendars with this date. A flyer invitation will be coming your way in the coming months. **Senior Parents**, start collecting your photos for that Senior poster!!

ALL CATHOLIC UPDATE: Please consider checking out the remaining All Catholic Concerts featuring some of our very own students:

Feb 15 Chorus

Mar 1 Orchestra

Mar 31 Concert of Excellence

Congratulations to all the Wood students participating in these events!!

REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER:

All financial obligations are due as follows:

SENIORS - APRIL 1

ALL OTHERS – MAY 1

Please check your financial sheets in your child's file or contact Tom Rakszawski at (215) 674-5006

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 your own sites (AWMU related) etc. are welcomed! Please contact Jim Redcay at chief77@verizon.net. **Please note:** The new URL for TOB is www.njatob.org

BACKGROUND CHECKS AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING –

All parents are required to complete and submit clearances through Childline and PA State Police in addition to completing Safe Environment Training in order to chaperone or assist with the events.

Additionally, they are required in order to stay at the same hotel as the students when we go to Wildwood. Information about completing these requirements will be discussed at upcoming parent meetings.

MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR

Sat. February 14 Wood's Indoor Guard and Percussion Show

Fri-Sun,
March 20-22 "Guys and Dolls"

Fri. April 3 Spring Craft Show (Friday only)

Thurs-Sun,
April 30 – May 3 Wildwood Weekend

Fri. May 15 Band Banquet

2009 Indoor Schedule Guard

Important: please note that this is a revised schedule from the one originally sent via e-mail. It is sometimes necessary to make changes in the schedule.

2/14 Home Show (CIDA) Both Teams

2/28 Avon Grove (TIA) "A" team only

3/7 Field of View @ Ridley High School (TIA)

Both Teams

3/14 Souderton AM (CIA) / Bensalem PM (TIA)

Both Teams

3/21 Pennridge / Musical "A" Team Only

3/28 CIDA Champs Both Teams

3/29 Wilson High School "A" Team only

4/4 OFF Enjoy your Weekend !!!!

4/11 Easter

4/18 Perkiomen Valley (TIA) Both Teams

4/19 Haddon Heights (TIA) "A" Team Only

4/25 Chapter # @ Upper Darby (TIA) Both Teams

4/30-5/3 Wildwood "A" Team Only

2009 Indoor Schedule Percussion

Please note: It will likely be necessary to add to additional shows by March 29th, in order for proper division placement. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Saturday April 4-Abington

Saturday April 18-Salisbury (Show starts at noon)

AND Perkiomen Valley (show starts at 4)

Sunday April 19 (Sunday)-Haddon Heights (show starts at 1)

Saturday April 25-Chapters at Upper Darby

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