



MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

February 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The second part of the unit's season is upon us beginning with our indoor home show on Saturday, February 13. As always, we need everyone to give freely of their time to make this show a success. If you have not done so yet, please contact Denine Anderson at de9cma@aol.com and let her know your availability. The kids are practicing and performing so we do not have their help until the end of the night so please be generous with your time. Many hands make for a quicker job, to paraphrase someone more famous than me.

The performance schedules for the groups are living, breathing life forms and changes are always possible. We will keep the web site 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. Oftentimes they are ahead of the curve with that information.

We will need plenty of help from parents for chaperoning, prop building and 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, March 26 for one night only. Please keep that date open as we'll need help for that date 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. Please contact any executive board member with any questions.

Thanks for your support!
Mark

PARENT GENERAL MEETING

Due to a mandatory senior parents meeting on February 16th, the next general parents meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 18** at 6:45 p.m. Fundraisers, craft show, indoor season and Wildwood are on the agenda. Mr. Zimmaro will be there to speak about Wildwood, so **at least one parent from each family must attend.**

FUND RAISERS

CANDY BARS – All American \$1.00 Candy Bars Fund Raiser offers \$15.00 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$30.00 each unit. Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261 or e-mail at de9cma@aol.com.

GERTRUDE HAWK – Information and order forms were placed in the band folders this week. Orders and payments are due by February 25th. The tentative delivery date is March 18th. If you have questions please contact Rosanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

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

PIZZA/COOKIE DOUGH – Information for this fundraiser will be distributed at the February parents meeting.

SPRING AD BOOK

Information will be available soon. **Seniors**, prepare your biographies for the ad book!! These **Senior Biographies** will be due in **February**. Please check an old "Spring Show" Ad Book for a sample of "Senior Biographies."

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION UNIT HOME SHOW

The Indoor Guard & Percussion Home Show will take place on Saturday, February 13th. This is our unit's opportunity to showcase their school and talents – in addition the seniors are recognized at this event. We expect this to be an exceptionally well attended show with many groups performing. We need **all** our parents to volunteer to sell tickets, serve as timers in the warm-up & practice areas, serve as parking lot attendants, and be monitors for the hallways and the entrance & exits to the gym area. Since our kids are not able to work this event - as they will be performing - we need adult volunteers to make this a successful show. Any members/parents of the marching unit not competing in our indoor season are also more than welcome (please, please, please) and needed to help out that day. Sign up sheets will be circulated at the January parents meeting. Any questions please feel free to call Diane Smith, Terry Diamond, or Denine Anderson.

Special note: We are in need of volunteers to make St. Valentine's Day themed baked goods to sell at the show. Also, we are looking for businesses or parents to **sponsor a trophy** of \$10.00. These trophies are 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

BAND BANQUET

The Fanning Family is pleased to announce that the annual banquet is scheduled for Friday May 14, 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!!

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.

ALL CATHOLIC

Congratulations to the following students on making All Catholic:

Orchestra

Kelsey Haugh - Violin

Concert Band

Tim Curran - Percussion

Eric Rakszawski - Alto Saxophone

Concert Dates:

Chorus – Sunday, February 21, 3:00 p.m. @ Bishop Shanahan

Orchestra – Sunday, March 7, 2:00 @ Archbishop Ryan

Concert Band – Monday, February 8, 7:30 p.m. @ Archbishop Carroll



MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR

Sat. February 13	Wood's Indoor Guard and Percussion Show
Fri.-Sun. March 19-21	"Thoroughly Modern Millie"
Fri. March 26	Spring Craft Show (Friday only)
Thurs.-Sun. April 29 – May 2	Wildwood Weekend
Fri. May 14	Band Banquet

2009 Indoor Schedule (Guard & Drumline)

Please keep in mind that the dates below are tentative at this time, and may need to be modified as the season continues.

Tentative Indoor Percussion Dates:

2/13	Wood Home Show (CIA)
2/20	Hatboro Horsham H.S. (CIA)
2/27	Field of View @ Ridley H.S. (TIA)
3/6	Bensalem (TIA)
3/13	Quakertown (TIA)
3/27	Pennridge H.S. (CIA)
4/3	Easter Weekend
4/10	Cavalcade Champs @ Wissahickon (CIA)
4/17	Salisbury (TIA)
4/17	Perkiomen Valley - if needed (TIA)
4/24	Chapter 3 Champs @ Abington (TIA)
4/29 - 5/2	Wildwood (TIA All-Chapter Champs)

Tentative Indoor Guard Dates:

2/13	Wood Home Show (CIA)
2/20	Hatboro-Horsham H.S. (CIA)
2/27	Field of View @ Ridley H.S. (TIA)
3/6	Rustin H.S. (CIA)
3/13	Timber Creek (TIA)
3/27	Lampeter-Strasburg (TIA)
4/3	Easter Weekend
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Visit the Marching Unit web site at www.abwoodmu.net for the latest schedule changes and announcements.

