

Archbishop Wood H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

January 2004 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! We are in the midst of the coldest days thus far this season and I, for one, don't like it one bit. Hopefully, the cold weather won't keep you from attending our January parent meeting. We will start discussing the second season events and our important upcoming fundraisers.

The Indoor Show will showcase our Indoor Guard Units (we have two this year) and the Indoor Percussion Unit. Please plan to attend even if your child is not a member of either to lend support to the organization and also to enable the parents of our unit members a chance to see their child perform. There are many volunteer positions needing to be filled. Rose Kennedy and her team will be calling to ask for your help. Please don't disappoint them!!

The Ad Book for the Spring Musical and Concert will begin with the January meeting. Please support the advertisers who support the Ad Book.

Important information about the Murder Mystery Dinner will be presented at the meeting as well.

Think warm thoughts or gather around a warm fire. See you at the meeting on the 20th.
Mitzi Chirillo

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:45 p.m. This is an important meeting with discussion of the Craft Show, fund-raisers including Ad Book, indoor show and season, and upcoming events.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION UNIT - The Indoor Guard & Percussion Show will take place on Feb 14th. Note that this will be a daytime show this year with performances beginning

at 11:00 AM. We will have parent volunteer sign-ups at the January Band Parents meeting. We need parent volunteers to cover one kitchen, selling tickets, timers in the warm-up & practice areas, parking lot, monitors for the hallways and the entrance & exits to the gym area. We will appreciate any parents who can volunteer to spend one hour monitoring the hallways so that the visiting schools will see our presence. **All of the guard and percussion members are expected to be available to volunteer** also. Please be aware that there is a lot of "down time" during this show. It is not as fast paced & busy as the craft shows. If you will not be attending the band parents meeting, please call Rose Kennedy at 215 - 443 - 8435 to volunteer. Thank you. In addition, unit members will be asked to donate food items to keep down the cost of running the kitchen.

Also, we are looking for businesses or parents to sponsor a trophy of \$10, \$12, or \$15. Brief acknowledgements will be read for each sponsor...in memory of, on honor of, etc. We will discuss this in more detail at the parent meeting.

FUND-RAISERS - CANDY BARS - All-American \$1.00 Candy Bar Fund-Raiser offers 50% credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. Once again, candy will be available at the parent meeting or by contacting Lori Ingersoll at 215-641-0492. (Checks payable to Lori Ingersoll)

HOAGIE COUPONS - Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435.

SPRING AD BOOK - Information will be distributed at the January 20th meeting so the sale of ads can get started. All ads are due in February. The date will be announced at the January meeting.

PIZZA - will be available starting at the January meeting...just in time for Lent!!

GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY – spring fundraiser will begin at the January meeting for anyone interested. Orders submitted to Angie Palardy by the deadline will be delivered in time for Easter.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

THEATER –Only a few tickets remain for the Saturday, February 21, 2004 Movie Land Murders at the Hammy Awards, our joint effort with the Football Parents Association. Be prepared to purchase the last available tickets at the parent meeting. This event will be held in the South Gym. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include the show, dinner, beer, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. You are welcome to bring your own bottle of wine. Dinner will be catered by Wood Band Alumni, Mike McCombe. This will be a fun evening, so don't miss your opportunity to get your tickets. Terry and Chuck Carr are coordinating this event and can use your help if you would like to volunteer. They can be reached at 215-441-8478 with any questions and to offer assistance. See you in Hollywood!!

UNIFORMS – If any marching unit member has not returned their uniform to the Uniform Room, please do so by the January 20th parent meeting. This includes raincoats, hats, jackets, pants, and any borrowed shoes and gloves. Your cooperation is appreciated.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST – The date is March 14th. Mass will be celebrated on Sunday morning in the School Auditorium. Breakfast will follow immediately in the South Cafeteria/Student Center. All Marching Unit Members and families are invited and urged to attend.

Unit member letters and service pins will be awarded during this event. Reservation forms for this event will be placed in the Band Room file folders.

WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.geocities.com/archwoodmu> 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.

BAND BANQUET - plans have been finalized for Saturday, May 22nd from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Holiday Inn Select in Trevoze. Please be sure to add this date to your calendar.

ALL CATHOLIC - Congratulations to the following Band Members:

Kevin Rakszawski, Marianne Curran, Phillip Schwarz and Mike Rakszawski who will perform with the All Catholic Concert Band at Father Judge High School on February 7th. Kevin and Phillip will also be instrumentalists with the All Catholic Orchestra at Cardinal Dougherty on March 6th.

Sean Kelly, Matthew Kurilla, Ian Carr, Regina DeLaurentis and Kylie Bradley who will perform with the All Catholic Chorus at Conwell Egan Catholic High School on February 28th.

Kevin Rakszawski, Marianne Curran and Phillip Schwarz who will perform with the All Catholic Jazz Band also at Cardinal Dougherty on March 6th.

There will be a combined "Concert at the Cathedral" on Wednesday, March 17th featuring the entire All Catholic Program.

Please contact Frank DeLaurentis 215-659-6968 for tickets or more information.

MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR

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| Tues., Jan. 20 th | - | General Parent Meeting 6:45 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 14 th | - | AWHS Indoor Guard & Percussion Unit Competition |
| Sat., Feb. 21 st | - | Murder Mystery Dinner Theater |
| Sun., March 14 th | - | Communion Breakfast |