

ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

January 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully everyone survived the holiday season without too much difficulty. A big "Thank You!!!" to Bill and Susan Fennecken for hosting our annual Christmas party January 3. A fine time was had by all. Rather than having one guard unit we will have both a junior and senior guard this year as well as the drumline. Practices have been on-going since mid-December and will continue in earnest now that school has resumed. We will be hosting our Indoor show on February 14 and will be needing many volunteers to make this show a success. This is the first "real" show of Cavalcade's indoor season and quite a few schools and groups have signed up so it promises to be busy. The indoor show will be one of the things covered at our parent's meeting on January 20, so please try to attend. The spring craft show is scheduled for Friday April 3. We need people to shadow various positions since we will have some of our parents leaving after this year, and this is the best time to learn the various positions. Kindly consider volunteering your time for our children and the Unit. You will have fun!!

There are just a few fundraisers left so please make sure your obligations are up-to-date. Tom Rakszawski will be putting your latest statements in your folder at our next Parent's meeting.

I'd like to welcome Jim Lutz to the Board as Recording Secretary. Maria O'Leary was unable to complete her term so Jim was appointed to take her place for the remainder of the year.

Thanks for your support!!
Mark Arnold

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. Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-9189.

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

FAMILY PORTRAIT VOUCHERS - are still available. They are \$50 which includes a sitting and single portrait. This is a real value, plus **100%** of the cost benefits the marching unit. For more information call Susan Fennecken at (215) 766-9557.

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".

COMMUNION BREAKFAST - We are currently working on scheduling a date for our annual Communion Breakfast. Information will be distributed as it becomes available.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION

UNIT - The Indoor Guard & Percussion Home Show will take place on Saturday, February 14th for an afternoon show. Please return your volunteer signup sheets to Denine Anderson. 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 appreciate any 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 9189 if you are interested in sponsoring a trophy.

BAND BANQUET - The Curran Family is pleased to announce that 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 - The All Catholic Concert Band performed this past Sunday, January 11. 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

UNIFORMS – If any marching unit member has not returned their uniform to the Uniform Room, please do so immediately. This includes raincoats, hats, jackets, pants, and any borrowed shoes and gloves. Your cooperation is appreciated. Parents, please check with your child about their uniforms, shoes, etc. These items might be needed for their first couple of competitions in the Indoor Season.

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 & Drumline)

PLEASE NOTE: The Drumline Schedule is not complete as of the publishing of this newsletter. Additionally, it is sometimes necessary to make changes in the schedule. More information will be share as soon as it is available.

2/14 Home Show (CIDA)
2/21 TBA
2/28 Avon Grove (TIA)
3/1 TBA
3/7 Pennsauken (TIA)
3/14 Souderton AM (CIA) / Bensalem PM (TIA)
3/21 Pennridge / Musical
3/28 CIDA Champs
4/4 Abington
4/11 Easter
4/18 Perkiomen Valley (TIA)
4/25 Chapter # @ Upper Darby (TIA)
4/30- 5/3 Wildwood

