



ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

January 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully everyone had a blessed and safe Christmas season. A big "Thank You!!!" to the entire Palardy Family for hosting our annual Christmas party January 2. Lots of good food and a fine time was had by all. And thanks to all (OK, maybe the 2 or 3 people) who complimented me on my fashion statement. For those of you who mocked me - it's the latest thing.

As we did last indoor season, we will have both a junior and senior guard as well as the drumline. Practices have been ongoing since mid-December and will continue in earnest now that school has resumed. We will be hosting our Cavalcade indoor show on February 13 and will be needing many volunteers to make this show a success. This is the second 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 19; also, Mr. Zimmaro will speak about Wildwood. SO PLEASE PLAN TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PARENT ATTEND.**

We need people to shadow various positions since we will have some of our parents leaving after this season and this is the best time to learn the various positions. The Unit is dependant on our parent volunteers so please consider how your time and talents can best benefit our children and the Unit. You will be glad you did!

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. Thanks for your support!

Mark

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.

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

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

The Marching Unit Communion Breakfast is January 17th. Mass is at 9:00. The cost is \$13 per person, \$9 for children 9 and under, and free for children under the age of 3. Money was due by January 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Huttenlock at dhuttenlock@verizon.net.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION UNITS

The Indoor Guard & Percussion Home Show will take place on Saturday, February 13th. This is our units' 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, be timers in the warm-up & practice areas, parking lot attendants, monitors for the hallways, and staff 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 Parent's 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, 2010 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

Congratulations to the following students on making All Catholic:

Orchestra

- Kelsey Haugh - Violin

Concert Band

- Tim Curran - Percussion
- Eric Rakszawski - Alto Sax

Concert Dates:

Concert Band - Sunday, February 7, 2:00 p.m. @

Archbishop Carroll

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

Orchestra - Sunday, March 7, 2:00 p.m. @

Archbishop Ryan

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.

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

Sun. January 17	Communion Breakfast
Sat. February 13	Wood's Indoor Guard and Percussion Show
Fri. - Sun. March 19-21	"Spring Musical"
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 (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
4/10	Cavalcade Champs (CIA)
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Visit the Marching Unit web site at www.abwoodmu.net for the latest schedule changes and announcements.