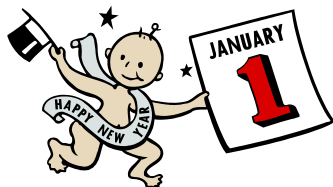




Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter

January 2011



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2011 to everyone! I'm not sure how we are at the halfway point in our marching unit year already, but here we are. And the start of the indoor season means that we will have a lot of very important "business" to take care of in preparation for our home show and the big Wildwood Championship Weekend, as well as in looking ahead to next year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new color guard staff: Carrie Chirillo, Kelly Laessig, and Kate Chirillo. We are looking forward to having them as a part of Wood's program! I encourage guard and band parents alike to take a moment to introduce yourselves when you have a chance and to welcome the newest additions to the staff.

The January 18th general parent meeting is going to be a very important one and I strongly encourage that at least one parent from each family be in attendance. Gary Zimmaro will be speaking to us about the new color guard staff and about what is in store for the entire program as we move into the new year. In addition, we will be talking about our indoor home show and championships in Wildwood, getting clearance paperwork in order, and discussing available positions within the parent association. Please mark this date on your calendar so that you can be sure to attend!

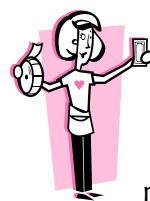
Ed, Scott, and the indoor staff are getting things organized for the indoor season and we hope to

have some tentative schedule information for you in the very near future. In the meantime, stay tuned for our always exciting e-mail messages!

See you all on January 18th!

Beth McSherry-Nichols

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Indoor Show, Fundraisers and the spring Craft Show are on the agenda.



FUND RAISERS

STEAK AND HOAGIE COUPONS – Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. The coupons are \$5.75 each and are good toward the purchase of one sandwich (ie: Hoagie or Steak Sandwich). Contact Linda Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

CANDY BARS - All American \$1.00 Candy Bar Fund Raiser is sold in boxes at \$30.00 per box. Payment is needed when you take delivery of the candy. Boxes will be available at the Parent Meeting. Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261 or e-mail at de9cma@aol.com.

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 practices have begun. Check with your child regarding current practice days and times.

The Indoor Guard & Percussion Home Show will take place on Saturday, February 5th. 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 and needed to help out that day. Signup sheets will be circulated at the January Parent's Meeting. Any questions, please feel free to contact Mary Arnold or Denine Anderson.

BACKGROUND CHECKS AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

All parents are required to have Childline and State Police checks, as well as the Archdiocesan Safe Environment training in order to chaperone, assist with unit events, and to stay in the same hotel as the students for the indoor championships in Wildwood. We are in the process of updating our clearance records and have sent out e-mails if you need to update your clearances. Paperwork for the Childline and State Police checks will be available at the January 18th parent meeting. Each background check costs \$10 and the paperwork will be filed through Archbishop Wood. If you need to update this paperwork, please plan to fill out the paperwork at the parent meeting; checks can be made payable to AWMU. We want to be sure that all paperwork is in order in time for Wildwood, as well as for chaperoning purposes. We will also discuss the Safe Environment training at the parent meeting, hopefully including upcoming dates and locations if you need attend one of these training sessions.

ALL CATHOLIC

Congratulations to the following students on making All Catholic:

Orchestra:

- Eric Rakszawski – Alto Sax
- Tim Curran - Percussion

Concert Band :

- Alex Clayton - Percussion
- Tim Curran - Percussion
- Eric Rakszawski - Alto Sax

Concert Dates:

Concert Band - Sunday, March 6, Roman Catholic
Chorus - Sunday, February 6, Archbishop Carroll
Orchestra – Sunday, February 20, St. Hubert
Kimmel Center – March 22

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.

SCHEDULING REMINDER Please remember that the unit members are required to their instructors if they cannot attend a scheduled practice or event. Replying to the group e-mails or contacting the parent association president or other board members is not the appropriate way to tell the unit directors that a student has a conflict.

SCHEDULE OF PARENT MEETINGS

(subject to change)

February 15, 2011	April 19, 2011
March 15, 2011	May 10, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Home Indoor Show	February 5
Spring Musical	March 25 – 27
Spring Craft Show.....	April 8
Wildwood Weekend.....	April 28 – May 1
Banquet.....	May 20

MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR 2010-2011 **Indoor Schedule (Drumline & Guard)**

Please keep in mind that the dates below are **VERY TENTATIVE** at this time, and are subject to change as the season continues.

Drumline Tentative Schedule

(TIA Circuit - no Cavalcade competitions this year)

All times listed are competition start times - NOT OUR PERFORMANCE TIMES!!!!

- 2/5 Archbishop Wood Home Show
- 3/5 Springford (12:00) and Perkiomen Valley (4:00)
- Either 3/26 at Souderton (12:00) or 4/2 at Parkland (1:00) TBD
- 4/9 Abington (2:00)
- 4/16 Chapter 3 Championships - Penncrest
- 4/28 - 5/1 Wildwood Championships

Guard Tentative Schedule

- 2/5 Archbishop Wood Home Show
- 2/19 Penncrest
- 2/26 Triton Regional
- 3/5 Spring-Ford
- 3/12 Quakertown
- 4/2 TBD
- 4/9 Abington
- 4/16 Chapter 3 Championships - Penncrest
- 4/28 - 5/1 Wildwood Championships

WEBSITES: Visit our website for the latest in calendar updates, important links, competition results and the current newsletter. In addition you will find photos and other information you may find interesting. Feedback, suggestions, ideas, photos, and stories, are welcomed. Please contact Mike

Rakszawski at:

rakszawski@comcast.net.



Archbishop Marching Unit Website

www.abwoodmu.net

TOB and Cavalcade Circuit Websites

TOB: www.njatob.org

Cavalcade: www.cavalcadeofbands.com

STUDENT OFFICERS 2010-2011

Drum Major	Kevin Anderson
Captain	Eric Rakszawski
1 st Lieutenant.....	Kyle Connison
2 nd Lieutenant	Bridget Cotellese
Sergeant.....	Bianca Gibson
Drum Captain.....	Mike Arnold
Pit Captain.....	Olivia Demkovitz
Guard Co-Captains	Ann Huttenlock
	Frankie Succi
Guard Lieutenants	Paige Cyphers
	Marielle Moss

MARCHING UNIT STAFF 2010-2011

Director	Mr. Ed Downs
Assistant Band Director	Ms. Marissa Chirillo
Percussion Caption Head	Mr. Scott Wolfinger
Colorguard Instructor	Carrie Chirillo
Colorguard Instructor	Kate Chirillo
Colorguard Instructor	Kelly Laessig
Percussion Instructor	Mr. Matt Kurilla
Percussion Instructor	Mr. Chad Kilheffner
Marching Instructor	Mr. Thor McLaughlin

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION

2010-2011 Executive Board

Listed below are the names and telephone numbers of current Board Members and Chairpersons. Please contact them with any questions or concerns.

President

Beth McSherry-Nichols.....215-884-6960

1st Vice President

Jim Lutz

2nd Vice President

Barbara Niederriter



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Glenn Miller 215-230-4267

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Head Chaperones

Tom Rakszawski..... 215-674-5006

Donna Huttenlock..... 215-262-4774

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Denine Anderson..... 215-328-0261

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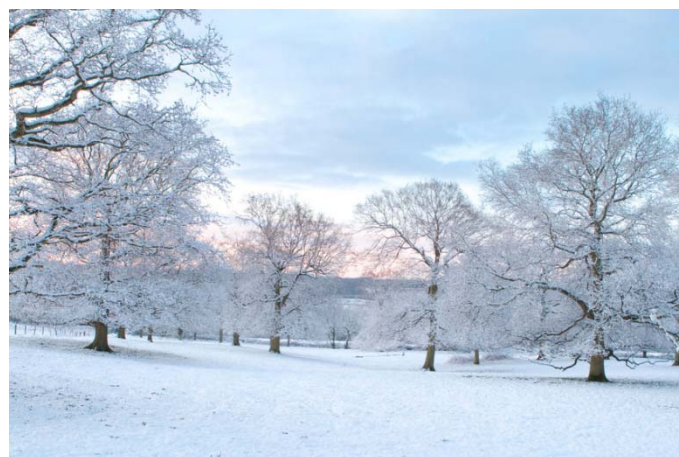
Kevin Anderson 215-328-0261

Bill Moss..... 215-997-1329

Christmas Concert- December 19, 2010



Communion Breakfast- January 9, 2011



*Snowflakes are one of
nature's most fragile things,
but just look what they do
when they stick together.*

Verna M. Kelly