

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S. MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

## March 2009

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been assured spring is actually on its way. Whether you choose to believe this or not we are in the thick of our indoor schedule and before you know it we'll be heading to Wildwood where hopefully it will be a bit warmer than it is now. Before that we have several competitions for both CIDA and TIA plus Champs for CIDA; our spring show, Guys and Dolls, March 20-21-22; our Spring Craft Show on April 3 for one night only; our Communion breakfast and our Wildwood Preview Show on April 29. Thank you to all our parents who support our kids in so many ways. We will continue to need your support in the busy weeks ahead.

A reminder to all families to review your fundraising balances. While some families have reached their goal for the year, others still have outstanding balances remaining. There are only a couple fundraisers left so please keep this in mind. All fundraising obligations must be met by April 1st for Seniors and May 1st for grades 9-10-11. Please contact Tom Rakszawski with any questions about your balance.

Due to the Play and the fact that so many of our parents are involved with it our next parents meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 24th** at 6:45 pm. Please be sure to attend as we have some important business to cover including the Spring Craft Show. Nominations for the Executive Board will begin in March with elections held at the May meeting. All elected positions are open for nominations. Please consider running for one of these positions. Also please consider running a fundraiser next year as we are losing several senior parent this year. Shadowing this year to learn for next year is the best way to go, believe me!

Our spring musical, "Guys and Dolls" will be presented on March 20-21-22. Many members of the Marching Unit take part in the show as actors, singers, dancers, musicians, stage crew, etc. I invite

everyone to come to Wood and enjoy the show. It is well worth it.

Our home show was a success despite the cold and snow at the end, and I thank all of you for the time you put in to make things run smoothly. To the dads who braved the elements yet again-I really really hope the Spring Craft Show is a fine, mild spring evening. Thanks to Denine Anderson, Diane Smith and Rachelle McTague, who did their usual inimitable job organizing and running things and thanks to Woody Kleintz and Mr. Zimmaro for all they did in making this show work. I'd also like to thank Miguel and Maria Barrantes' company, Bimbo Bakeries as well as Wolf Trax Percussion for their sponsorship of the trophies this year. It's a team effort and we have a heckuva team!

Mark

### PARENT GENERAL MEETING

The next general parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45PM. Fundraisers, craft show, indoor season and Wildwood are on the agenda.

### FUND RAISERS

**PIZZA** – Brochures and order forms have been put in your folders in the band room. Orders are due by March 13 with delivery **tentatively** scheduled for March 18.

**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. To order, please contact Denine Anderson Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261.

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

**DUTCH MILL BULBS** – All orders and payments are due to Linda Gioffre at the March parents meeting. Delivery should be by the April parents meeting. Make all checks payable to Archbishop Wood Marching Unit.

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY** - Brochures and order forms have been placed in your child's folder. Orders are due March 12 with a **tentative** delivery date of April 2. Any questions, please call Roseanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW** is scheduled for Friday, April 3 from 5:30 – 9:30. Sign-up sheets will be emailed out and also will be available at the parents meeting. We will also be putting posters in everyone's band folder to hang up somewhere, be it at your work, a storefront, a wood pole. This is a big fundraiser for the unit. Set up begins Thursday night and continues right after school dismisses at 2:15 on Friday. We have a ton to do in a short amount of time, so any and all help you can give is greatly appreciated. Please donate as much time as you can with this important event.

**CREW AND EQUIPMENT:** Indoor season has arrived and we have lots of equipment to be moved on/off the floor as well as loaded/unloaded on the truck and buses. We need volunteers, so please help out whenever you can. Middle School guard parents are especially needed to help out at their competitions. All the kids like to see their families in the stands or helping on the floor, but the young ladies in our middle school guard are not able to physically help like the senior guard members can so Moms, Dads, and able bodied siblings are all welcome. We'd also like to express gratitude to **Pat Succi** for once again supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

### **WILDWOOD "PREVIEW" SHOW**

This event is scheduled for Wednesday April 29 at 8:00 pm. Please invite all relatives and friends who will not be able to come to Wildwood. Have them come to hear and see the sights and sounds of the Archbishop Wood Drum Line and Color Guard Units performing their "Championships" Show before heading off to Wildwood.

### **WILDWOOD WEEKEND UPDATE**

Just a reminder the dates are April 30 to May 3. Mary Kay Zimmaro distributed information at the February parents' meeting. The information was also sent via e-mail to all families. Registration and deposit was due on March 9<sup>th</sup> so please contact Mary Kay as soon as possible if you have not done so yet.

Also as discussed, 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.

**BAND BANQUET:** 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 UPDATE:** The Concert of Excellence will take place on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7:30pm at The Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall.

Tickets go on sale to the public on March 9, 2009 and can be purchased the following ways:

1. In person at the Kimmel Center Box Office
2. On-line at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org)
3. Calling "Ticket Philadelphia" at 215-893-1999

There is a service charge for each ticket purchased. The lowest service charge is when you buy in person at the box office. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$70.

### **REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER:**

All financial obligations are due as follows:

**SENIORS - APRIL 1**

**ALL OTHERS – MAY 1**

Please check your financial sheets in your child's file or contact Tom Rakszawski at (215) 674-5006

## 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](mailto:chief77@verizon.net) or Mike Rakszawski at [rakszawski@comcast.net](mailto:rakszawski@comcast.net). **Please note:** The new URL for TOB/TIA is [www.njatob.org](http://www.njatob.org)

## CALENDAR

Fri-Sun, March 20-22	“Guys and Dolls”
Fri. April 3	Spring Craft Show (Friday only)
Thurs April 16-	Performing Arts Banquet
Thurs-Sun, April 30 – May 3	Wildwood Weekend
Fri. May 15	Band Banquet



## 2009 Indoor Schedule Guard

**Important:** please note that this is a revised schedule from the one originally sent via e-mail. It is sometimes necessary to make changes in the schedule.

3/7 Field of View @ Ridley High School (TIA)

Both Teams

3/14 Souderton AM (CIA) / Bensalem PM (TIA)

Both Teams

3/21 Pennridge / Musical “A” Team Only

3/28 CIDA Champs, Location TBD, Both Teams

~~3/29 Wilson High School Cancelled~~

4/4 Abington (TIA) “A” Team Only

4/11 Easter

4/18 Perkiomen Valley (TIA) Both Teams

4/19 Haddon Heights (TIA) “A” Team Only

4/25 Chapter 3 at Upper Darby (TIA) Both Teams

4/30-5/3 Wildwood “A” Team Only

## 2009 Indoor Schedule Percussion

Mar 7 Field of View @ Ridley HS TIA

Mar 14 Souderton CIA

Mar 14 Bensalem TIA

Mar 21 Pennridge CIA (Plus Spring Play)

Mar 28 CIA Championships, Location TBD

Apr 4 Abington TIA

Apr 18 Salisbury TIA

Apr 25 Chapters- Upper. Darby

April 30 to May 3 Wildwood

