

Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter October 2011



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saturday was a perfect night for a marching unit competition – a touch of fall in the air, but not cold enough to freeze in the stands while watching the performances! Of course, the wind wasn't in our favor yesterday, making it impossible for us to get the backdrops out onto the field, but our drum major and color guard looked fantastic in their new uniforms and the entire unit put on a terrific show at Bensalem. Our scores increased significantly from our first outing in Lancaster and I think the entire unit, students and instructors both, should be proud of the hard work they are putting in to make the show better and better each week.

Many thanks to the parents who have been on hand to help build props and to get the equipment on and off the field! Thank you also to our chaperones and all the other parents who are working so hard behind the scenes to make this a successful outdoor season. I am especially grateful to see so many of our new parents getting involved. I know I say it frequently but it is truly heartfelt – it wouldn't be possible without all of your support! And as I always follow that up, please keep on coming out to help! New volunteers are always welcome!!!

The upcoming weekend will be a busy one for the Marching Vikings. I hope to see lots of people in the stands on Saturday, October 22nd, to cheer on the unit at the Springfield (Delaware County)

competition. Then be sure to join us on Sunday at William Tennent High School for Wood's homecoming game as we recognize our senior unit members.

The rest of our outdoor season is going to fly by ... one more football game, followed by the Hatboro-Horsham competition and Cavalcade champs in Hershey. To me, the hallmark of a truly successful season is not measured in trophies, but in finding fun in the music and enjoying working towards the goal of being the best unit that we can be. So I encourage all of us – students, instructors, and parents alike – to enjoy the remainder of the season to the fullest!

Beth McSherry-Nichols

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Upcoming competitions and fund raisers are on the agenda.

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO EVENTS: A reminder to all parents and guardians, if for some reason you need to pick up your child after a competition and they will not be returning on the bus, you MUST turn in a signed note to one of the Chaperones BEFORE the bus leaves school property. This

is a school rule and without a note, your child WILL NOT be allowed to leave with you unless it is an EMERGENCY. Your child must be picked up in the presence of one of the designated Chaperone's for the event. A permission slip was emailed to everyone on 10/15. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reiter jsr3312@comcast.net or 215-534-2045.

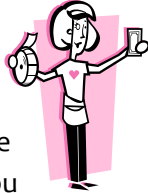




UNIFORMS *All students must have a garment bag to put their uniform in.* Please contact Rose if you have any questions.

FUND RAISERS

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 meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Harris at 215-674-1254.



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 (Hoagie or Steak Sandwich). Contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435.

GERTRUDE HAWK - Information and order forms have been placed in the band folders. If you have questions please contact Rosanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

POT PIES – Rosanne Lawler will provide more information on this fundraiser which will begin later this month. Please check your folders and email for updates.

JOE CORBI'S PIZZA - Delivery will take place in early November. Please check your email for updated information.

GENERAL FUND RAISERS

We are asking each family to contribute one bottle of liquor toward our “basket of cheer” gift raffle. Please bring your bottle to the next parent meeting.



CRAFT FAIR Sign up for Craft Show positions will be held at the October Parent Meeting. Volunteers are needed for this event. This is the

biggest fundraiser of the year and we need as many parents as possible to donate their time and

“energy” for this worthy cause. All students of the color guard and marching band are required to participate during this fundraising event. We will be asking for donations of beverages and baked goods to sell at the craft fair. More information will be sent out soon. Please contact Bill Moss at 267-261-5225 if you have any questions about beverages or baked goods donations. Due to limited storage space, we need to ask families to drop off the beverages on Thursday night, November 17th, during the Craft Fair set up.

BAND BANQUET The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012 at Maggio's in Southampton. Please mark your calendars with this date.

APPRENTICES NEEDED

“Apprenticeships” are necessary for various fundraisers and committee chairs for the 2011-2012 season. See any board member for additional information. Watch for “Sign Up” Sheets at our monthly Parent Meetings.

PARKING NOTES Please do not park in the school driveways, especially on performance days, as this makes it very difficult for the buses and trucks to get through. These vehicles are very large, and need the extra room to make turns, load and unload. Also, keep in mind that the small parking lot nearest the band room is often used by the band for practice, and equipment needs to move through this area. Please try to use the larger parking lots if possible.

MAILING LIST: Please notify Joe Reiter at 215-534-2045 or jsr3312@comcast.net of any address, telephone number and E-mail changes.

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

Cavalcade Circuit Websites

Cavalcade:

www.cavalcadeofbands.com



2011 OUTDOOR SEASON SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

- October 22 Springfield HS (Delaware County)
- October 23 Football/Homecoming Game
Senior Recognition
1:00 Game/Report 9am @Wood
- October 29 Football Game/Cardinal O'Hara
7:00 Game/Report 2:00 @Wood
- November 5 Hatboro-Horsham HS
- November 12/13 Champs in Hershey
- November 17 8th Grade Visitation/Open House

Notes:

1. All football games are played at Tennent.
2. Report times and report locations for football games vary for each game. Please check the schedule above.
3. There is **NO BUS** transportation for the football games. We will need parents to get the Marching Unit to and from the games.
4. Information for competition report times will be given closer to each competition.

Practice Schedule

Practices are scheduled for every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30 - 9:00 throughout the entire outdoor season (up to and including November 10th). There is also a practice scheduled for Saturday, September 17th, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**** Percussion needs to report a half hour earlier for practices. Please remember that extra sectional practices may be called as needed.**

SCHEDULE OF PARENT MEETINGS

(Subject to change)

- October 18, 2011 March 20, 2012
- November 15, 2011 April 17, 2012
- January 17, 2012 May 15, 2012
- February 21, 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

- Open House November 17
- Fall Craft Fair November 18-19
(Set up November 17)
- Fall Musical..... December 2-4
- Band Banquet May 18

COMPETITION CHECKLIST

BRING THE FOLLOWING EACH WEEK:

- Garment Bag
- Marching Shoes
- Black Socks
- Gloves (Clean!)
- Instrument (band)
- Lunch and/or dinner
- Spending money for snacks

WEAR THE FOLLOWING:

- Shorts (band)
- WHITE t-shirt (band)



NOTE: As the weather gets colder, make sure to bring a coat, gloves, hat, blanket, long underwear, etc.

STUDENT OFFICERS 2011-2012

- Drum Major Joanna Lawler
- Captain Katelyn Haugh
- 1st Lieutenant..... Tess Fanning
- 2nd Lieutenant Olivia Demkovitz
- Drum Captain..... Alex Clayton
- Pit Captain..... Samantha Nichols
- Guard Captain Jacquelyn Valori
- Guard Lieutenant..... Marielle Moss
- Equipment Managers (Band)..... Jim Flanagan
Bobby Harris
- Equipment Manager (Guard)..... Anna Kennedy

MARCHING UNIT STAFF 2011-2012

Director..... Mr. Brian Agger
Assistant Band Director Ms. Marissa Chirillo
Music Instructor Mr. Matt Brandt
Percussion Instructor..... Mr. Matt Kurilla
Percussion Instructor..... Mr. Jeff Guers
Colorguard Instructor Ms. Carrie Chirillo
Colorguard Instructor Ms. Kate Chirillo
Colorguard Instructor Ms. Kelly Laessig
Percussion Arranger..... Mr. Scott Wolfinger
Drill Writer Mr. Greg King

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.

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