

Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter September 2011



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our school year may be off to a shaky start ... but as the saying goes, “The show must go on!” Despite the strike, marching unit practices are going strong and the kids are working hard to perfect Jekyll & Hyde. I know we all have our fingers crossed that our kids will soon be back in the classroom in addition to out on the practice field!

Just a quick reminder that, in order for the show to go on, we need volunteers. We have lots of ways that you can help: chaperoning, moving equipment on and off the field, selling concessions, driving the truck, running a fundraiser. A volunteer form for some upcoming events that need parent assistance was recently e-mailed out and a hard copy was placed in your band folder. If you haven't had a chance to see where you can help – or perhaps you've just been forgetting to fill out the form and send it back in – I urge you to take the time to do so now! If every parent can assist with even one or two unit events, we'll have a successful outdoor season.

Last week's football game was the kick-off (yes, pun intended!) to our outdoor season! In the upcoming weeks we will have a few more football games, our first competition, and a trip to see college marching units perform at the Collegiate Marching Band Festival in Allentown. Remember that family and friends are all invited to our Outdoor Preview Night on Tuesday, September 27th at 8:00 pm! I hope to see you there ... and in the stands at our home football games ... and in the stands on October 1st at Lancaster Catholic High School cheering on the Marching Vikings as they take the competition field for the first time to perform Jekyll & Hyde!

Beth McSherry-Nichols



PREVIEW SHOW Save the date for Tuesday, September 27th! The Marching Vikings will kick off their outdoor season with a special preview show of Jekyll & Hyde - all family and friends are invited to attend!

Unit members will report for practice at regular time that night; the performance itself will be held at 8:00 pm on the practice parking lot. (Bring a camp or lawn chair if you'd like to sit!) Following the performance, we will have ice cream sundaes for both the participants and the audience in the band room.

Please spread the word to your family and friends to come cheer Wood on to a great marching season!

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will take place on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Upcoming competitions and fund raisers are on the agenda.



UNIFORMS Does your child need adjustments to his/her band uniform? Once they get their uniform, please ask your child and if so, please contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435. A Band Uniform responsibility sheet needs to be returned-SIGNED and put into the Kennedy file folder in the band room. Please be sure to advise Rose Kennedy if your child's uniform needs cleaning or repairs. **All students must have a garment bag to put their uniform in.** Please contact Rose if you have any questions.



FUND RAISERS

JOE CORBI'S PIZZA – This fundraiser will start in September. Order forms and information will be distributed. If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser, please contact Rosanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

YANKEE CANDLES – orders are due by the September the parents meeting. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Andrea Robinson at 215-224-9368.

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.(Steak Sandwich).

GENERAL FUND RAISERS

GIFT RAFFLE – This fundraiser is relatively easy but has traditionally yielded a significant return for our efforts. We put together approximately five or six "big ticket" raffle items and sell chances throughout the school year. Winners are picked at either the spring craft show or the spring play, whichever occurs later. Past raffle items have included a gas grill, a week's stay at a NC vacation home, a laptop, a restaurant gift certificate basket, a Wii package, a big-screen TV, among others. These items have been very popular in the past, but we could also consider some new ideas, e.g., an ipad, an e-reader.

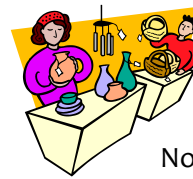
We definitely need your support to make the raffle fundraiser a success! Any amount that you could donate towards the purchase of one of these items would be greatly appreciated - or if you have a "connection" and can get us a good deal on the purchase of a raffle item or the donation of a

vacation home, please let Beth know. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at the September parent meeting, so please give some thought to how you can assist with our annual raffle.

We are asking each family to contribute one bottle of liquor toward our "basket of cheer" gift raffle. Please bring your bottle to the September 20th parent meeting.

Also, if you would be willing to coordinate the purchase of a raffle item (collect money from families who have offered to assist with that item and then actually purchase it), let Beth know.

If you have any questions, please contact Beth at contact Beth McSherry-Nichols at 215-884-6960 or bam811@comcast.net. Thank you very much for your support of this important fundraiser!



CRAFT FAIR The Fall Craft Fair will be held November 18 and 19. Set up for the Craft Fair will be on November 17. To all parents, please keep these dates available for the **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year! **All hands are needed!** This includes the students as well. Please make sure that your child is available to help out with this important event.

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.

TOOLS NEEDED: If there is anyone that has any new or used tools they could donate to the Marching Unit, it would be greatly appreciated. This includes hand tools and power tools (Mitre, table saw, etc.) Please contact Bill Moss at 215-997-1329 or billmoss@pdcmachines.com

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)

- September 10Football Game/West Catholic
7:00 Game/ Report 2:00 @Wood
- September 23Football Game/St. Joseph Prep
7:00 Game/Report 6:00 @Tennent
- September 25Collegiate Marching Band Fest.
Allentown, PA
- October 1Lancaster Catholic HS
- October 8.....Football Game/Mastery Charter
1:00 Game/ Report 9am @Wood
- October 15Bensalem HS
- October 22Springfield HS (Delaware County)
- October 23Football/Homecoming Game
Senior Recognition
1:00 Game/Report 9am @Wood

- October 29Football Game/Cardinal O'Hara
7:00 Game/Report 2:00 @Wood
- November 5Hatboro-Horsham HS
- November 12/13.....Champs in Hershey
- November 178th 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)

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Preview Shoe September 27
- 8th Grade Visitation November 17
- Fall Craft Fair November 18-19
(Set up November 17)
- Fall Musical December 2-4

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.

COMPETITION TICKET SALES: We will have tickets for the October 1 competition at Lancaster Catholic at the September 20th parent meeting if people want to purchase in advance - \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students.

STUDENT OFFICERS 2011-2012

Drum Major.....Joanna Lawler
Captain.....Katelyn Haugh
1st Lieutenant Tess Fanning
2nd Lieutenant.....Olivia Demkovitz
Drum Captain.....Alex Clayton
Pit CaptainSamantha Nichols
Guard Captain.....Jacquelyn Valori
Guard LieutenantMarielle 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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