



# Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter

## April 2011



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

So here we are ... only Chapters and Wildwood Champs left to go! This indoor season is certainly flying by.

I was fortunate to chaperone for the Abington competition this past week, which meant I was able to see both the drumline and the color guard give terrific performances. But even better than seeing both groups, I was so gratified to be able to witness the support that our students have for each other since this was also the first time that the drumline and the guard have been able to see the other's show. The cheering in the stands was great; yet it was what I saw outside of the competitions that really impressed me. While the drumline was outside warming up, the guard bus drove past with everyone cheering and waving to wish the drumline luck. Following the color guard's performance, the drumline burst into a second round of spontaneous applause for the guard when they joined them outside of the gym. It is this kind of friendship and caring that is at the heart of what our program is all about. And while I know that the marching unit students develop their talents and achieve great things musically while here at Wood, each one also learns what it means to be there for their friends and to be supported by their friends— very important lessons in life!

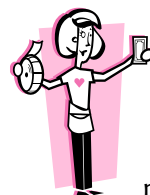
The April parent meeting is an important one – lots of information about Wildwood and the start of

preparations for our next marching year. We will be electing a new board and looking (as always) for some new parents to volunteer to help out the program by running fundraisers, assisting with uniforms, etc. My sincere thanks to those of you who have offered to take over some of the jobs of our graduating senior parents. We'll have more information on some of our available positions and I really do encourage all of you to consider becoming a part of the parent association in a volunteer capacity. It's a very rewarding experience and a great group of people.

See you all at the April meeting!

*Beth McSherry-Nichols*

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, April 19, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Wildwood, fundraisers, and the band banquet 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](mailto:de9cma@aol.com).

**SPRING FLOWERS** – Information for Spring Flowers will be going out shortly.



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

This event is scheduled for Wednesday

April 27th 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 28th to May 1. Denine Anderson distributed information at the February parents' meeting. Registration and final payment are past due so please contact Denine as soon as possible if you have not done so yet. This includes those who will just be needing wristbands.

Hopefully all parents and other family members who plan to stay at the Acropolis in Wildwood have submitted any necessary paperwork for background checks. If you have not done so, please contact Beth McSherry-Nichols immediately so that we can see if we can work something out.

If you will not be present during any of the time your child is in Wildwood, you must provide a note to either Denine or Angie indicating another parent who is responsible for your child in your absence. Additionally, please include medical insurance information in the event of an emergency.



## **BAND BANQUET**

The Rakszawski Family is pleased to announce that the annual banquet is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Friday May 20, 2011

at Maggio's in Southampton. Please mark your calendars with this date. A flyer will be placed in your folders. Senior Parents, start collecting your photos for the senior poster!!

## **REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER**

All financial obligations are due as follows:

SENIORS – PAST DUE

ALL OTHERS - MAY 1



Please check your financial sheets in your child's file or contact Glenn Miller at 215-230-4267.

Anyone who orders flowers, please contact Denine before submitting you obligation.

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MIKE RAKSZAWSKI**



We would like to sincerely thank Mike Rakszawski for the wonderful job he has done in designing and maintaining the Archbishop Wood Marching Unit website. Mike graduated in 2004 yet continues to support the Marching Unit in any way he can. On behalf of the parents, students, and staff, we would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

## UNIFORMS

If anyone is able to help with some minor hand sewing next year such as replacing buttons on band uniforms or fixing a hem please call Rose Kennedy 215-443-8435.

**SCHEDULING REMINDER** Please remember that the unit members are required to inform 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)*

April 19, 2011

May 10, 2011



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wildwood Weekend..... April 28 – May 1  
Banquet ..... May 20

## MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR 2010-2011

### Indoor Schedule (Drumline & Guard)

#### Drumline Schedule

- 4/16 Chapter 3 Champs @ Penncrest HS
- 4/28-5/1 Wildwood Championships

#### Guard Schedule

- 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](mailto:rakszawski@comcast.net)

### Archbishop Marching Unit Website

[www.abwoodmu.net](http://www.abwoodmu.net)

### TOB and Cavalcade Circuit Websites

TOB: [www.njatob.org](http://www.njatob.org)

Cavalcade: [www.cavalcadeofbands.com](http://www.cavalcadeofbands.com)

## STUDENT OFFICERS 2010-2011

Drum Major .....	Kevin Anderson
Captain .....	Eric Rakszawski
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.....	Kyle Connison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant .....	Bridget Cotellese
Sergeant.....	Bianca Gibson
Drum Captain.....	Mike Arnold
Pit Captain.....	Samantha Nichols
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

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Jim Lutz..... 215-784-0475

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Barbara Niederriter ..... 215-891-9717

#### **Recording Secretary**

Rosanne Lawler..... 215-822-1284

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Joe Reiter..... 215-534-2045

#### **Treasurer**

Glenn Miller ..... 215-230-4267

#### **Immediate Past President**

Mark Arnold..... 215-672-7579

#### **Craft Show Chairpersons**

Angie Palardy..... 215-230-3794

Barb Niederriter ..... 215-891-9717

#### **Head Chaperones**

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

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

#### **Public Relations**

Bill Palardy ..... 215-230-3794

#### **Ways & Means Chairperson**

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

#### **Uniform Chairperson**

Rose Kennedy..... 215-443-8435

#### **Equipment & Property Chairpersons**

Kevin Anderson ..... 215-328-0261

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



**All I really need is love,  
but a little chocolate  
now and then doesn't  
hurt!**

***Lucy Van Pelt, "Peanuts"***

