

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S. MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER August, 2009

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to our returning members, and a special welcome to all our new members. I hope you are having a great summer. We're looking forward to another fun and exciting year.

Our fall season begins with Band Camp, which runs from August 10-14 and 17-21. Sessions run from 8:30-12:00 and 6:30-9:00 each day. Members should make a note to bring sunscreen, water, sunglasses, hats, etc. for protection against the elements.

During the two weeks of Band Camp several families will be hosting parties for members of the marching unit. This is a good opportunity for the members to get to know each other and have some summer fun. Details of the parties (dates, locations, directions, etc.) will be forwarded via e-mail.

Our annual family picnic will be held on Friday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m., prior to the evening session. All parents and siblings are invited to attend the picnic. Look for a flyer to be distributed during camp.

Immediately following the picnic, the students will attend their evening session, and the parents association will hold its first general meeting of the year. Please try to arrange for at least one parent to attend the meeting, as well as other meetings throughout the year. This is a great way to keep informed of the unit's activities and to meet other parents as well. After the meeting, all are welcome to stay and watch the remainder of the evening session, as with the other nights during camp.

As usual, volunteers are always needed and welcome. If there is a particular activity or fundraiser that you are able and willing to help with, please contact me. Thanks in advance to all

the individuals who help keep the organization running smoothly. Here's to a very successful year!

Mark Arnold

**BAND PICNIC** will be held on Friday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. with a parent meeting to follow. All marching unit members and their families are invited. It would be a good idea to bring lawn or camp chairs for your own comfort. Tom and Linda Rakszawski are organizing this event and will distribute more information during band camp. If you would like to offer any help, please call them at 215-674-5006. We will especially be asking for help cleaning up after the meeting, before practice ends. **We are in need of volunteers to shadow Tom and Linda this year in order to take over coordinating this event next year. If you're interested please contact Tom and Linda.**

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Friday, August 21st, immediately following the Band Picnic in the school auditorium. Please have at least one parent stay for the meeting.

**REGISTRATION** for all Marching Unit members should have been completed by band camp. Anyone who has not registered for the 2009-2010 season, please contact Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006 to pay the \$40 registration fee.

If you have not filled out the registration and/or medical form(s) for your child, please contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261, so you can be added to the roster. Registration and medical forms are required in order for your child to travel and perform with the unit.

Additionally, parents who will be chaperoning or helping in other areas are required to obtain state police and child line clearances. More information and forms will be distributed in the near future.

**MAILING LIST:** We ask for parent E-mail addresses for distribution of our monthly newsletter and other communications. Please notify Jay Wieckowski at 215-942-9009 or [jwieckowski@comcast.net](mailto:jwieckowski@comcast.net) of any address, telephone number and E-mail changes.

**FILE FOLDERS** for each band family are in a file box in the band room. Folders are filed alphabetically according to last name. Encourage your son or daughter to check your folder daily during band camp and at each practice throughout the year. Important information concerning fund-raisers, special events and monthly meetings is sent home this way.

**UNIFORM FITTINGS** for each member will be completed sometime during the two-week band camp period. If anyone still has a uniform or rain coat at home, it must be returned immediately.

**SHOE FITTINGS AND GLOVE ORDERS** for new or returning members will start on Tuesday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m., during band camp. Payment is due upon delivery which is expected by the last day of band camp. A flyer has been e-mailed to everyone already. Gloves are needed for all band members except those in percussion. Two pairs are recommended. New guard and band members need to be measured for shoes. If you are a returning member and need new shoes, you will also be measured that day.

**SHOE DONATIONS** of previously used band shoes are always needed. If you have a pair for donation or exchange, please contact Barbara Niederitter at 215-891-9717.

**SHIRTS** for band camp members and marching unit parents are normally ordered during band camp and at the first parents meeting.

A flyer for ordering parent shirts has been e-mailed previously. These shirts are usually worn during competitions and other band functions to identify ourselves. The deadline for ordering these is the band picnic on Friday, August 21st. Contact Nora Lutz at 215-784-0475, if you have any questions.

There will also be order forms for the students to order shirts that are normally worn under uniforms for competitions etc. These are tee shirts available in either long or short sleeves. Information for ordering these will be available during band camp. Please watch your file folder for additional information regarding shirts for marching unit members.

**ALL CATHOLIC AUDITIONS** Anyone interested in auditioning for the all Catholic ensembles... Choir, Concert Band or Jazz Band... please contact Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006 for more information. He will obtain the necessary music for auditions. Please let him know your instrument or position for tryouts.

**BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**2009-2010 Executive Board**

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

<b>President</b>	Mark Arnold	672-7579
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Jim Lutz	784-0475
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Donna Huttenlock	968-8872
<b>Rec. Sec.</b>	Patricia Celenza	947-9331
<b>Corres. Sec.</b>	Jay Wieckowski	942-9009
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Rakszawski	674-5006
<b>Craft Show Chairpersons</b>	Angie Palardy	230-3794
	Barb Niederriter	891-9717
<b>Head Chaperones (Outdoor)</b>	Diane Smith	675-4312
	Maria Barrantes	794-4115
<b>Indoor Guard Head Chaperones</b>	Diane Smith	675-4312
	Donna Huttenlock	262-4774
<b>Indoor Percussion Head Chaperone</b>	Maria Barrantes	794-4115
<b>Public Relations</b>	Bill Palardy	230-3794

**Ways & Means Chairperson**  
Denine Anderson 328-0261

**Uniform Chairperson**  
Rose Kennedy 443-8435

**Equipment & Property Chairpersons**  
Kevin Anderson 328-0261  
Bill Moss 997-1329

**FUND-RAISING 2009/2010**  
**CHAIRPERSONS AND TIMELINES**  
***(Timelines are Approximate)***

***(Year Round)***

**Steak & Hoagie  
Factory** Linda Rakszawski  
215-674-5006

**Candy** Denine Anderson  
215-328-0261

***(Fall/Winter)***

**Yankee Candles** Christine Brownlee  
215-657-1393

Orders: through Sept. 18  
Delivery: Before Thanksgiving

**Pizza** Luann Kittredge  
215-675-8934

Orders: Sept. 12 - through Sept. 26  
Delivery: October

**Pot Pies** Donnabeth Murphy  
215-340-0185

Orders: Sept. 26 - through October 10  
Delivery: End of October

**Styers Pies** Carol Higgins  
215-741-3970

Orders: October - through November 6th  
Delivery: Tuesday before Thanksgiving

**Gertrude Hawk** Rosanne Lawler  
215-822-1284  
(w/Performing Arts)

Orders: October - through November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Delivery: Before Christmas

**Christmas Trees** Denine Anderson  
215-328-9189

Orders: October Parents Meeting  
Delivery: Early December

***(Spring)***

**Gertrude Hawk** Rosanne Lawler  
215-822-1284  
(w/Performing Arts)

Orders: February/March  
Delivery: Before Easter

**Bulbs** Rosemary Cotellese  
215-659-3085

Orders: February 21st - March Parent Mtg.  
Delivery: April

**Spring Flowers/Bedding Plants**  
Denine Anderson  
215-328-0261

Orders: March Parent Meeting - March/April  
Delivery: Saturday after Mothers Day

**APPRENTICES NEEDED**

“Apprenticeships” are necessary for various fundraisers and committee chairs for the 2009-2010 season. See any board member for additional information. In particular, help is needed in the following areas: Pizza, Bulbs and Pot Pies Fundraisers, as well as with uniforms and Craft Shows.

**Color Guard:** Sewing/Painting/Cutting. Help needed to make flags/props.

**Building and Fix it Group:** Help is needed to build/repair props and equipment.

**Watch for “Sign Up” Sheets at our monthly Parent Meetings.**

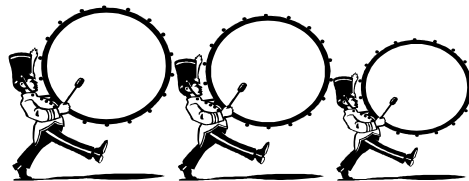
**NEWSLETTER NOTE:** The newsletter will be sent via e-mail during the second week of each month, using a Microsoft Word attachment. A hardcopy will be given to each family for the August parents meeting.

If you cannot download the attachment or are not receiving e-mails, please notify Jay Wieckowski at [jwieckowski@comcast.net](mailto:jwieckowski@comcast.net) or at 215-942-9009. You may also need to update your e-mail server to allow it to receive e-mail from this address.

## **STUDENT OFFICERS 2009-2010**

Drum Major	Stephanie Celenza
Captain	Maureen Fanning
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Tim Wieckowski
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Lauren McGrath
Sergeant	Adam Travis
Drum Captain	Mike Arnold
Pit Captain	Zoe Demkovitz

Guard Co-Captains	Brittany Campbell Kate Smith
Guard Lieutenants	Annie Huttenlock Frankie Succi



## Archbishop Wood Marching Unit 2009-2010 Season

### **2009 Outdoor Season**

#### **Tentative Schedule of Competitions**

September 26	Ridley H.S.
October 3	Wissahickon H.S.
October 10	Plymouth-Whitemarsh H.S.
October 17	Upper Dublin H.S.
October 31	Homecoming
November 7	Hatboro Horsham H.S.
November 14 or 15	Champs at Hersheypark, PA

Schedules and directions are posted on  
Cavalcade's web site:

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

November 20-21 Fall Craft Fair  
(Set up on November 19)

### **Schedule of Parent Meetings (subject to change)**

September 22, 2009  
October 20, 2009  
November 17, 2009  
January 19, 2010  
February 16, 2010  
March 16, 2010  
April 20, 2010  
May 11, 2010