

Archbishop Wood H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

December 2003 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays to all members of the Archbishop Wood Marching Unit families. We wish you all the very best this season and pray for a blessed and safe holiday.

Many thanks to all who helped make the Fall Craft Show a success. Without everyone's help it would not run so smoothly. I received many compliments from crafters and shoppers alike about how much they enjoy our show because it is managed efficiently and by courteous people. Our students did their best to convey the spirit of Archbishop Wood. It was gratifying to see so many people not connected to the unit stop to watch the videotape of championships and appreciate all their hard work.

As of this writing, neither the Turkey Bowl, the championship football game, nor the Band Christmas Party have happened due to extenuating circumstances. Hopefully, the game will be played before Christmas and Wood will emerge as PCL Champs!! Unfortunately, the Christmas party has now been renamed as a holiday party and the Browns have graciously offered to host it on January 10th.

Please stay abreast of the upcoming events in January and February as we start the second half of the year. Everyone's help will be needed at the Indoor Guard and Drumline show on February 14th even if your child is not a member of either unit. Hopefully, you will have a chance to see a performance of "Oliver" this week. Our Ad Book will launch in January as well. Parents of seniors are reminded that the senior biographies appear in the Ad Book, so please ask your child to prepare their bio in time to be included. They will receive information about that sometime in January.

Thank you to all who continue to make this organization work and be an effective outlet for all our children.

Merry Christmas to all.

Mitzi Chirillo

PARENT GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:45 p.m. Craft Show wrap-up, fund-raisers including Ad Book, indoor season, and upcoming events will be discussed.

CRAFT SHOW UPDATE

The November Craft Show was the most successful general fundraiser to date. With over 4,000 visitors, both kitchens selling out of food, a run on Vegas strips, and volunteers happy and willing to volunteer their time, the success of this show was inevitable. A very special thank you to all of the Dads who worked outside directing traffic and managing the parking lot. We appreciate your willingness to help! Also, thank you to all the parents who so graciously donated their time to help at the Craft Show. We are very thankful to Ed McTague for the *delicious* prime rib that many of the parents enjoyed! Ed, we can't wait until the Spring Show...but remember it is during Lent when the Spring Show will take place!!!

Thank you to the following individuals and local businesses for their donations to the kitchens for the Craft Show:

Steak & Hoagie Factory
Sarah Lee Foods
Pizza Plaza
Rose Kelly

Please support the local businesses that make donations to our organization.

INDOOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION

UNIT practices have begun. Check with your child regarding current practice days and times. We will discuss this further at the January parent meeting. Keep Saturday, February 14th open on your calendar. This is the date of the Indoor Guard and Percussion Unit Competition hosted at Archbishop Wood. **All members of the music program are required and expected to be present to help the entire day.**

Volunteers are needed to staff the kitchen, sell tickets at the doors, sell candy grams and flower grams, sell raffle tickets, escort visiting units to various areas of the school and many other odd jobs. Volunteer sign-ups will take place at the January meeting.

FUND-RAISERS - CANDY BARS – All-

American \$1.00 Candy Bar Fund-Raiser offers 50% credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. Once again, candy will be available at the parent meeting or by contacting Lori Ingersoll at 215-641-0492. (Checks payable to Lori Ingersoll)

HOAGIE COUPONS – Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Rose Kennedy at 215-443-8435.

SPRING AD BOOK - Information will be distributed at the January 20th meeting so the sale of ads can get started. All ads are due in February. The date will be announced at the January meeting.

ALL CATHOLIC - Congratulations to the following band members who were appointed to concert and jazz band representing Archbishop Wood: Marianne Curran, Kevin Rakszawski, Mike Rakszawski and Phil Schwarz.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

THEATER – 20 tickets remaining so be prepared to purchase tickets at the 1/20/04 parent meeting if you are interested in attending!!! Theme is Movie Land Murders at the Hammy Awards, Saturday, February 21, 2004, South Gym. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include the show, dinner, beer, soda, coffee, tea and dessert. You are welcome to bring your own bottle of wine. Dinner will be catered by Mike McCombe. This definitely promises to be a fun and exciting evening for all so don't miss out on getting your tickets. Terry and Chuck Carr will be coordinating this event and will provide more information. As always your help is needed and

appreciated. Sign-up sheets will be available at a future parent meeting. Please call Terry or Chuck at 215-441-8478 with any questions and to offer your assistance.

CHILDREN'S THEATER PRODUCTION

Oliver - Advance Ticket Order Forms will be available in your band folder. The performance will be Friday to Sunday, December 12th -14th. Please complete the form to purchase your tickets early.

BAND BANQUET - plans have been finalized for Saturday, May 22nd from 7:00pm to 11:00pm at the Holiday Inn Select in Trevoese. Please be sure to add this date to your calendar.

MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR

Fri-Sun, Dec 12-14	-	Children's Theater Production – <i>Oliver</i>
Tues., Jan. 20 th	-	General Parent Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 14 th	-	AWHS Indoor Guard & Percussion Unit Competition
Sat., Feb. 21 st	-	Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.geocities.com/archwoodmu> 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.

Merry Christmas!!

