



ARCHBISHOP WOOD HS.



MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

December 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the 2008 version of the fall craft show is history, and we survived. I thank everyone for all their efforts (and, boy, was there a lot of effort put out or what?) in making this show such a success, and a special “thank you” to Angie Palardy for all she does in getting these shows off the ground. If anyone can show us how to walk softly but carry a big stick with some of characters we have to deal with, it’s Angie. I’d also like to thank the “graduating parents” of seniors (sorry, Andersons, Currans, Diamonds & Palardys, while you may be graduating a student you still have two or more years after this to reach the elite level of graduating parents) for the work they’ve put in through the years in making this, the biggest of our craft shows and fund raisers, a viable option. We have a great team here, and once again, thank you all!!

December and Advent is now upon us, and we all will be busy in the weeks ahead. Please be safe in all that you do during this hectic season. On behalf of the Executive Board I’d like to wish each and every one of you a most Blessed, Holy and Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

Mark Arnold



PARENT GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:45PM. Indoor Show, Fundraisers and the Spring craft Show are on the agenda.

FUND RAISERS

CANDY BARS - All American \$1.00 Candy Bars Fund Raiser offers \$18.00 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$40.00 each unit. Candy will be available at the parent meetings. Candy can also be purchased at any time, in addition to the parents meeting. Call Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261 and she will be happy to meet with you

HOAGIE COUPONS – Available for purchase anytime and at all monthly parent meetings. Contact Linda Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

FAMILY PORTRAIT VOUCHERS – are still available. They are \$50 which includes a sitting and single portrait. This is a real value, plus **100%** of the cost benefits the marching unit. For more information call Susan Fennecken at (215) 766-9557.

WAWA HOAGIE COUPONS – Coupon orders are due by this Saturday, December 15. Please contact Barbara Niederriter at 215-891-9717 or niederriter @comcast.net to make arrangements to order coupons. The coupons will be distributed at the January parents’ meeting.

RAFFLE BASKET – a volunteer is need to take over coordinating the basket raffle fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact Denine Anderson at 215 328 0261.

CRAFT SHOW UPDATE

The Craft Show was once again very successful with over 3,600 visitors. A very special thank you to all the parents who so willingly volunteered their time. A special thank you goes to the Dads (and one very brave Mom) who stood out in the cold to direct traffic and take care of the parking lot.

CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, January 3, 7:00, at **Castle Fennecken** (a.k.a., the Fennecken's House), located at 4949 Stephanie Way, Pipersville, PA 18947. It is requested that each family helps supply the party depending on last names as follows:

A – D Wine or Beer
F-H Soda
K –Z Desserts

Additionally, it is hoped that everyone can bring an appetizer, side dish or snack type food. Please contact Susan Fennecken at 215-766-9557 so that items can be coordinated and avoid duplication.

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 14** 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.

FALL MUSICAL Disney's Mulan – Advance tickets are still available for this weekend's performances. The performances will be Friday to Sunday, December 12th – 14th. Friday and Saturday, the show starts at 8:00 PM. Sunday's show is at 2:00 PM. Please contact Donna Huttenlock at 215-343-3355 for tickets.



WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.abwoodmu.net> 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. Feedback, suggestions, ideas, photos, stories, links to your own sites (AWMU related) etc. are welcomed! Please contact Jim Redcay at chief77@verizon.net.

ALL CATHOLIC

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for All Catholic:

Concert Band

Beth Curran - French Horn
Tim Curran - Percussion
Brian Farina - Tuba
Shawn Niederriter - Trombone
Eric Rakszawski - Alto Sax

Jazz Band

Tim Curran - Percussion
Shawn Niederriter - Trombone
Eric Rakszawski - Alto Sax

Orchestra

Beth Curran - French Horn
Tim Curran - Percussion
Kelsey Haugh - Violin

Chorus

Mike Palardy - Tenor I

Performance Dates:

Tues, Dec 16 - Band plays at The Cardinal's Christmas Party (Phila Sheraton, Franklin Plaza)
Sun, Jan 11 - Concert Band at Cardinal O'Hara High School
Sun, Feb 15 - Chorus performs at Archbishop Prendergast High School
Sun, Mar 1 - Orchestra concert at Cardinal Dougherty High School
Come out and see our young stars shine!

MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR

Fri-Sun, Dec 12-14	Fall Theatre Production: Disney's Mulan
Sat. January 3	Christmas Party
Tues. January 20	General Parent Meeting
Sat. February 14	Wood's Indoor Guard and Percussion Show



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!