



# Archbishop Wood High School Marching Unit Newsletter

## March 2011



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are midway through the indoor season and things are very busy! The guard and drumline continue to practice and perfect their performances – I hope that you have been able to see the shows and cheer on our kids! And a big thank you to all of the parents who have been helping with the trucks and equipment and as chaperones.

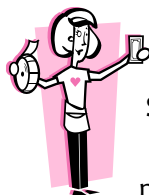
The remaining couple months of the marching unit year will be filled with activities. The competitions will continue through March and April and will culminate with champs in Wildwood. Our spring craft show is less than a month away; please volunteer where you can to help with this important fundraiser. And don't forget to save the date (May 20th) for the marching unit's end-of-year banquet!

As things are starting to wind down, it is time to look ahead to next year. We will have nominations for the board positions this Tuesday at the parent meeting, with elections being held at the April parent meeting. Please consider running for one of these very important positions – the parent association cannot exist without you, the parents, taking an active role! We also have some volunteer positions that will need filling for next year. Again, I ask that you please consider how you can play an active part in the parent association so that our marching unit can continue to thrive and grow!

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

*Beth McSherry-Nichols*

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:45 in the school auditorium. Wildwood, Fundraisers and the spring Craft Show 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 CRAFT SHOW** is scheduled for Friday, April 8th, from 5:30 – 9:30. Sign-up sheets will be emailed out and also will be available at the parents meeting. We will also be putting posters in everyone's' band folder to hang up somewhere, be it at your work, a storefront, a wood pole. This is a big fundraiser for the unit. Set up begins Thursday night and continues right after school dismisses at 1:15 on Friday after the Cafeteria is free for us to begin set-up there. We have a ton to do in a short amount of time, so any and all help you can give is greatly appreciated. Please donate as much time as you can with this important event.



**SPRING SHOW** “Kiss Me Kate” will be presented by our fine Performing Arts Department from Friday-Sunday, March 25-27. If you’ve never

seen a play at Wood, please come on out and be impressed. The cast, crew and show band put in quite a bit of time on these plays and you will enjoy yourself. Call 215-328-0261 for tickets.

### **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 deposit 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. The balance will be due April 1.

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. Also, Mr. Zimmaro says that Archbishop Wood plans to hold a safe environment training class in the very near future. As soon as we have the details, we will forward them to the unit.

**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 invitation will be coming your way in the coming months. Senior Parents, start collecting your photos for that senior poster!!

### **REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER**

All financial obligations are due as follows:

SENIORS - APRIL 1  
ALL OTHERS - MAY 1

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

### **CREW AND EQUIPMENT**

Indoor season has arrived and we have lots of equipment to be moved on/off the floor as well as loaded/unloaded on the truck and buses. We need volunteers, so please help out whenever you can. All the kids like to see their families in the stands or helping on the floor. We’d also like to express gratitude to **Pat Succi** for once again supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

### **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**

All Catholic – Kimmel Center ..... March 22  
Spring Musical ..... March 25 – 27  
Spring Craft Show ..... April 8  
Wildwood Weekend..... April 28 – May 1  
Banquet ..... May 20

## **MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR 2010-2011**

### **Indoor Schedule (Drumline & Guard)**

Please keep in mind that the dates below are **VERY TENTATIVE** at this time, and are subject to change as the season continues.

#### **Drumline Tentative Schedule**

- 4/2 Parkland HS
- 4/9 Abington HS
- 4/16 Chapter 3 Champs @ Penncrest HS
- 4/28-5/1 Wildwood Championships

#### **Guard Tentative Schedule**

- 3/19 Avon Grove HS
- 4/2 TBD
- 4/9 Abington
- 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***

#### **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.....	Olivia Demkovitz
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



Christ beside me, Christ before  
me, Christ behind me, Christ  
within me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me.

*Saint Patrick*