

# Archbishop Wood H.S.

## MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

### November 2003 Edition

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first "marking period" of the music department has closed with a final grade of A+ for all the members of the marching unit. Our third place overall finish with best color guard and best percussion is testament to the hard work put in by all. Our children rallied to regain momentum lost to the teacher's strike and came on strong at Allentown to make us so proud. Congratulations to all unit members, the instructors, the parents, crew and chaperones and cheerleading crowds of parents on a rewarding season.

Craft Show week is looming on the horizon. Please come to the parent meeting prepared to sign up for duty if you haven't already. If we don't have you on the schedule and you won't make the meeting, please call Rose Kennedy (215-443-8435) to sign up before she calls you. There will be some members at Encounter that weekend, unfortunately, which means the others will have to pick up the slack. Please make sure your children know that they are expected to work as much of the weekend as possible. Set up on Thursday night is mandatory for unit members. Attendance will be taken. All unit members are expected to attend a meeting at 4:30 pm in the Faculty Dining Room on Friday, 11/21. This is especially important for all new members to the unit.

The music program now begins to separate into different activities that will take on their own practice schedules. Our parent meetings will become even more important to stay in touch with the fundraising events that will help all reach their individual goal. Indoor drumline and Indoor Guard will have their organizational meetings soon. Show band will begin rehearsals soon as well. Please try to stay as involved in these events in support of your children as you have during outdoors. Sometimes, it is even more

important because their groups are smaller but need just as much cheering.

There is no parent meeting in December but we will have a newsletter.

Once the Turkey Bowl has been played, it is crucial to make sure that **ALL unit members' uniforms and raincoats are returned to the uniform room in good condition.** Pockets should be emptied and officers should remove their pins from jackets. There are enough raincoats for each unit member, but at the last few events we were coming up short. Please have your child check their closets for forgotten raincoats and return all in their possession.

Thanks to all for a great season. Happy holidays!

-Mitzi Chirillo

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will be on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Fundraisers and the Craft Show volunteer sign-ups are on the agenda.

**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.

**PIES** – Angie Palardy is the coordinator. Pie orders are due on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Pies will need to be picked up on Monday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the band room.

**CHAMPS PARTY** – A very special thank you to Tom and Linda Rakszawski for hosting the Champs Party at their home on Sunday. It was a great time with delicious food, and it was wonderful to see so many family members in attendance.

**8th GRADE VISITATION** – is scheduled for this Thursday, 11/13. Band and Guard will perform in the morning and evening. Please have the students report in the morning from 8:00 until 12:30pm and in the evening from 6:15 until 7:30.

**ALL CATHOLIC** - Congratulations to eight Archbishop Wood students for being named to the All-Catholic Chorus. Auditions for All Catholic Concert Band and Jazz Band will be Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Father Judge. Good luck to all students auditioning on this day!

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Thank you to Lori and Randy Brown for offering to host the Christmas Party at their home. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please contact Lori at 215-230-3794 to volunteer to bring a dish to share.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**GIFT RAFFLE** – Please try to solicit businesses for items for our gift raffle baskets. Volunteers are needed to help organize, solicit, sell chances, and various other jobs to make this general fund-raiser a success. The unit made approximately \$3,500 last year and hopes to increase that amount this year. If you have not donated a bottle of liquor toward our “basket of cheer” gift raffle, it is not too late!! Please bring your bottle of liquor contribution to the November 18th parent meeting and give it to Nancy Bierly.

**A Special Request** to our marching unit members who are employed....Please check with management from where you are employed to see if they would be willing to donate something toward our craft show gift raffle baskets. It could be an item, a gift certificate, or cash for Nancy to purchase items. Please, if possible, check with them this week and give any donations to Nancy Bierly. Thank you for your help!

**PHOTOS** – If you have taken digital photos at any of the competitions in which the marching unit participates, please send them to Pete Kennedy at [archwoodmu@yahoo.com](mailto:archwoodmu@yahoo.com). Pete will put them on the website for your perusal.

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**

**THEATER** – Remember to come prepared to purchase tickets at the 11/18 parent meeting!!! 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. Please note that this will be a joint effort with the Band Parent’s Association and the Football Parent’s Association. Tickets will go on sale at the November 18<sup>th</sup> general parents meeting. **WE URGE YOU TO GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY** as the football parents usually sell out and have waiting lists for all the fundraisers they have. We will not be able to hold tickets...first come first serve...so get them at the November meeting. This definitely promises to be a fun and exciting evening for all so don’t miss out on getting your tickets early. 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 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form to purchase your tickets early.

**CRAFT SHOW**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
**6:30 – 9:30 PM**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
**10 AM – 4 PM**

Additional parent sign-ups will take place during the Parent Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you still need to volunteer at the Craft Show and will not be attending the meeting, please contact Rose Kennedy at (215) 443-8435.

Set-up	Thurs., Nov. 20	6:30pm
Set-up	Fri., Nov. 21	1:30pm
Clean-up	Sat., Nov. 22	4:00pm

Volunteers who are helping with set-up, please bring work gloves and tape measures. For clean-up please bring work gloves, brooms and dust pans.

All unit members will be helping with set-up starting at 6:30pm on Thursday evening. Unit members please report to school by 3:30pm, if possible, on Friday for the arrival of the crafters. Your help would be greatly appreciated. All unit members must attend a meeting with Mrs. Chirillo at 4:30pm in the Faculty Lounge on that day.

Tom Rakszawski has a special request of all unit families. You are asked to provide baked goods to be sold at the Craft Show. Items such as 3-inch cookies, cupcakes and brownies should be individually wrapped. Thanks in advance for your support!

### **MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR**

Thurs., November 13	-	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visitation 7:00-9:00pm
Tues., November 18	-	General Parent Meeting 6:45pm
Thurs., November 20	-	Craft Show set-up 6:30
Fri., November 21	-	Craft Show 6:30-9:30
Sat., November 22	-	Craft Show 10:00-4:00
	-	Clean-up immediately Following
Thurs., November 27	-	Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Bowl" foot- ball game. Wood vs. Tennent
Fri-Sun, Dec 12-14	-	Children's Theater Production – <i>Oliver</i>

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

### **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.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

