

# Archbishop Wood H.S.

## MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

### October 2003 Edition

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Finally, the strike is over and we are trying to settle in to competition mode. With the past three outings, the results have been disappointing but not for lack of effort on the part of ambitious kids.

As of this writing, Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we have been approved to move down to the Group III A division in USSBA from Group III Open. For those rookies who don't quite know why this is a good thing, we will talk about it at the upcoming parent meeting. In short, it means our championship will still be on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Allentown instead of October 26<sup>th</sup> at Giants Stadium. Those extra couple weeks will be a big help to building the skills and confidence of the unit. Plus, it gives us more opportunity to experience the coldest of the fall weather! Some might call that initiation for the first year families, while others might call it par for the course. Last year it rained. What can we expect this year?

Our upcoming parent meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> will be full of fundraiser launches, Craft Show sign-ups and competition details. We appreciate the support of all families for the fundraisers as they are crucial to the survival of the music program. Please come to the meeting with a calendar of your schedule available so you can decide which shift you might want to work for the Nov. 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> Craft Show. Also, please begin reminding your children now to schedule off work for that weekend as their help is vital as well.

Thanks to all the moms and dads who have spent so much time so far helping with uniforms, flags, equipment and for attending the competitions to be the best cheerleaders in the stands. The kids notice when we are there and appreciate it.

We will have more information about the championships in both TOB and USSBA at the meeting. Please try to have at least one parent in attendance to take home the essential information. There have been several parent phone trees sent recently. If you did not receive your phone call, please let me know so we can check out what went wrong.

Encourage your child and push them to work hard toward championships. They will feel a great satisfaction in doing the best performance they possibly can when they needed it most, whether it wins first place or not. They will treasure that feeling that they've "nailed it" when it counted and they will enjoy sharing that feeling with their fellow unit members.

One final reminder to all parents to impart to their child: Black socks and garment bags are required at EVERY competition.

See you at the meeting! Have a great week!

-Mitzi Chirillo

**PARENT GENERAL MEETING** will take place on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Upcoming competitions, fund-raisers and the Craft Show volunteer sign-ups are on the agenda.

**REGISTRATION** fee and forms for all Marching Unit members should be completed by now. Anyone who has not registered for the 2003-2004 season, please contact Mary Lou Kurilla at 215-659-7006 to pay the \$40 registration fee. Make checks payable to AW Marching Unit.

## **FUND-RAISERS**

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY** – Orders and payment due to Angie Palardy on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please call Angie at 215-230-3794.

**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.

**MINI GOURMET COOKBOOKS** sales continue. All order forms and monies are due to Lori Ingersoll by October 21<sup>st</sup>. Checks are to be made payable to Lori.

**PIES** – Fundraiser will start on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Angie Palardy is the coordinator. Pies will need to be picked up on Monday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup> at the band room.

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

**GIFT RAFFLE** – 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. We are also asking each family to contribute one bottle of liquor toward our “basket of cheer” gift raffle. Please bring your bottle of liquor contribution to the October 21st parent meeting. Please call Nancy Bierly at 215-794-4175 with any questions and to volunteer your time and ideas.

**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** – 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 at our parent meeting on October 21st. 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.

**FLAGS & UNIFORMS** – Thank you to everyone who helped with the sewing of flags and the ironing of the band uniforms. We really do appreciate your time and willingness to help. A special thank you to Sue and Pete Kil for their help with the repair and cleaning of the band uniforms.

**PARENT GREEN SHIRTS** have been ordered. They should be available to you by the next parent meeting. Any questions, please call Linda Kleinschmidt at 215-674-3527 or see her at the parent meeting.

**ALL CATHOLIC** choir auditions are Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm at St. Maria Goretti. Auditions for All Catholic Concert Band and Jazz Band will be Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Father Judge. If you have not talked with Mr. DeLaurentis yet regarding music, please do so immediately at 215-659-6968.

## **WEBSITE FOR MARCHING UNIT**

<http://www.geocities.com/archwoodmu> (Please note this correction from last month’s newsletter) 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.

**ADVANCED TICKET SALES** for each competition may be available during the week of the competition. These tickets are discounted prior to the competition; however, full price will be charged at the door. Stop by the band room on Tuesday and

Thursday evenings of practice, or the day of the competition to purchase tickets from Nancy Bierly or Kim Kelly. Directions to the upcoming competition site may also be obtained at these times.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Please notify Karen Balerno at 215-860-7768 of any address, telephone number, and E-Mail changes to keep the monthly newsletter and parent phone-tree communications current. Also, please be sure to review the Marching Unit Member list submitted at the first parent meeting to be sure **all** of your information is correct. If any information is incorrect, please contact me.

**MEDICAL FORMS** should have been submitted by now. The students will not be permitted to participate in competitions if we do not have a form on file. If you have any doubts concerning your submission of the medical form, please contact Nancy Bierly at 215-794-4175.

## **MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR**

Sat., October 18	-	Compet. @ Upper Moreland
	-	Homecoming Dance
Sun., October 19	-	Homecoming Game
Tues., October 21	-	General Parent Meeting 6:45pm
Sat., October 25	-	Compet. @ Bensalem
Sat., November 1	-	Chapter Champs TOB @ Upper Darby
	-	SAT @ Wood
Sat., November 8	-	Group A -USSBA Champs @Allentown
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 23	-	Craft Show 10:00-4:00
	-	Clean-up immediately Following
Thurs., November 27	-	Thanksgiving Day “Turkey Bowl” foot- ball game. Wood vs. Tennent

**SPECIAL REQUEST** – We are still looking for someone who has a business or perhaps has a family member or friend who has a business and would be willing to display our Craft Show Sign at their location. We are looking for a business that has a high traffic area so our sign will be easily noticed. The sign measures approximately 3 feet wide by 6 to 8 feet long. If you are able to help with this request, please contact Mitzi Chirillo at 215-953-9924.

