

ARCHBISHOP WOOD H.S.

MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

April 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The spring craft show is over, the basket raffles have been drawn and Easter has been celebrated which means we're in the home stretch of this indoor season. As I'm writing this we have three more weekends to go and then off to Wildwood for TIA All-Chapter Champs. If it seems like this season has gone fast - that's because it has. Look how far the units have come since the new year - it's quite impressive. And they're still adding to and tweaking their shows. New parents often ask "When will we see the final, complete show?" for either the guard or drumline. The answer is simple - the last show in Wildwood. Thanks to all who come out and cheer our children on each week. It's a wonderful thing to hear all that noise in the stands. If you haven't had a chance to get to a show yet please try to get to one before Wildwood. You'll be glad you did. You can check the schedule at www.abwoodmu.net and also in this newsletter. The web site has links for directions, maps and we include competition times from the various web sites (hoping that they're correct). Thanks to Mike Rakszawski for all his work in keeping the web site current. With Wildwood being only a few weeks away, please have at least one parent attend the April meeting on Tuesday, April 20. Denine Anderson, Angie Palardy and Terri Diamond will be going over the details for the trip. My heartfelt thanks to them for all they've done and will be doing for the Wildwood weekend. Without parents such as them we would be sunk. Please do not forget the balance for the trip was due by April 1.

Elections for the Executive Board will be held at the April meeting and nominations are still being accepted. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Elected positions are President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Please contact an executive board member with any questions or nominations.

Also please keep the family, colleagues and friends of Mr. Kelly in your prayers. He touched so many people at Archbishop Wood and he will be sorely missed.

Thank you.

Mark

PARENT GENERAL MEETING

The next general parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, **April 20th** at 6:45 p.m. Fundraisers, Wildwood, and the band banquet are on the agenda.

FUND RAISERS

SPRING FLOWER SALE – Orders are due no later than the parents meeting on April 20th. Delivery is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th. Please contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261 if you have any questions.

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

DUTCH MILL BULBS – All orders and payments are due to Rosemary Cotellesse at the March parents meeting. Delivery should be by the April parents meeting. Make all checks payable to Archbishop Wood Marching Unit. If you have questions, you can reach Rosemary at 215-659-3085.

UNIFORMS

All unit members are asked to check the uniform closet to see if one of the garment bags in the closet belongs to them. If there are any left in the closet we will assume that they are from past band members and they will be given to current members to use. After the April band parents meeting, we will be asking if anyone can take home rain coats to wash.

They can be washed in the washing machine and hung outside to dry. Rose Kennedy is coordinating this effort.

CREW AND EQUIPMENT

Indoor season is in full swing and we continue to 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. We again would like to express gratitude to **Pat Succi** for supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

WILDWOOD "PREVIEW" SHOW

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th at 8:00 p.m. 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 drumline and color guard units performing their "championship" shows before heading off to Wildwood.

WILDWOOD WEEKEND UPDATE

Just a reminder the dates are April 29 to May 2. Denine Anderson distributed information at the February parents meeting. Final payments, and \$30 per person for food expenses, **are now 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. (At this late date, it would be helpful, but not necessary, to make your food money donation in cash to Denine Anderson.)

Also, as discussed, **all parents** of **both** guard units and the indoor percussion unit are required to complete and submit clearances through Childline and PA State Police in addition to completing Safe Environment Training in order to chaperone or assist with the events. Additionally they are required in order to stay at either of the hotels that we have when we go to Wildwood. This is an archdiocesan rule.

If you will not be present during any of the time your child is in Wildwood, you must provide a note indicating another parent who is responsible for your child in your absence. Additionally, please include medical insurance information in the event of an emergency.

And as discussed at the last parents meeting junior guard members will be staying in their parent's room down in Wildwood.

Here's Wildwood performance information:

Drumline (Scholastic Open Standstill):

Preliminaries: Thursday, April 29 at 9:27 p.m.

Finals: Saturday, May 1 at either 6:00 p.m. or 6:11 p.m. (whoever has the best score in preliminaries goes last in finals)

Full Unit Retreat for Percussion: Saturday, May 1 at 11:50 p.m. (really)

Junior Guard (Independent Junior Color Guard)

Finals: Saturday, May 1 at 10:35 a.m.

Full Unit Retreat for Elementary-Cadet-Middle School-Junior Color Guards, Twirlers and Dance Teams: Saturday, May 1 at 11:15 a.m.

"A" Guard (Independent A Color Guard)

Preliminaries: Friday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Seven units are in preliminaries; top four move to finals.

Finals: Sunday, May 2 beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Order is determined by placement in preliminaries.

Full Unit Retreat for Color Guards: Sunday, May 2 at 3:25 p.m.

BAND BANQUET

The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 14th at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. Please mark your calendars with this date. A flyer invitation was placed in everyone's folder. **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 Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

If you are participating in the Spring Flower fundraiser, you can contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0262 and she will provide you with an **approximate** credit towards your obligation.

WEB SITE FOR MARCHING UNIT

<http://www.abwoodmu.net>

Visit our web site for the latest in calendar updates, competition results and the current newsletter, along with videos, photos and other information you may find interesting. Feedback, suggestions, ideas, photos, stories, links to your own sites (AWMU-related) etc. are welcome! Please contact Jim Redcay at chief77@verizon.net or Mike Rakszawski at webmaster@abwoodmu.net. **Please note:** The new URL for TOB/TIA is www.njatob.org.



CALENDAR

Thurs.-Sun., Wildwood Weekend
April 29 – May 2

Fri., May 14 Band Banquet

2010 Indoor Schedule - Guard

4/17 Perkiomen Valley (TIA)
4/18 Haddon Heights (TIA)
4/24 Chapter Champs @ Abington (TIA)
4/29 – 5/2 Wildwood

2010 Indoor Schedule - Percussion

4/17 Salisbury (TIA)
4/24 Chapter Champs @ Abington (TIA)
4/29 – 5/2 Wildwood