

# ARCHBISHOP WOOD HS.

## MARCHING UNIT NEWSLETTER

March 2010

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If it's snowing it must be close to a competition..... or at least it seems that way. We've had quite the winter so far, but hopefully momma nature is going to cooperate a bit and give us a break from snow, ice, and just plain winter uglies. As you know, all three of our units are hard at it, working on their shows, working on their props, and generally just working at music. Between the competitions, NHS inductions, show band, SATs, the play, and craft show, there's not a lot of free time. Please make sure you support your child wherever and whenever you can and please come and see their shows and make some noise in the stands. You'll be glad you did.

Executive Board elections are coming up in April and all the board positions are open. I highly recommend getting involved in this aspect of our parents association. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else (with their acquiescence) for any of these positions, either elected or appointed. The elected positions are President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. The following board positions are appointed by Mr. Zimmaro: Ways and Means, Chaperones (both guard and band), Property (both guard and band), and Public Relations. I'll be e-mailing out nomination forms before the March parents meeting. If you have any questions on any of these positions, please give me a call. None of these positions is difficult and there will be plenty of guidance available from those of us currently on the board as well as Mr. Zimmaro. We are also in need of parents to run various fundraisers. Please contact Denine Anderson or myself if you are interested. Thank you.

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### PARENT GENERAL MEETING

The next general parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:45 p.m. Fundraisers, craft show, indoor season, and Wildwood are on the agenda.

### FUND RAISERS

**PIZZA/COOKIE DOUGH** - delivery is scheduled for March 16 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the band room. Please contact Luanne Kittredge at [annietk@comcast.net](mailto:annietk@comcast.net) with any questions.

**CANDY BARS** – All-American \$1.00 Candy Bars Fund Raiser offers \$15.00 credit of your total purchase. Candy is sold in boxes at \$30.00 each unit. To order, please contact Denine Anderson Contact Denine Anderson at 215-328-0261 or e-mail her at [De9cma@aol.com](mailto:De9cma@aol.com).

**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 Cotellese 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.

**GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY** - Delivery date is planned for March 23 at the parents meeting. Any questions please call Roseanne Lawler at 215-822-1284.

**SPRING AD BOOK - Senior Biographies** were due in **February**. The deadline was extended to this past Sunday, March 7. Please contact Beth McSherry-Nichols at [bam811@comcast.net](mailto:bam811@comcast.net) with any questions.

## **SPRING CRAFT SHOW**

The Spring Craft Show is scheduled for Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be e-mailed 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, or a wood pole. This is a big fundraiser for the unit. Setup begins Thursday night and continues right after school dismisses at 2:15 p.m. on Friday. 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.

## **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. Middle School guard parents are especially needed to help out at their competitions. All the kids like to see their families in the stands or helping on the floor, but the young ladies in our middle school guard are not able to physically help like the senior guard members can so Moms, Dads, and able bodied siblings are all welcome. We'd also like to express gratitude to **Pat Succì** for once again supplying a truck to move our equipment to and from shows. In this economic climate, it is a huge benefit.

## **SPRING SHOW**

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" will be presented by our fine Performing Arts Department from Friday-Sunday, March 19-21. 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. The band parents association president recommends having a meal at Mike's York Street Bar & Grill before the evening performances or after Sunday's matinee. It makes for a nice time.

## **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<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Denine Anderson distributed information at the February parents meeting. Registration and deposit was due on March 4<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup>.

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.

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

## **BAND BANQUET**

The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. 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 Tom Rakszawski at 215-674-5006.

## **WEB SITE FOR MARCHING UNIT**

<http://www.abwoodmu.net>

Visit our web site for the latest in calendar updates 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 welcome! Please contact Mike Rakszawski at [webmaster@abwoodmu.net](mailto:webmaster@abwoodmu.net).

**Please note:** The new URL for TOB/TIA is [www.njatob.org](http://www.njatob.org).

## **MARCHING UNIT CALENDAR**

Fri.-Sun.,                   **“Thoroughly Modern Millie”**

March 19-21

Fri., March 26           Spring Craft Show  
(Friday only)

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

Fri., May 14           Band Banquet

### **2010 Indoor Schedule (Guard & Drumline)**

**Please keep in mind that the dates below  
are tentative at this time, and may need to  
be modified as the season continues.**

#### **Tentative Percussion Dates:**

3/13           Quakertown (TIA)  
3/27           Pennridge H.S. (CIA)  
4/3           Easter Weekend  
4/10           Championships:  
                  Wissahickon (CIA)  
4/17           Salisbury (TIA)  
4/17           Perkiomen Valley (if needed) (TIA)  
4/24           Chapter 3 Championships:  
                  Abington (TIA)  
4/29-5/2       Wildwood Weekend

#### **Tentative Indoor Color Guard Dates**

##### **(both Junior and Senior):**

3/13           Timber Creek (NJ/TIA)  
3/27           Lampeter-Strasburg (NJ/TIA)  
4/3           Easter Weekend  
4/10           Cavalcade Championships (CIA)  
4/17           Perkiomen Valley (NJ/TIA)  
4/24           Chapter Championship:  
                  Abington (NJ/TIA)  
4/29-5/22     Wildwood Weekend