

October 20th, 2009

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Wow, it's been a busy year thus far, but also a rewarding one. I'd like to congratulate all parties involved with another fantastic Renovo parade performance. The students really rose to the occasion and I couldn't be happier with them. As we move closer to the holiday season, there are several items I'd like to update you on.

Football Play-Off Games... With the great way our team has been playing, we are play-off bound! This is just a reminder that the band will travel to the play-off games and perform as we do regularly. There are special PIAA regulations regarding when/how we can play in the stands, but be aware that we will be going to these games, so plan your schedules accordingly. The AML Championship game will be Friday, November 6th at Brockway and beyond that I will update the students weekly.

Band Fruit Sale Details... By now, your children should have brought home their fruit fundraiser materials. If not, ask them about it. The annual fruit sale is our largest sale of the year. This is also the sale that will decide whether we can proceed with our plans to go to Disney next year or will need to postpone due to a lack of funds. I say this not to scare/anger anyone, but rather to motivate you. In order to have a profit of \$10,000.00, we need to sell \$25,000.00 worth of fruit. We have done this several times in the past. That works out to roughly \$300.00 dollars a student. I know these amounts seem high, but this is nothing that hasn't been done by countless CCHS bands and students in the past.

As an added incentive, the Boosters are supplying \$50.00 and \$100.00 Walmart gift card prizes that will be raffled off. Every child that meets the goal of \$300.00 will go in a drawing for two \$50.00 cards. If you sell \$400.00, you get your name in the drawing an additional time. Those that sell \$500.00 and above will go in a drawing for one \$100.00 card. You can only win once. Also, a \$50.00 card will be awarded to the person who sells to the most customers. We hope these generous prizes encourage **everyone** to really sell fruit.

Pick-up day is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th, 2009. We are usually the first stop of the day. We will need a few parent volunteers to assist with unloading and sorting. Please make sure you pick up your child's order on this day. A member of the band staff will be present until 4:30pm.

Disney Trip Meeting...As mentioned above, it's time to start planning for the band Disney Trip already. The trip is tentatively scheduled for the spring/Easter break of 2011. We need to submit our applications and start making reservation very soon. **We will be having our first Disney Trip Informational and Chaperone Meeting on Monday, November 9th at 7pm in the CCHS Bandroom.** You are all strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be explaining trip basics and chaperone duties at this time. This is a great trip and educational experience for our students, but it is also a huge undertaking. Please join us on the 9th so you can see what it's all about.

CCHS Annual Christmas Concert... Thursday, December 10th @ 7:00pm in the CCHS Auditorium Concert Dress is as follows...Gentlemen – Band uniforms (minus the overlay) with a plain white button shirt. Ladies – “dressy” plain white shirt (with sleeves) and a black knee length skirt or black slacks. ****see Band Handbook for clarifications.* The students should report to the bandroom by 6:30pm.

Christmas in the Wilds Parade... This year the marching band will be participating in our community’s Christmas Parade scheduled for **Saturday, December 12th**. **The students should report to the band room by 11am.** The parade steps off at 12 noon from the 4th Street School. We could use a few people with vans/trucks to help get some of the bigger equipment to the school. Times/locations may vary and if they, I will inform the students as soon as possible.

As always, I thank you for your continued support of the Band Program and your children. The kids have really come together this year. It’s been a great year so far and I look forward to even better things to come. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you all at the concert!!!

Sincerely,

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