



Cheshire High School Band Parents' Association

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## From the President Ken Baranoski

Hello everyone, and welcome to the new CHSBPA newsletter! It has been a long time coming, and I hope you find this format easier and more enjoyable to read.

Our Winter Guard and Winter Percussion groups have just wrapped up their fantastic seasons. I am sure I am not alone when I say I am very proud of these kids for what they have accomplished!

Congratulations to the students and all involved in bringing these great programs to us. And many thanks to the parents who heeded the call and stepped up to lend a hand (or back, or truck, or sewing machine, or.....!!)

I noticed a lot of new faces this past season helping out. I hope to see a lot more in the upcoming season! This is the best way to become more involved in your son's or

your daughter's lives. Whether they will openly admit it or not, they appreciate you being there. And so do I!

Well, that's about it from me for now, folks. We have begun gearing up for new season ahead of us. Stay tuned for the next issue!

## From the Internal VP Paul Veiga

To help you plan ahead to set aside time to help with our preseason summer activities, consider if you can help for any of these activities:

- Band Student Picnic in August. We will need to set-up, cook, clean up, chaperone.
- Parent Picnic in August (veteran band parents help with set-up, cooking and clean-up).
- Memorial Day Parade – May 27<sup>th</sup>. Chaperone the band during the parade (that means you will be

walking it, too!), hand out water, mist them if it is hot, etc.

Please call me at 250 - 0867 or email me at [internal\\_vp@ramband.com](mailto:internal_vp@ramband.com).

## From the Financial VP Mark Zotti



*Serving up Fried Dough  
at Music in Motion*

We will shortly start planning the fundraising and production for our Music in Motion® Program Guide and Yearbook. This is a major fundraiser that is critical for the success of our programs. Letters will be mailed to our prior and potential supporters in June. We will need 10 adult ad sales coordinators to monitor our students' sales efforts during late July through

August.

We expect to continue many of the fundraising activities and events that we have conducted in the past. These are designed to either raise funds for the BPA programs, the band member accounts or both. We are always interested in hearing about your ideas for our fundraising activities and how you can help us make them work.

## From the Secretary Sally Begina



*2007 Seniors*

The Cheshire High School Band Parents Association will hold its Annual Meeting in June (specific date & time TBD) in the Cheshire High School Band Room. We encourage all BPA members to attend. We will review recent activities, our finances, elect officers for 2007-08, look forward to the fall 2007 season and more. Watch your e-mails and the next issue for more details!

## Upcoming Events

### CHS Jazz Ensemble Will Host Fourth Annual Jazz Invitational

Thorp Auditorium will once again swing with an evening of great jazz music as the CHS Jazz Ensemble hosts its fourth annual Jazz Invitational on **Friday May 11 at 7 p.m.**

This year's guest artist is Richard DeRosa, jazz drummer/pianist/arranger and composer, who has arranged for numerous jazz greats including Wynton Marsalis, the Glenn Miller big band, and

vocalist Susan McCorkle. Mr. DeRosa will take the stage with our own award winning jazz ensemble following performances by premier jazz bands from Sheehan, Jonathan Law, Lyman Hall, Maloney and Plainville high schools.

The evening concert will be the exciting finale to three days of clinics at which Mr. DeRosa will work with our music students. Ron Ciasullo,

Director of Jazz Studies at CHS, has also invited the musicians from the participating high schools to an afternoon workshop with Mr. DeRosa prior to the concert.

Admission to the May 11th event is \$10.00. Call Jeff Meltzer at 272-0581 to purchase tickets.

### BOE to recognize Marching Band's Successes

The Board of Education will recognize the Marching Band for their accomplishments at the USSBA Championships and at the National Outback Bowl Festival during the **May 3rd** meeting to be held at **7:30 p.m.** at Chapman School. Students will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting.

This is a great honor for our band, and it is important that we show our support as parents. Please plan on attending this recognition. I look forward to seeing you all there!



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**Our Website – [www.ramband.com](http://www.ramband.com)**

Our website is regularly updated and includes links to everything you need to know. Some of the things you can find there are:

- The latest Band and Music Department Calendar which includes upcoming rehearsals, events and the event day's activity schedule (click on the event to see the day's schedule)
- Forms and Handbooks – all of the season's required forms are available for download.
- Fundraiser Information– including amazon.com
- Links to other sites – including USSBA and other music sites