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Cheshire High School Band Parents' Association

From the President Ken Baranoski

Although the heat of the marching band season is a memory and winter is upon us, the beat goes on throughout the school year.

A meeting was held with the family of Dennis Banks to discuss the future of the **Dennis Banks Memorial Fund**. We are very pleased to announce that scholarships will now and evermore be a part of the *Esprit de Corps* award and Most Outstanding WinterGuard Member award!!

We wanted to start with this season, so – congratulations to Peter

Begina, winner of the 2007-08 *Esprit de Corps* award!! We will announce the Most Outstanding ColorGuard member at the upcoming Guard banquet.

Going forward, we have almost \$7,500 in the account and want to bring it to \$10,000 (at least!). With this amount, we can safely invest it and ensure this fund will be there for many generations to come. Please send your contributions to:

Dennis Banks Memorial Fund, c/o Erica Forte, 40 Ridgecrest Drive, Cheshire CT.

The CHS Band Parents Association held it's general meeting on Tuesday February 5th. We had a great turnout of parents for the meeting. We will reviewed the past couple of months of activities, and looked forward to the several winter and spring activities. We also discussed future trip plans, including potential trip to either San Diego or Orlando. Stay tuned for further updates!

There are certainly many musical activities going on through the rest of the school year..... Enjoy!

From the Secretary John Begina

Just a reminder to keep me informed of any change to your phone number, address or email address so you don't miss anything!

Thank you!



Thanksgiving Day 2007

From the Financial VP Joanne Tenney

Car Raffle



Please remember to send in any & all sold stubs so we can keep an accurate track of sales. We have a long way to go and need to keep the effort going! This is a great effort for our current students and a great legacy to leave for students for many years to come.

Remember – we are doing this for the kids. Not just our kids, but for all those that will follow.

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If you shop through amazon.com®; remember to always access amazon.com® through our website www.ramband.com, then go to the “fundraising opportunities” section; then click on the amazon.com® logo. Amazon.com sells books, music, electronics, apparel and home & garden items. Tell your friends too! A portion of the sales proceeds will benefit the CHSBPA.

Yearbooks

The production phase of the Yearbook is still in progress; we are waiting for a couple of instrumental sections to be provided. If you have not ordered your copy yet, please use the accompanying order form to place your order. If you have any questions, please contact me at 272-1854.

Train Show

The SPRING Train Show is coming down the tracks, arriving on Sunday March 18th.

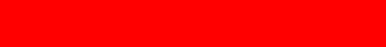
Each November and March, the BPA hosts a Train Show at CHS. The Cafeteria, Commons and the East Gym are filled with more than 90 vendors of model railroad hobby items, memorabilia and the like. We also have several local Model Railroad Hobby Groups that set up elaborate layouts of various sizes.

We need many volunteers to organize and run the show. Like most fundraisers, it is a labor intensive one requiring kitchen workers, set-up and clean up. As a fundraiser, the BPA collects admissions to the show, sells the vendors table space and sells food concessions from the cafeteria. We also utilize a number of student workers who can earn money for their Band Member Accounts. Sign-up sheets for students and parents have been posted in the Band Room.

If you have any questions and if you can assist in this important fundraiser, please contact Bill Colwell (272-2967) or Denis Quinit (271-3357).



Thanksgiving 2007



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Our Website – 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

CHECK THE CALENDAR @ www.ramband.com

Thur – Fri	Feb 8 – 9 th	Berkley trip
Sunday	Mar 2 nd	Spring Train Show; CHS
Thur - Sat	Mar 13-15 th	New England Music Festival Association Concert Festival
Sunday	Apr 6 th	Winterguard Exhibition and Pasta Dinner; CHS
Thur - Sat	April 3-5 th	CMEA All-State Festival, Hartford, CT
Wed – Sat	April 9 - 12 th	MENC National in-service Conference
Thursday	Apr 24 th	Percussion Ensemble Concert
Friday	April 25 th	American School Band Directors Assn. Festival
Tuesday	April 29 th	Choral concert
Wed - Fri	May 7 - 9 th	Jazz Festival / Concert
Tuesday	May 15 th	Instrumental Music Concert
Friday	May 16 th	Orchestra @ Waterford
Sunday	May 25 th	Memorial Day Parade