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Cheshire High School Band Parents' Association

From the President Ken Baranoski

Before the "old" season has ended, we are already planning for the new 2007-08 season. We have several exciting new fundraisers coming up, as well as the old tried 'n' true.

With the new season comes a changing of the guard of sorts. We are losing several parents whose help in the past was invaluable. We need

you to step up and step into these vacancies.

None of them are difficult, no prerequisites, prior experience is not needed!

The most important thing to remember is you will not be left alone to fend for yourself. In fact, some are co-chair positions, in which you will work with an "experienced" parent to learn the ropes.

Please give me a call or drop me an e-mail and we will discuss the positions available. Everybody has *something* to offer!

I look forward to seeing you at the new parents meeting May 31st and/or the General BPA meeting June 7th.

See you then!

From the Secretary Sally Begina

Notice of Meeting

The Cheshire High School Band Parents Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 7th beginning at 7:30 pm in the Cheshire High School Band Room. We encourage all BPA members to attend. We will award scholarships, review recent activities and our finances, elect officers for 2007-08, look forward to the fall 2007 season and more.

Preseason Physicals

As with all sports, a current physical exam is required to participate in Marching Band. *All students must either have*

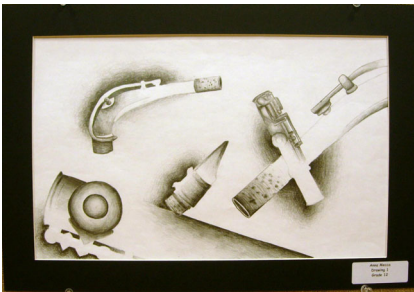
a physical at CHS or show proof from their doctor that they have been examined and are physically capable of participating in marching band. If your child will be a sophomore in September, this requirement is met because he/she must have a physical before entering school. All other grades (9th, 11th and 12th) must either have a Sports Physical or bring in a notice from their doctor clearing them. *We do not supply this form.* Most pediatricians have this form in their office. If they do not, a note on their stationery is acceptable. Bring or mail your doctor's

form to CHS school nurse Barbara Ruddy by August 1st.

Sports physicals are also administered by Cheshire High School. Your child does not need to bring anything with him/her for this physical. Physicals are scheduled for Marching Band members at the following time:

Wednesday, August 8th; CHS Nurses office; arrive by 9:00 am and no later than 10:30 am.

Alternate date: Thursday August 16th, same time and place; this date is intended primarily for the football team students.



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 either of these activities:

cooking and clean-up)

Please call me at 250-0867 or email me at internal_vp@ramband.com.

The photos on this page are of some of our band members artistic talent! These were on display at the recent town-wide art show held at the High School on May 18th.

Band Student Picnic- August 17th from 1 pm to 3:30pm. We will need to set-up, cook, clean up, chaperone.

Parent Picnic – August 23rd (veteran band parents help with set-up,



Above: Anna Mecca
Amy McAffrey

Below: Aaron Solomon
Brittany Baranoski



From the Financial VP Mark Zotti

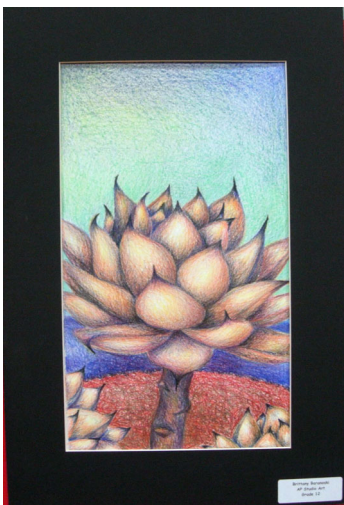
We will shortly start planning the fundraising and production for our Music in Motion® Program Guide and Yearbook. This is a major fundraiser that is critical for the success of our programs. Letters will be mailed to our prior and potential supporters in June. We will need 10 adult ad sales coordinators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



Above: Town-wide Art Show

From the Quartermasters Daille Varsanik & Yvonne Petrin

For your convenience, we will collect uniform pants **plus \$7 cash** (cost of dry-cleaning) **immediately after the Memorial Day parade on May 27th**. Be prepared to wait in line and to read the number on the label. Tip: Wear shorts under your uniform pants. **Pants will not be collected on May 27th without the \$7 fee – No exceptions.**

If you prefer to have them dry-cleaned on your own, please bring pants **on the dry-cleaner's hanger with plastic cover and ticket attached** to the

uniform closet near the auditorium lobby *Monday & Tuesday June 4th & 5th from 2 – 3 pm*.

Report cards will be held for those students who have not returned their dry-cleaned band pants by June 8th.

Graduating seniors:

Please consider donating your marching shoes and gloves (in good condition) to the CHSMRB. Having “extras” around can help us prevent disasters on performance days! You can bring them to us when you return your band pants.

Any questions, please call or email:

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rvar@cox.net

or

Yvonne at 272-2840,
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Upcoming Events

The next main event coming up is the New Band Parent meeting. At this meeting, we will discuss the various ensembles and music course offerings the students have in some detail.

We will also discuss the BPA; it's organization, the financial support, our volunteers, the various committees, and sources of funding.

Next on the calendar is our annual Mid-year General BPA meeting.

John Kuhner will give a report on the music programs. New officers will be nominated. We will also award the scholarships to the graduating students who have applied for and have been granted one.

Keep an eye on the calendar at <http://www.ramband.com/> for all the latest upcoming events!



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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 @

<http://www.ramband.com/pages/calendar.htm>

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| Sunday | May 27 th | Memorial Day Parade |
| Thursday | May 31 st | New Band Parents meeting, 7:00 PM; CHS Band Room; discussion includes a music curriculum presentation |
| Sunday; Mon & Tues | May 27 th ; June 4 th , 5 th | Return dry-cleaned band pants (see From the Quartermasters article for more details) |
| Thursday | June 7 th | BPA Annual Meeting 7:30, CHS Band Room, and band pants return |
| Tuesday | June 19 th | CHS Graduation performance |
| Wednesday | August 8 th | Marching band pre-season physicals |
| Monday | August 13 th | Start of band pre-season rehearsals (thru Friday, August 24 th) |
| Saturday | October 13 th | Music in Motion |