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Cheshire High School Band Parents' Association

From the President Ken Baranoski

As the fall foliage season marches toward its peak during this month, so too does that marvelous band of our students we know as the Cheshire High School Marching Ram Band. October is always a very busy month, as you can see from the calendar and the several articles in this newsletter. This week is our Music in Motion® Marching Band

Competition. With an army of volunteers, including you, your fellow band parents and alumni band parents; we welcome our community, 12 other bands and their supporters to our CHS campus. We all take a lot of pride in hosting this USSBA "gold star show" and we rely heavily on its financial success as support for our programs.

There is important information for you about this gala event on page three. See you there!

From the Secretary John Begina

Notice of BPA General Meeting – Tuesday, October 30th.

Please plan to attend the Fall BPA General Meeting on Tuesday October 30th at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. We'll hear a recap of Music in Motion™, and have updates on our upcoming events, including Championships competitions, Train Show, Band Banquet and Christmas Tree Pick-up. We'll plan to wrap up at 8:10, with time left to watch the Band's rehearsal.

Photos and videos

Hold onto those photos from band competitions and events! We will hold

a photo exchange at the band banquet. Bring duplicates and photos you cannot use and take some new ones home! And, your digital photos and videos are needed for Don Dore's annual video extravaganza – a perennial highlight at the band banquet!

Individual Band Member Photos

Individual photographs have been distributed. In the envelope with your child's photograph is an envelope marked "group photo order". Use this envelope to order selected group photographs, including the popular 11x14 full band photo. Simply complete the order

envelope, enclose your payment [checks payable to Rick Ciaburri Studio] and place the envelope in the BPA forms lockbox in the Band Room hallway. Additional group photo order envelopes are available in the forms rack in the hallway. Photos can also be ordered over the Internet using the information provided on the group photo order envelope. Orders for the photos taken by Rick Ciaburri Studio should be submitted no later than November 4th for an early December arrival.

From the Financial VP Joanne Tenney

Car Raffle

We are off to a great start! Thanks to everyone who is out selling these tickets for our band. This will go a long way to getting new uniforms for our kids and will be a lasting testament to our hard work and dedication to this program for many seasons to come!

Amazon.com

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.

USSBA New England States Championships Tickets

This event will be held at the Veterans Memorial Stadium in New Britain on October 27th. Tickets will be available from the band on Thursday nights starting at 8PM near Retail Sales during October. The cost is \$12 per ticket. Save the aggravation of queuing up at the event and help the band in the process.

Call Duane Beale at 203-558-1365 to help out with the sales (this is a real easy job).

Train Show

The Fall Train Show is coming down the tracks, arriving on Sunday November 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 student workers will be posted in the Band Room one week before the show.

We will have parent volunteer sign-ups for the Train Show at our October BPA meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions and if you can assist in this important fundraiser, please contact Bill Colwell (272-2967).



Band Banquet

Banquet reservation forms are due Thursday, November 1st!! On Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 6:00 pm, we will celebrate the end of our season with a Band Banquet and Award Ceremony at the Aqua-Turf Club in Southington. All parents are encouraged to attend this memorable event! For more information, see the accompanying form. A note about the seating arrangements: while the Band members have reserved seating, parents are seated as "general admission" in tables of 10 and roadies are requested to sit with their parents. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Tenney.



*Some shots of our kids
at recent shows
Above: in RI
Below: Elementary
School tour*



♪♪♪ **BAND BANQUET** ♪♪♪

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT FORM

On **Wednesday, November 28, 2007** at **6:00 pm**, we will celebrate the end of our season with a Band Banquet and Award Ceremony at the Aqua-Turf Club in Plantsville. All parents are encouraged to attend this memorable event!

The cost of the banquet is \$44.00 per person for Band Parent Association (BPA) members in good standing (dues paid) and \$55.00 per person for others. Marching Band students and "roadies" attend free of charge and they will make their reservations at a later date on sign up sheets in the Band Room.

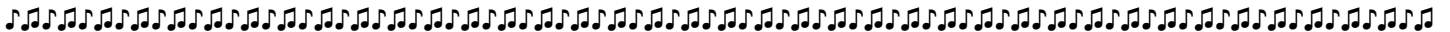
A few notes and suggestions:

- Dress for the boys: Shirt & tie; jacket is optional; dress pants; no sneakers please
- Dress for the girls: Dress; blouse & skirt; blouse & dress pants; no sneakers please
- Arrival time is 6:00pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30pm.
- As you walk into the lobby, our room will be on the left side (Kay's Pier South).
- Seniors and their families: Check in at the senior registration table.
- Memorabilia table and photo exchange: Please bring to the banquet your extra photos that you are willing to share for anyone's taking. Drop them off at the "memorabilia table". At the end of the night, please take back any leftover photos; otherwise they will be discarded.

Please make your reservations now by completing this form and returning it, with your check made payable to "CHSBPA", by either dropping them into the Lock Box located in the Band Room hallway, or mailing them to:

CHS Band Parents' Association, Inc.
Att: Joanne Tenney
P.O. Box 463
Cheshire, CT 06410

Detach the stub below and return it with payment by Thursday, November 1, 2007



Names of attendees: _____

If you require a vegetarian meal, please indicate the number: _____ meal(s)

BPA Members in good standing:

I am paying for _____ person(s) at \$44.00 per person. _____

Others:

I am paying for _____ person(s) at \$55.00 per person. _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

(Do not include payment for your Marching Band student or roadie)



CHSBPA

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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

Saturday	October 13 th	Music in Motion
Tuesday	October 30 th	BPA General Meeting
Saturday	November 10 th	USSBA Group V Open Championships
Sunday	November 18 th	Train Show
Thursday	November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day Pancake Breakfast & Game
Wednesday	November 28 th	Marching Band Banquet, Aqua Turf Club, Southington