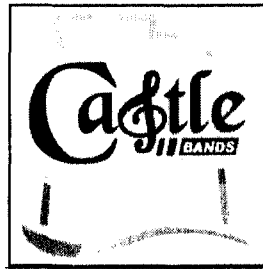


Castle Band Newsletter



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Notes From The Podium

*The past is history,
The future is a mystery,*

*Today is special, that
is why it is called the
"present"*

This simple poem has been with me since this summer and I felt compelled to share it with everyone.

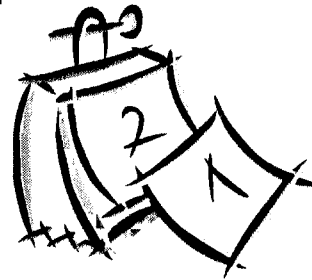
Looking at the past (you can start singing Auld Lang Syne now), the Castle Band family has been on an incredible run. The Marching Knights have finished in the TOP FIVE in the State for 5 of the past 6 years and the concert bands have been in the state finals 4 of the past 5 years. We have started a competitive winter guard program

and winter drum line. The jazz ensembles continue to grow in quality and quantity. And yes, the students have a brand new facility!

Looking at the future, it is indeed a mystery, but I do know that the spirit and dedication of the students and families continues to amaze me and even greater things are on the horizon.

Looking at the present, we have so many things to be grateful for, both music and non-music related, it is very humbling. A heartfelt thank-you to all the students and parents who continue to make this community the best place in the state!

Tom



New Band Calendars

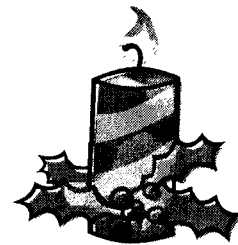
Your student received the new, yellow '04-'05 band calendar last week in class. Please check with your son/daughter for your copy of the calendar. You will find all of the upcoming events through July/August camp.

Calendar Reminders:

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| 12/27 | Alumni Open House 6-9pm |
| 1/5 | Back to School |
| 1/5,12,19,26 | Jazz 3-5 |
| 1/6 | Booster Board Mtg. 7pm |
| 1/7 | Pep Band 6:15 |
| 1/8 | Pep Band 6:15 |
| 1/9 | All State Band Auditions |
| 1/24 | Booster General Mtg. 7pm |
| 1/25 | Pep Band 6:15 |
| 1/28 | Pep Band 6:15 |
| 1/29 | Solo/Ens. at UE |

Candle Sale

Many thanks to Janet Butler for handling the candle sale! It was a great



success thanks to all who sold or bought candles for gifts. We still have a few in the office if you need a

Notes from the Prez

The Christmas Season is upon us and it is often a time when we reflect on the past year. The Castle Band is a wonderful organization with many terrific volunteers, where much is accomplished with the help of many. David and I would like to say a special thanks to all who have helped this season. If you still need

to shop for Christmas, don't forget to pick up your Kohl's Cards and Schnuck's Bucks. This makes shopping a breeze and helps the band with very little effort. There is still much to come with the Jazz Band, Pep Band, Knight with Castle Band, the Garage Sale, Winter Guard and Winter Drumline. We are looking

forward to beginning the New Year with other new projects on the horizon to keep the band moving along. We wish you the very best for your Holiday Season! Stay healthy, get rested, and we look forward to a great 2005 with you!

Maurita and David Wills

Craft Show Report:

The annual Castle Band Craft Show on Saturday, December 4th was great fun and another huge success. Many thanks to the Core Committee Chairmen—Afaf Tawfik, Chan Reese, and Kaye Broom; all sub-committee chairmen—Maurita Wills, Sandy McDaniel, Sharon Barringer-Schnapf, Beth Williams, Connie Weber, Ronda Davis, Bob Boxell, Charlie Kapernaros, Sue Lilly, Brenda Sexton, Jill Coppess, Don and Joanne Nalin, Betsy Brubeck and Cindi Williams; and the Parents, Students and Staff who work so hard to make this such an awesome community event.

Comments from the dealers and customers were very positive, and everyone is looking forward to our next craft show.

We will need several new sub-committee chairmen next year so please be thinking about the '05 craft show and talk to Afaf Tawfik if you can help. Also, Afaf and Chan will be senior parents next year so we are looking for several people who might be interested in shadowing them to "learn the ropes" for the following year!

Thank you!

Christmas Ideas:

If you need a last minute Christmas gift you can check with the Band Office where cookbooks and Castle fleece blankets are available for sale. The cookbooks are \$10 and the blankets sell for \$25. We also have a few extra can-

OPEN HOUSE

On Monday, Dec. 27th we will hold an open house of the new Band Room from 6-9pm. Tell all Alums, Family and Friends to stop by and see the new facility!

Band Camp Dates—2005

We want to get the dates of the '05 band camp to you so that you can plan your student's summer schedule. Please consider the band camp schedule when making vacation plans, doctor appts., etc. A **LARGE** portion of our success depends on **EVERYONE** being at **EVERY** rehearsal. Please schedule all appointments on days the marching band **DOES NOT** practice.

Thanks!

May 31-June 3rd

Sectionals—8am-12 noon

June 6-10th

Band Camp 8 am-4pm

June 11th

Newburgh Parade

July 18-22

Band Camp 8am-4pm

July 25-29

Band Camp 8am-4pm

August 1-5

Band Camp 8am-4pm

Tax Information...

If you would like to increase your charitable donations for 2004, all donations to Castle Band are tax deductible! (and greatly appreciated!)

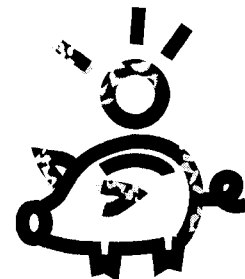
Band Fee Fundraisers:

There are several ongoing and upcoming fundraisers that will help defray your student's band fees for '05-'06. They include:

1. **Schnuck's Cards** which continue to be on sale in the band office or from Cyndi Williams at 853-0137
2. **The Garage Sale (March 19, '05)** held here at the high school. You may request a booth to sell your

personal items.

3. Half the profit from the sale of tickets to **Knight With Castle Band (April 9, 2005)**.
4. Any extra pledge money (over the required amount) from the **Car Wash** goes into your student's band account.



Details on these events will be at all future Booster meetings, on band website, and upcoming newsletters. These are great ways to pay for part or all of your band fees.