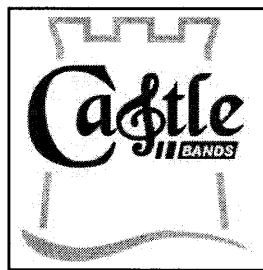


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Notes From The Scissor Lift

What a great showing at Parent's Night! It was so wonderful to see and hear so many families, friends, and alumni cheering for the Marching Knights. The hard work students put in during the past three weeks was evident in their fantastic performance and crowd response. We hope that you continue to support the Marching Knights at the upcoming contests.

people want to help...not every band is this way! Second, the answer is that you can ALL help in anyway you can. Everyone has different talents, time schedules abilities, and there are so many jobs get done...we can use EVERY ONE. I would encourage all parents to become more involved with their son/daughter as we go through this AMAZING marching season.....this will truly be a year to remember!

WHAT CAN I DO?

I am often asked by new and experienced band parents the question "what can I do to help?" First let me say it is so great that so many

*Many hands make
light work!*

Tom

BOA GRAND NATIONALS TRIP

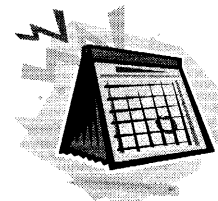
As most of you know, the Castle Marching Knights will be traveling to Indy for the BOA Grand Nationals. The band will be performing on Thursday, November 10th, and Saturday, November 12th. The band WILL BE STAYING OVERNIGHT IN INDY at a hotel for 2 nights (Thursday and Friday). The students received a flyer this week about the exact details of this EXCITING TRIP. We are 1 of 90 bands competing at BOA Grand Nationals...and the students are very excited to "show off" for the entire country!

Next Booster Mtg.

Monday
August 22nd

7:00 pm

High School
Band Room



band budget. In order to do this we are trying to only have two big fundraisers a year (except for trip years), a vehicle raffle & a golf scramble. The golf scramble is to come next year. The truck raffle is going slower than we had hoped, but we still believe that we can make this raffle a great success. We need your help now with this truck raffle. I want to thank everyone who has sold their 10 or more tickets. Up until our invitational, the families that sell at least 10 tickets per student will receive a duffle bag and towel. Those of you who have not sold any tickets, we have set up locations throughout the area to help you meet your goal. Please feel free to contact us or Cyndi Williams (853-0137) for available work times. Other schools a lot smaller than us do a vehicle raffle successfully every year. **WE CAN DO THIS!** We need everyone to **JUMP** on the "BAND"-wagon **NOW** and make this happen.

It costs over \$1,200.00 per student to participate in one band year so you see how important our fundraisers are. We can keep our fees where they are by your participation in our fundraisers.

Thank you,
Harold & Nancy Williamson

Notes from the Prez

Hello fellow boosters, was parents' night awesome or what! These students are simply amazing with all the talent they have. I know they will put on one heck of a show this year. Also, hats off to the staff for all of their wisdom, help, & talent. I want to thank all the board members & committee chairs for everything they do. I am amazed at what these boosters accomplish.

We still need someone to chair the junior high concession workers this year. If you can help please contact Michele Wagner at 490-3509. With the past history of Castle parents' involvement, we know there will be someone to step up to the plate.

Now to the business at hand. **ALL BAND FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!** This band cannot operate without fees being paid on time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

For those of you who were not at parents' night let me give you a breakdown of the meeting. We have purchased and outfitted a larger trailer along with purchasing \$100,000.00 worth of new instruments/equipment for your students. To make this happen we had to take out a loan of \$40,000.00. We would like to get this loan paid off before the term. We are trying very hard to keep costs down and to help the

Calendar Reminders:

8/20 Mini Camp-8:00 am-4:00 pm
8/22 **7:00-BOOSTER GENERAL MEETING**
8/27 Mini Camp-8:00 am-4:00 pm
9/2 Football game-report 5:45 pm
9/10 Day Rehearsal/evening @ Mt. Vernon contest
9/12 **SPIRIT NIGHT**-Quiznos on Bell Rd.
9/16 Football game-report 5:45 pm
9/17 ISU-TERRE HAUTE
9/19 **7:00-BOOSTER GENERAL MEETING**

PICKING UP YOUR STUDENT:

After events (especially contests) please be here on time to pick up your student. We can't give an exact arrival time back at the school because of the many factors that affect our schedule. However, we do try to give a time that is close to what we expect our arrival will be. Even though sometimes parents have to wait for their student, it is much better than having your child wait in the early hours of the morning for a ride. It is also unfair for another booster parent or staff member to delay their leaving the school to wait for a parent to pick up a student (Everyone is tired and wants to go home). We will not leave a band student alone in the parking lot to wait for his/her ride so please be considerate of your student and others by being here on time. Thanks

CONCESSIONS NEED YOUR HELP...

Volunteers are needed Tues., Thur., and Friday nights for Jr. High and Varsity games. We can make approximately \$22,000.00 a year on concessions and this leads to lower band fees for your band student.

Please call Michele Wagner
@ 490-3509 to offer your services.
*** **We desperately need captains
for the Jr. High Games!!**

Pit Crew thanks!

The Pit Crew would like to thank Accuride and the parents of Gregory Taylor for their generous donation of wheel rims for our new semi-trailer.

CANDY GRAMS!

The Candy Gram program is off and running this year. We are now taking donations for candy, bottled water, and snacks to offset the cost of the treat bags. Your donations help to offset the cost of the treat bands and the kids seem to enjoy treats. Thank you to the parents who plan to help assemble the 150 bags this year, as this is the largest year for participation. We have 9 competitions this year, but we do not supply Candy Grams on the date of the Invitational. With 8 trips planned, we will need a wide variety of candy and goodies for the students to enjoy on the bus, and many parents helping assemble.

Monday evenings at 6 pm, in the conference room, is where we will plan to meet. If the meeting place changes, a note will be posted. The dates below are the tentative dates we will meet and get everything sorted.

The day of contest, the bags will be placed in the hallway, in alphabetical order, for the students to grab as they exit the band area. Be certain to turn in your Candy Gram cards before the first competition.

Please have your child's name listed on the card too.

Your cards can be returned to the band office, in an envelope with the name Beth Paul/Candy Grams written on it. They will be forwarded to Beth.

Thank you for a wonderful start to a wonderful season for a wonderful bunch of students!

Tuesday 9/6	for 1st competition
Monday 9/12	for ISU-Terre Haute
Monday 9/19	for BOA -Bowling Green
Monday 9/26	for District-Jasper
Monday 10/3	for invitational booth
Monday 10/10	for Regional
Monday 10/17	for State
Monday 10/25	for BOA-Indy
Monday 11/7	for BOA-Grand Nationals

Uniform Accessory Maintenance

Marching season is upon us. Please help us by reminding your students of the following information prior to each contest

Students wear the **Summer Uniform** under their marching uniform...

Students should wear their own **Tall Black socks...**

Students should make sure they have their marching shoes and that they are cleaned and polished if needed -polish doesn't cover up dirt so the shoes should be cleaned with a damp sponge and mild soap.

Students should make sure they have **BOTH** their **WHITE** and **BLACK** gloves and they are clean. The best way to launder the gloves is to wash them in cold water and let them air dry so they don't shrink. The students are responsible for keeping their gloves clean and in good shape.

To properly care for the shakos the students **must not** use hair spray, mousse, etc. when wearing them.

Gauntlets have been assigned to each marching band member. The charge to replace a lost pair of Gauntlets is **\$25.00**.

SPIRIT NIGHT

WHERE: Quiznos Subs on Bell Rd.

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 12th

HOW: No coupons, just mention Castle Band and we will receive 10% of the sales

WHY: To enjoy dinner out and help out the band at the same time

DIRECTIONS TO CONTESTS:

Directions to all out of town contests are available in the band room the week before the contest. Just ask your student to take home a map if you are not sure of the contest site location, parking, etc.

WHAT DO I DO AT A CONTEST?

1. Feel free to paint your car windows with white shoe polish using words of encouragement for the band.

2. If you would like, join the caravan from school to the contest. Please do not drive between the buses and the trailers. You will have to park away from the buses once you arrive at the contest site.

3. Look for the sea of Castle blue so as many as possible can sit together!

Join our crowd in the stands.

Please be seated during **all** performances and be sure to be quiet and courteous as **all** bands perform.

4. Cheer loud and long for our Marching Knights.

5. Be very polite to the other bands-their students work really hard too and we are a "class act".

6. After the awards ceremony, meet back at the trailer/buses for cheers and hugs with the kids.

Sponsors' Corner:

The Castle High School Band would like to acknowledge the following Sponsors for the 2005-2006 school year. We appreciate their generosity and support. Please patronize and thank these corporate and individual sponsors whenever possible.

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If you know of anyone who would like to become an annual band sponsor, please contact the Band office and we will be happy to send out information.
Again, our heartfelt THANKS!