

Castle Band Newsletter



Castle High
School Bands...
A Tradition of
Excellence

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Notes From The Scissor Lift

What a GREAT beginning to the 2005 competition season! It was great to see and HEAR so many Castle supporters in the stands and at the trailer at our first competition. (even one of the judges mentioned that we had the best cheering section!). Many students commented that it made them feel more relaxed knowing so many supporters were cheering for them in the stands. The students may not tell you this often, but it DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE when you are there supporting the Marching Knights!

The next few weeks will feature many more exciting competitions and the Marching Knights have set some incredible goals for themselves. One of the great things about this activity is that it teaches students how to plan and achieve goals. We are excited that the stu-

dents have not backed down from challenges, but instead have embraced them and are working hard to be the "best version of themselves" they can be!

Abraham Lincoln

A goal properly set is halfway reached.

Michael Kordo

One way to keep momentum going is to have constantly greater goals.

John Wooden

Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.

Author unknown

If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time.

Tom

BOA GRAND NATIONALS INFO...

We can't wait to "show off" in this national competition. As you know the dates are Nov. 10th-12th. Plans are underway for this exciting trip, and you can imagine coordinating rooms, meals, transportation, not to mention the competition details for this large group!

The first installment to pay for housing, meals, transportation (in charter buses) of \$80.00 was due on **September 14th**, if you missed this date you are overdue. The final installment of \$81.00 is due by **October 14th**.

A detailed flyer was sent home with the students on August 22nd so if you didn't receive one call the band office or check online at the band's website.

Next Booster Mtg.
Monday
September 19th

7:00 pm
High School
Band Room



There seems to be some confusion as to why we purchased a larger trailer, hence the word larger. We have the largest pit this year that we have had in a long time, so with the enrollment this year we have simply outgrown our old trailer. We purchased and outfitted this larger trailer for about \$20,000.00 along with \$100,000.00 worth of new instruments/equipment for the students. We need parents to take part in our ongoing fundraisers, i.e. football concessions, truck raffle, Castle Invitational, upcoming candle sale, etc. to help with the band budget and keeping costs down. WE CAN DO THIS! We just need to pull together and make this happen.

Remember to check out our web site at : www.castlebands.org
To stay current on information or any changes made in the schedule. Also, remember to sign up for the e-list to get last minute memo's that could come down the pipe. Have a wonderful season and remember, "Many hands make light work." Thank you,

Harold & Nancy Williamson

Notes from the Prez

Hello fellow boosters. WOW, was the show Saturday amazing or what! These students are unbelievable with all the talent that they have. I feel they will lead us to the dome this year with the show they are presenting. Also, hats off to the staff for all of their wisdom, help, & talent. I want to thank all the board members, committee chairs and members for getting the band and all their equipment where they need to be with such ease. After watching everyone at work on Saturday night, this band runs like a

well oiled clock. I am amazed at what this booster group is able to accomplish.

Our invitational is coming up in just a few short weeks. Please volunteer in any way possible. There will be committee chairs calling to request help to make our invitational a success. If you have not been contacted to help in some way, please contact Denise Poelhuis at 858-9149, and she will forward your name to a committee that still needs help.

Calendar Reminders:

- 9/19 7:00-BOOSTER GENERAL MEETING
9/23 Home Football - Report time 5:45
9/24 BOA-BOWLING GREEN
10/1 DISTRICT CONTEST - Southport (the march to "The Dome" begins!)
- 10/8 CASTLE INVITATIONAL
10/8 South Spencer Invitational-evening
10/14 Home Football - Report time 5:45
10/15 REGIONAL CONTEST-WARREN CENTRAL H.S.- Indy

INVITATIONAL HOSPITALITY ROOM NEEDS! PLEASE READ & HELP

Please consider helping out by donating food/supplies for our hard-working directors, judges, EMT and bus driver guests at our contest. Thank you in advance for your consideration . Every-one who is willing to donate will get a reminder call prior to the contest. Please call 853-5718 and leave your name and phone # with your donations or e-mail at: steve_haynes1@msn.com.

If at all possible, home baked goods make a great impression, however, I know we are all terribly busy so don't let that stop you from helping out in some way. The needs are:

Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Grapes, bagels, donuts, muffins, breakfast casserole, and juice.

Cake, brownies, cookies, veggies for a tray, ranch dip, beggie dip, decaf coffee (1 lb.), reg. coffee (1 lb.), butter or margarine, cream cheese, bottled water- we need lots of water!!

Items we need to borrow:

Box Fans (2), Ice Bucket (1)

Large Coolers (2), 2 Coffee Makers

Thanks, Letty Haynes

Students are asked to bring:

Freshmen and Sophomores-one
2 liter soft drink

Juniors and Seniors-one bag of
chips, pretzels, etc.

HELP WANTED!

CRAFT SHOW COMMITTEE

Committee members are responsible for managing the event from start to finish. You **do not** need to be a crafter yourself to be involved. Both Afaf Tawfik and Chan Reese are senior parents so consider getting on board now to learn the ins and outs of the Craft Show. Please call Afaf Tawfik at 842-0305 or Chan Reese at 858-6150.

SHAKO HELP NEEDED...

The shako committee is in need of help during the football games to distribute and collect the shakos. We have enough help at competitions, but with many of our boosters working the concessions etc. during the football games, extra help is needed. Please call Afaf Tawfik at 842-0305 if you can lend a hand. Thank you!

Candy Grams

Wow-156 Candy Grams purchased this year! Donations are still needed-candy can be dropped off at the band office.

Work nights are Monday nights at 6:00 pm in the Band Conference Room. Dates are Sept. 19 & 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 25th (Tuesday). Nov. 7.

One candy gram was not attached to a student's bag. No name was listed, so if you signed your cards "Love, Dad and Mom ☺" please call Beth Paul 853-8881. All cards have been distributed to the students & hopefully your child brought theirs home. Ten bags are without cards, but the student's name is printed on the bag. Thanks, Beth Paul

EXTRA WINDOW DECALS:

We have two extra Trumpet window decals for sale in the band office for \$8.00. If you missed your chance to buy a trumpet decal at parents' night give us a call in the band office @ 853-3331.

8th Grade Welcome

This is the first newsletter that 8th grade parents are receiving. Welcome, and we hope that you will find the Castle Band newsletter informative and helpful in communicating some of what the high school program is all about.

Uniform Accessory Maintenance...

Now that marching season is upon us please help 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...

Our next spirit night is on October 10th at the Cold Stone Creamery at the Target Pavillion in Evansville. Just mention Castle Band and we will receive 25% of your purchase amount.

BOOSTER MEETING...

The next general booster meeting is Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM Information about the Castle Invitational, BOA and upcoming events will be shared.

Also the Invitational Committee Chairpersons will have a very important meeting directly after the Booster meeting.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please stay after the Castle Invitational for quick and easy clean-up so that all of us can get ready to go to the South Spencer contest. Remember, many hands make little work.

FAN BUS INFO!

The fan bus to Warren Central on **October 15** is filling fast, only 27 seats left! Call Tina Krebsbach 853-9896 now to make your reservation. **Reservations and money will be due on October 1st for the October 15th fan bus.**

Ride the fan bus to the Dome on October 29 for the Marching Knights spectacular show at the BOA Regional Contest. Reservations and money will be due on **October 15th for the October 29th fan bus.** Call Tina Krebsbach 853-9896 to make your reservations.

NO VIDEO TAPING AT BOA:

Bands of America has contracted to have all of the competitions professionally videotaped. No personal video or audio recording equipment will be allowed in the stadium. We have been asked to pass this along to our boosters to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment. **THANKS**

INVITATIONAL BOOSTER WORKERS...

To all boosters who will be working in some capacity at the Invitational:

Be sure to get your hand stamped so if you leave after your shift you can get in when you come back to watch Castle perform.

Boosters who are unavailable to work at the contest can support the Castle Invitational by purchasing a ticket when you come to the performance.

Invitational Ads etc.

1. You will find a form enclosed in this newsletter giving you a chance to purchase a small recognition/spirit ad for your student or student's section in our Invitational program booklet. Please fill out the form and get it back to the office by **Sept. 23rd** in order to get your ad into the booklet before it has to go to print.
2. We also have several **trophies** available to sponsor. Your business/or individual name is placed on the trophy along with an ad in the program booklet. Our announcers also mention the trophy sponsor when the trophy is given out. If you are interested please call the band office at 853-3331 to see what trophies can be sponsored.
3. **Golf cart** sponsors are also needed for the invitational. For \$40.00 you or your business can sponsor a golf cart which will be driven around by first aid, chairmen, directors, etc. The cart will display a sign with the sponsor's name and the program booklet will also list golf cart sponsors. Please let us know at the Booster Meeting or call the band office at 853-3331 if you are interested.

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Classified Ad:

Trombone for sale

Conn 88H F-attachment

Gold & silver with a rose bell

Call John @ 589-1664