



THE WHOLE NOTE

*Castle High School Bands ...
A Tradition of Excellence*

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Calendar Reminders

- 9/26 Castle Invit & North Invit
- 9/28 BOA Cookie Dough Fundraiser Money Due
- 10/3 ISSMA District
- 10/10 Mini Camp
- 10/10 South Spencer Invit
- 10/16 Football Game Report @ 6pm
- 10/17 ISSMA Regional
- 10/24 ISSMA Semi-State
- 10/31 ISSMA State

Next Booster Meeting
Monday,
September 21, 2009
7:00 pm.

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Notes From The Scissor Lift

What fun we have had putting this show together. This has been a very fun show and it seems like the audience likes it too. We invite you to clap like crazy any time you want. One great place is at the end of Act I as the band finishes going to the corner of the field. Your applause encourages the kids. They deserve it! The students may not tell you this often, but it DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE when you are there supporting the Marching Knights!

Just a word about the post results time. This is a time when the staff gets to talk to the judges and recap the show with them. Since we usually

perform near the end, this means we have to go immediately to critique. Obviously, this is an important time for us as we continue to develop the show.

The next few weeks will feature many more exciting competitions and changes to the show. There is much more to come! The kids are doing a great job!

This year, we are posting our itineraries and info for the week on the Charms website. If your student is in need of a hard copy of the schedule or itinerary, please have them ask.

On a different note, we would like to remind all of our

parents about contest etiquette. If you are watching our show from the press box area, be very aware of the judges in the press box and make sure not to obstruct their view. Also, as good examples for our students, we should remain respectful during any band show and cheer for the other bands on the field. We want to be a class act all the time we are in the public eye!

I hope you will be with us this busy Saturday as we make our way west to North Posey!

Thanks, too, in advance for all your help in making our Invitational so awesome. Thanks, Mark

Notes From The Presidents

Greetings,
After months of hard work by the kids, band staff, and our parent volunteers, it was nice to finally see the show on the field. This very challenging show scored as good if not better than any first competition in our 4 years with the band. We have made a good start to what will be a very rewarding year in ISSMA and BOA competitions.

This is a very busy time of the year with many things going on at once. We have competitions every weekend, football games to work, and our invitational is just around the corner. Let's start with football concessions. We

could not be happier how football concessions have been going. This was an area of concern for us, but several people have stepped up to the plate to help out. We now have a different family responsible for each level of games - varsity, JV, freshman, and each middle school, instead of one person managing it all. Thanks to those that took this on and to all those who have signed up to work during a game. The varsity games have been well attended and making the band some good money with the big one (Reitz) still to come.

The Castle Invitational is Saturday, September 26th. It looks like it will be bigger than last year. We need as many

people helping as possible. So, contact the Chairperson, Jo Lynn Swanigan, to sign up.

The third of four fundraisers for BOA is underway. The meat sale was very successful and very tasty. Some students are on pace to pay for the trip entirely with these fundraisers. There are two more to go so it is not too late to take advantage of the BOA fundraisers.

We encourage all of you to get involved not only as a volunteer, but in attending the competitions. Your child's high school years fly by quickly. This is our last year as a marching band parent and we intend to enjoy every minute of it.

Kevin and Teri Wetzler

Last Minute Invitational News

Invitational Hospitality Help

The hospitality committee is preparing to provide food and drinks throughout the day for judges, band directors and their staffs, emergency medical personnel, and bus drivers. We rely on band parents to donate items and their time to make the day as pleasant as possible for our guests. This year we have made it easier by asking for a \$3 donation. We have received less than 50% participation. It's not too late donate. If you have any questions, please call Sheryll Trost at 858-9221 or at sltrost@aol.com.

Invitational Supplies Needed

We need 10 pop-up canopies and 10 cots to be used in the first aid section. If you have either of these items, please call Gayla Clark 490-9296. You may drop the cots and canopies off in the band hallway after school on Friday, Sept. 25th, and pick

them up immediately following clean up at the invitational.

Invitational Workers

All workers must report to the hostess tent to obtain your wrist band. The wrist band is your admittance to the Invitational to watch our own band perform. Boosters who cannot work at the contest will support the band by purchasing a wrist band the day of the event. All spectator parking for the invitational will be on the south parking lots across Vann Road. All workers are asked to park at the Castle Elementary School. A shuttle will be available from 6:30 am and run all day until 4:00 pm after the invitational and all clean up is done.

Volunteer Help Is Needed

If you have not been contacted to work, please expect a call within the next week. If you have not been

called by then, please let the Invitational Committee Chairpersons know and we will help you locate your co-chairperson. Your help is needed and we remind everyone they need to volunteer 2 hours of their time.

Boosters and Spectators

Please stay after the Invitational for quick and easy clean-up. Remember, many hands make light work. We can also use some help after the game the night before the contest for set up.

Committee Chairmen

There will be an important meeting of all Invitational committee members after the general booster meeting on 9/21/09.

Co-Chairmen:

Jo Lynn Swanigan 853-9397

Gayla Clark 490-9296

Carol Gardner 853-7247

Schnucks Bucks and Kohl's Cards

Schnucks eScrip

Schnucks eScrip cards are available in the band office. Have your student stop by to pick up a card. It's easy to sign up for the Schnucks eScrip Customer Card Program.

1. Pick up a Schnucks eScrip Customer Card at any Schnucks at the service desk or at the band office.
2. Register your card by calling 800-931-6258 or visit www.escrip.com/schnucks.js p. Make sure you register with Castle High School Marching Band.
3. Present your card every-

time you shop at Schnucks.

Schnucks will donate up to 3% of your purchases to the band. They will give you five cards at the service desk or band office. You can give them to family and friends to go towards your monthly total. If your family members live in other Indiana, Illinois or Missouri cities that have a Schnucks, they will be able to use the eScrip card also.

All donations will go to the band's general fund. Remember, if we support this program, it will keep our band fees down.

Kohl's Cards

The Kohl's cards program

works by purchasing a card from the band office. Cards come in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Castle Band receives 2 1/2% of the value of the card and 2 1/2% of the value of the card goes directly into your student's account. Use the cards for purchases at any Kohl's store. You may also pay off your Kohl's charge card or give them as gifts.

Cards maybe purchased from the band office, at the booster meeting or by contacting the chairman. Please call the band office ahead of time to make sure there are cards available. The Kohl's cards chairman is Theresa Mullis.

Castle Band Friends and Families

We receive many compliments from other bands and parents that our students are very polite and well behaved. These comments reinforce what we tell the students, "Castle Band is a Class Act."

Because other bands work hard, just like our students, Castle families and friends need to give them the respect they deserve. Please be courteous and polite to other bands and parents. Some guidelines we follow as Castle Band fans are:

- Castle fans applaud for every band in the competition.

- We respect the other bands by not walking in the stands during performances.
- When the bands finish performing, you may leave the seating area.
- Please be seated when our band is performing so we don't block the view of other spectators.
- Negative comments are never acceptable.
- You are representing

Castle High School Band when you wear Castle gear. Remember we are a "Class Act".

After the awards presentation, we support our band by meeting them at the trailers. We cheer and applaud when they arrive. This is also done when they arrive at CHS and are exiting the busses. The kids really appreciate when we show our appreciation for their hard work.



Announcements

- **The band directories** have been handed out in class. If you would like an extra copy, they are available in the band office for \$1. Special thank you to Debbie Krizan and Jay Wilber for their hard work putting together the directories.
- **Reminder**—If you would like to take your student home from any contest, please send in a note to the band office on the Thursday before the competition. It takes time to compile lists and have them ready to go for each competition. Remember, we can only dismiss a student to a parent or guardian.
- **Candy Gram volunteers** meet on Mondays at 6 pm prior to a competition. Volunteers fill the bags with goodies. Please come to the band conference room if you would like to help.
- **The band picnic** will be October 15th from 5:30—9:00pm. It will be held at the Gateway Baptist Church on the corner of Casey Rd and Highway 66. The picnic is for the students and their families.

It's a fun way to say thanks for everyone's hard work during the marching season. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Krebsbach at

853-9896.

What to bring:

- Freshman—Package of hot dogs
- Sophomores—Package of hot dog buns
- Juniors—Bag of chips
- Seniors—Desserts
- **A supply of white t-shirts** has been donated for students forgetting to bring one for after-school practice. Our supply is going down fast. Please have your students return the washed t-shirts as soon as possible.
- **Castle Gear** has arrived. If you didn't receive your order, please ask your student to pick up the order at the band office. Remember, a band fee payment plan must be established before we can release the orders. Note: The pajama pants will arrive in 7—10 days.
- **FYI**— If we advance to the

state competition, many parents take their children and stay overnight in Indianapolis. Hotel room availability is low due to other events that weekend. If you plan to stay, it's recommended to make early reservations.

- **Chaperones are needed** for the BOA trip. If you are interested, please register on the Music Travel website as a chaperone. Notify Jo Lynn Swanigan our chaperone chairman at 853-9397.
- **Co-Vice Presidents are announced.** Jim & Misty Stradtner have volunteered to be our new vice presidents. Please congratulate them as they start their year of training to become next year's presidents.
- **The annual November candle sale is coming soon.** Candles will be delivered before Christmas. If you need an order form before November, they are located on Charms under Handouts/Order Forms. They make great Christmas gifts. Contact Barb Clinnin at 853-8144 if you have questions.



For up-to-date information, please visit the Charms website (www.charmsoffice.com) or the booster web site (www.castlebands.org).

The new band office hours are Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—1:00 pm.

Thank You Band Sponsors

To all of you who heard our plea to support the band with individual sponsorships, THANK YOU! We have surpassed the number of individual sponsors from last year. Every donation helps to keep student band fees to a minimum.

We have not met our goal for the 2009–2010 year. We would appreciate any help from your employers or companies who would have interest in advertising in our publications. Please contact Kirsten Wagmeister at kwagmeister@aol.com if you need an application or more information. Listed below are corporate sponsorship levels:

Friends of the Band—\$125

- Listing in all band news-

letters, programs and announcements that include all sponsors.

Knights of the Round Table—\$250

- Everything listed above.
- Name on banner displayed on equipment trailer and at all events.
- Quarter-page ad in the Castle Band Invitational program.

Associate Sponsors—\$500

- Everything in the above sponsorships with—
- Half-page ad in the Invitational program.
- Name displayed on the 26 ft. trailer.
- Name listed on banner at Invitational Contest.

Presenting Sponsors—1000

- Everything listed in

previous sponsorships with -

- Full-page ad in the Invitational program.
- Name displayed on semi-trailer.
- Newsletter sponsorship in the month of your choice. Includes a one-page bio/ad/coupon and company's name on the front page of the newsletter.
- Prominent display of logo on the home page of our website. Logo to be supplied by sponsor.
- Website promotion— one month listing on calendar with special offer of your choice, and link to your website.

BOA Grand Nationals

BOA Grand Nationals (Nats) is an exciting opportunity for your students to compete and make friends with 92 bands from across the country. Castle participates in this competition once every four years so each student has a chance to experience this amazing event. The trip is scheduled for November 12–14th.

Thursday, November 12th, will be our first performance during the Grand Nats Competition. The next performance will be Saturday, **only** if we qualify. It is great if you can support the band by being there to watch the students perform. It is not expected that parents take off work or get a hotel room.

There is an additional cost for Grand Nats. Registration and payment information were sent home on the first Monday and Friday of July band camp along with

emails. It is very important you **register** your student on the Music Travel website asap. Step-by-step registration information is on the Charms website under Handouts and Announcements. The trip number is 0911-2-22.

The Booster Board has planned fundraisers, which are designed to help defray the cost of this trip for your student.

As the first fundraiser, we sold Castle Knight flags. If you didn't order your flag, you haven't missed out. Extra flags were ordered and sell for the same price. The profit will go to the band's general fund. Please contact Paul and Barb Dayton at 858-1430.

- House Flag—\$20
- Car Flag—\$15

The fundraising schedule is as follows:

- Cookie dough Sept. 11–28th. Order forms were passed out in class and are on the Charms website. The profit is \$6 per item. Orders and checks must be returned to the band office by Sept. 28th. Delivery will be the 2nd or 3rd week in October. Pick up will be in the band room after practice.
- The fourth fundraiser will be a Buy-Low coupon book and will run Oct. 5–16th. They will cost \$5 and have a profit of \$4. Many coupons are from the manufacturer and can be used at store. Buy-Low is offering a \$5 off coupon with a \$50 purchase. You know how easy it is to spend \$50 at the grocery store. More information will be emailed and passed out in class.

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