

Phoenix Band and Color Guard Boosters

September 2008 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would be remiss if I didn't thank those who have helped to make the beginning of field band season such a success...

Band Camp Café.... Elaine and Joe Shaben and their helper's... thank you for providing such wonderful... low cost and healthy meals to our students...the food was fabulous

Uniforms.... Linda Driscoll along with help from David Wingenbach.... Thank you for the hours you have spent fitting students and for organizing the cleaning of the uniforms...

Preview Picnic... Mike and Sandy Branch.... Again this year we look forward to watching the preview show along with our families enjoying a great meal....

Clean Team.... Mary Helen Borasky and Tammy Pangaro.... Thanks for meeting the bus daily Mary Helen and to Tammy for the countless phone calls to students and parents looking to fill slots.

Clean Team Chaperones... thank you ...thank you... thank you..... We couldn't do it without you.....

Head Chaperone.... Thank you to Connie Deshaies for once again stepping up to handle the chaperones and to work on the Lancaster Trip committee.

Eric Krause.... The best prop man Phoenix has ever had... thanks for keeping them light this year!
And to all those who help both before and after rehearsals... thank you... many hands are helping to make this light work!!!!

The Boosters would like to extend a welcome to Craig Elwood who will be joining us this season as the Field Band Director. Mr. Elwood teaches in the Central Square district and is no stranger to field band, having served as conference President in the past, along with a host of other duties.... We welcome him to our program and thank him for stepping in...

While we have seen John Byrd around the field band we are very excited to welcome him to the Phoenix family as the new Band Director. Mr. Byrd comes to us from the APW schools but has long been associated with the Field Band as the head of the PIT for our Marching Firebirds. He brings along many fresh ideas and enthusiasm.... Welcome Mr. Byrd!!!!

To those who may have noticed some younger folks around the Marching Firebirds... well you are not seeing things. This year Mrs. Grethel was instrumental in working with the school district to allow 8th grade students to participate in field band. Thanks Mrs. G.....

September brings with it the opportunity to continue to fundraise for this years trips and those in the future. Right now we have the following fundraisers going on.... Syracuse University football games concession stand (Tom Henry 695-6677), September will be the Yankee Candle fundraiser - chaired by Mrs. Grethel, the Entertainment Book fundraiser chaired by Mrs. Deshaies (695-3977) and the Chicken BBQ by Mrs. Pangaro (676-4730). Please contact them for more information.

We have chairpersons for many of some major events for the year, but not all, so if you are looking to get involved and haven't already signed up to volunteer (and you know who you are) please see one of the Booster officers or our fundraising chairperson, Mary Helen Borasky (934-4326) and we'll help you find the right spot.

I hope to see you at our next Booster meeting...

Wendy Dunnigan
President

This years Band and Color Guard Booster Officers are:

President: Wendy Dunnigan tdunniga@twcny.rr.com

Vice President: Ron Dolbear

Recording Secretary: Sara Pinzer

Treasurer: Connie Deshaies

Corresponding Secretary: Colleen Gilchriest

Members at Large: Tammy Pangaro, Mike Branch, John Gilmore,
Jim Murphy and Elaine Shaben

WEBSITE

Booster information is disseminated through email and the booster website thanks to Mr. Tim Hyla. In order for you to receive information and updates via email, we must have your email address for our roster, so please send it to Wendy Dunnigan at tdunniga@twcny.rr.com and please put Booster email as the subject.

Lancaster / Darien Lake Trip.....

Parents... your students should have brought home a package with information about the trip. Included are the trip intention form, chaperone application, and family and friends Darien Lake ticket order form. These are due back next week so PLEASE ask for them and return them ASAP. Thank you.

IMPORTANT 2008-2009 DATES TO REMEMBER (all dates are subject to change)

September 2nd - Booster Meeting at 6pm in the JCB Library
September - Syracuse University Basketball game concessions (Tom Henry - 695-6677) - CALL NOW!!!
September 5th and 6th - Firebird Jamboree at Camp Taloli and Preview show
September - Yankee Candle (Mrs. Grethel) - this is due back in by mid September
September - Entertainment Books (Mrs. Deshaies 695-3977) now gong on
September 14th - Chicken BBQ and Car Wash (Mrs. Pangaro - 676-4730)
October - Syracuse University Basketball game concessions (Tom Henry - 695-6677)
October 7th - Booster Meeting - 6pm in JCB Library
October - Applebee's Pancake Breakfast (Mrs. Borasky 934-4326)
October 25th - Field Band Home Show in Fulton
November 4th - Booster Meeting - 6pm in JCB Library
November 14th - Father Daughter Dance at JCB
November - Syracuse University Basketball game concessions (Tom Henry - 695-6677)
November - Pie/Citrus/ Wreath / Poinsettia Sale (Tim Hyla)
December 2nd - Booster Meeting - 6pm in JCB Library
December - Schwann Sale
January - Pepperoni and cheese sale
February - Cookie Dough Sale
March - Gertrude Hawk Sale
April - Musical Desserts