



Central Dauphin Band Boosters

THIS WEEK'S BOOSTERS CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Fri/Sept 25th/7 PM/Landis Field - Select members of Marching Band play @ football game

Band Directors maintained Calendar of Activities www.cdramband.org/calendar-of-activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Marching Band

A difficult task was placed upon our Marching Band Director, Mr. Tate, late this past Thursday. A CDSB Administrative decision was made allowing only a limited number of Marching Band members to attend the football game scheduled for this Friday, September 25th, at Landis Field. There are a limited number of cheerleaders attending as well, with NO other spectators allowed, according to that decision, and of this Weekly Update posting. We have been advised by the CD Football Boosters that information regarding possibly viewing and/or listening to the game will be forthcoming. You will be emailed the information as soon as we are told.

Football Program Information

We give a special shout out and thanks to the CD Football Boosters, especially the parents trying to coordinate all that goes into ensuring the "CDHS Ram Family" stays cohesive during this difficult time. When Football Program Coordinator Michelle Clark received word that our Band-a-RAMA event was cancelled, she (and others) realized we would not have an opportunity to put into print our Marching Band information, and proper recognition (we produce an awesome program at our Band-a-RAMA event). She reached out and offered that we do so in the Football Program. She said they will sell the program online, unless or until spectators are allowed into football games. More information will be forthcoming on those sales.

Although we DO provide yearly information in that football program, so folks can watch and appreciate all the Marching Band does during football games, including half-time shows, as well as in the stands support and overall creating an awesome atmosphere, we don't normally do ads in the program. If you haven't submitted an ad (a separate email was sent with that info - email

boosters@cdramband.org if you need the form), the deadline has been extended until this evening, Sunday, September 20th.

Know that Mr. Tate, working with the Boosters, provided a nice write up for our Marching Band this year, AND Senior member photographs will be included, in addition to whatever you may provide. Remember those ads can be submitted by ANY grade level parent or loved one for inclusion in this year's program.

Speaking of Seniors - add onto all of the above "Senior Night". For you newbies, each fall, during a late season game, Marching Band, Cheerleader and Football Seniors are recognized at a game. It's a festive atmosphere where parents escort their seniors to midfield, and they are introduced and recognized. We do NOT yet know if or when this may occur, but we ARE collecting Senior Bio information in hopes that it will, and for our own use! Please ensure ALL Senior Marching Band parents complete that form and submit all information requested by next Friday, September 25th.

FUNDRAISING

We had a terrific, and profitable, chicken BBQ fundraiser in August. We anticipate having other fundraisers, including Krispy Kreme and R&K Sub and Sandwich sales. Current Boosters Product Fundraising Coordinator Mary Rose Laurito, would love to implement these (with your help ;-), and the Executive Committee is working on establishing dates.

Who wants to step up and possibly handle another BBQ or OTHER fundraiser you think would be profitable given our current restrictions? Please contact boosters@cdramband.org and say "hey, I can run another BBQ!" or "I've got a fundraising idea and I am happy to help facilitate!"

Marching Band Poster Fundraiser

We are ensuring Marching Band Posters are made this year, continuing a tradition of recognizing the hard work our kids do in this terrific band, and serving as a great fundraiser. Questions contact Amy Gabriele at jagabriele@comcast.net . For you new parents, and a reminder for everyone, our posters:

- 13" x 19", printed in full color on glossy card stock;
- includes student's name, class and instrument;
- photos taken by professional photographer and CDHS Mom Andrea Cavoli, with your Marching Band student in this year's unique uniform shirt;
- "NORMAL" years contain our competition as well as the football schedule - this year will NOT include those schedules;
- great for sharing with family members, neighbors and businesses to promote your student's hard work, and the CDHS Band Program, and framing, showing off anywhere you'd like;
- Posters are \$20, with a 2 poster order minimum, with a digital image included for FREE;
- Orders DUE October 1st, with delivery 2-4 weeks after;
- Find the Order Form on the website.

Central Dauphin School District Volunteer Badges

With the cancellation and postponement of many of our kids performances and other events, now is a good time to prepare for what we hope will be opportunities for us to help in the Spring of 2021, as

well as next school year. Too, we continue to look for fundraising opportunities over these next few months where you will need to be badged to help. The CDSB Volunteer Badge Administrator was contacted, and graciously advised all is a go for anyone wanting to apply for your Volunteer Badge, OR, if you already have one, UPDATE it if it soon expires - please check!

Last school year, the CD Band Boosters membership at large approved a decision that CDSB Volunteer Badges are REQUIRED at ANY Boosters sponsored event, as well as at any venue where our students will compete or perform for any Booster parent assisting at those venues. This decision was made in compliance with CDSB guidelines, as well as ensuring protection for our Booster organization, and, most especially, our kids.

Please click this link from the district website, to learn more about obtaining, OR UPDATING, your badge - <https://www.cdschools.org/Page/16724#CLEARANCES> - or call 717.545.4703 and ask to be connected to the Volunteer Badge Coordinator. It is an easy process.

HELP WANTED

We will continue to post positions needing filled by underclassmen parents. Email boosters@cdramband.org for more information. Thanks for playing your part!

SHOP WITH SCRIP COORDINATOR - currently run, and run well by Kathie Novak, this position handles the memberships in the Shop With SCRIP program, coordinates ordering and any physical card pick up, and more. Go to our website to learn more ... <https://www.cdramband.org/scrip-fundraising>. The company is solid, and is used by many non-profit organizations to make money throughout the year. A note - as with most of our coordinators, Kathy works full-time, is a mom to three, and does much more. But she handles these duties well, knowing our kids and this program benefits - you can do this, too.

HERCO VOLUNTEERING - currently run, and like Shop With SCRIP, run well by Deb Rose, whose band student graduated TWO, that's right, TWO years ago, but she has graciously agreed to continue taking this on to help. The position works with the Hershey Entertainment and Resort Company, providing volunteers to cover shifts at Hersheypark, Hershey Stadium and for Hershey Bears Hockey Games and other events held at the Giant Center. We profit by getting a certain amount per hour worked. You "profit" by getting vouchers for Hersheypark passes, AND of course get to enjoy whatever event you are volunteering, and a percentage of money made by you volunteering goes into your Student Account! Here's more information from our website ... <https://www.cdramband.org/herco-fundraising>.

BAND-A-RAMA and INDOOR-RAMA - our "home" competition events. These awesome events, for our Marching Band and Indoor Guard and Drumline, are run by the Boosters, in coordination with our Directors, as well as the competition circuit.

Band-a-RAMA is the home competition event for our award winning Marching Band. Held at Landis Field each fall (usually a Saturday in early October), we welcome high school marching bands from all over central Pennsylvania, as well as Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and more. An electrifying competition that brings in thousands of people, and averages over \$5,000 in monies for our Booster organization and Band Program. While our competition circuit organization, Tournament of Bands, oversees the competition (judging, timing, etc.) our Boosters run the event, handling parking and traffic flow, concessions, band movement, programs, announcing, and much more.

This would have been the 37th year we have hosted Band-a-RAMa. This year the event has been sadly cancelled. Coordinator, and Senior Band Mom Amy Gabriele, has all the information you need to succeed for next year's event.

Indoor-RAMa is the home competition event for our award winning Indoor Guard and Indoor Drumline Ensembles. Held at Central Dauphin High School (usually a Saturday in February), we welcome high school guard and indoor ensembles from all over Pennsylvania. Another impactful and great-to-watch event that brings in thousands of people, and averages over \$5,000 for our Booster organization and Band Program. As with Band-a-RAMa, the competition circuit organization, namely Keystone Indoor Drill Association, oversees the judging and timing, and our Boosters run the event, handling parking and traffic flow, concessions, ensemble movements, programs, announcing and more.

The Indoor-RAMa coordinator for last year's event has now moved on, given her daughter graduated this past spring. It is not yet known if this school year's event (February 2021) will occur. As with all Booster Coordinator positions, however, there remains lots of written guidance, as well as current boosters who have the know-how to assist anyone interested in taking on this critical, yet most fulfilling coordinator position.

These are just a few of the positions available. We will be posting more for your review. Again, email boosters@cdramband.org to learn more.

From the Band Booster President -

Though respect and understanding must always remain regarding decisions made by the CDS and CDHS Administration and School Board during these most unprecedented times, please also remember we, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters and our supporters, are THE ADVOCATES for our remarkable kids who participate in all bands and ensembles.

Please stay engaged with our Directors, as well as the Administration and School Board, and, as members of this association, attend meetings, at this point safely via ZOOM, and get involved in your child's terrific journey as a member of the CDHS Band Program. As always, email me at president@cdramband.org if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Best - Myra Taylor

That's it for this week - thanks for reading - email boosters@cdramband.org with any questions, comments, concerns and suggestions.

**“Strong people stand up for themselves.
But the strongest stand up for others.”**

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