

**CENTRAL DAUPHIN BAND
BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION**



**2010-11
UNOFFICIAL
BAND PARENTS'
HANDBOOK**

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRAL DAUPHIN BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

WELCOME!

Thank you for taking the opportunity to learn about the Central Dauphin RamBand and the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's role in maintaining a superior band program. We are dedicated to providing our students the means to develop musical and performance skills, character, and teamwork.

OUR MISSION

The primary objectives of the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association are to collaborate with the Central Dauphin High School Band Director, High School officials, and Central Dauphin School District officials to promote the advancement of the Central Dauphin High School music programs; to provide financial support for projects to promote the Central Dauphin High School music programs; and to encourage the growth and development of an exceptional music program that complements and expands the educational opportunities of Central Dauphin High School students.

WHO ARE THE BAND BOOSTERS?

The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association supports the Band Director. Our organization welcomes not only parents or guardians of students participating in the Central Dauphin High School RamBand program but also anyone interested in supporting the RamBand.

Our group is one of the largest parent organizations at Central Dauphin High School. As a parent of a RamBand member you have the opportunity to become a member of the Band Boosters. The continued success of our organization depends upon the involvement of every parent with a student in the Band. Although committee work is not a requirement for membership, we encourage everyone to get involved and experience the fun and satisfaction of supporting our students and the Band.

What you are willing to offer of your time and talents will make all the difference to the band students. We really do need your help -- to whatever degree you can offer it!

We offer several levels of membership, for the nominal fee of \$15 up to a Platinum Patron level of \$500. Enrollment Forms are available online at www.cdramband.org. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. We elect Officers in April each year and they assume their duties in June.

Any questions you may have can be directed to any Band Booster Officer, Committee Chair, or the Band Director. The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's Bylaws and tax returns can be found on the web site www.cdramband.org.

WHAT WE DO (AND WHAT WE DON'T DO)

The Band Boosters manage an annual budget in excess of \$100,000 in order to support the RamBand Program. We do not make policy or curricular decisions for the RamBand; that is the role of the Band Director, assisted by the band staff.

RamBand activities are not completely covered by the Central Dauphin School Board's Budget; therefore, the Band Boosters assist with raising money to support the band program. We help the RamBand through a variety of fundraising efforts, including soliciting Business Sponsors, working at the Visitors' Concession Stand at home varsity football games, and organizing the annual Spring Craft Show. The money we raise helps supply the RamBand performing ensembles with the proper staffing, equipment, props, transportation, uniforms, and other support needed to maintain an excellent band program. We also help the bands by organizing many wonderful performance opportunities and underwrite residencies. Over the past few years, the Band Boosters have organized a residency by the Dallas Brass for our high school and middle school concert bands, and have organized concerts by the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Artie Shaw Orchestra. In 2010-11 we not only will welcome the Glenn Miller Orchestra back to Central Dauphin High School (on October 25, 2010) but also welcome the United States Navy Concert Band on March 31, 2011!

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

It takes a group of dedicated students and parents to keep the Ram Band program great! The Central Dauphin High School Band Boosters Association is devoted to the support and advancement of the Central Dauphin Band program. With increasing numbers comes the obligation for new uniforms, music, and more instruments, items which frequently are not funded by the Central Dauphin School District. You have the unique opportunity to help promote a band program with a proud legacy in our area. To continue and expand on our 50-year tradition of excellence, the Band Boosters Association needs every parent to become involved! Whether it's fundraising, chaperoning, event organization, volunteering, or just showing up for monthly meetings, all that we ask is that you share with us your ideas and a little of your time and energy. Everyone has something to contribute and we need each and every one of you!

WHY THE HANDBOOK?

The RamBand and the Band Boosters are unimaginably busy! Without exaggeration, there is something going on almost every week of the year. And for incoming band families, sometimes it's a lot to try to take in at once. Because the RamBand family is so large (170+ students), it's almost impossible to contact everyone at once, so we thought it would be a good idea to try to create this Handbook. This is not an "Official" Handbook, nor is it designed to be a comprehensive list of Band Booster stuff. *Mr. Ceresini provides his Official Student Handbook to all students participating in a RamBand ensemble at the beginning of the school year.*

Instead, the "Unofficial" information on the following pages will familiarize you with our Band Boosters Association organization, its functions, projects, events, and committees. Lots more information, including an online calendar, is available at our website,

www.cdramband.org. Especially noteworthy is the FAQs section, available at <http://www.cdramband.org/FAQs.htm>.

WHAT IS THE RAMBAND WEBSITE?

Go ahead, get online, go to Google, and search for the phrase “band boosters” and see what comes up among the top sites! That’s what we’re talking about! The RamBand Website, www.cdramband.org, is a treasure trove of RamBand and Band Boosters Association information, so bookmark it today! Information available on the website includes: officer and committee chair contact details, upcoming event and performance information, practice schedules, fundraisers, e-mail contacts, and pictures of the RamBand students performing and having fun! We continue to work on making this the ‘go to’ place for information about RamBand activities.

To stay in touch, watch your e-mail, check out the RamBand website, especially the “What’s New,” “Calendar” and “Home” pages. You might also want to check out the daily announcements posted online by the High School; just click on the school’s website, available at www.cdschools.org/cdhs/site/default.asp, then look for the “Daily Announcements” link.

WHAT IS CHARMS?

During the 2010-11 academic year, the Band Boosters and Mr. Ceresini will implement a new software program called Charms, which will allow us to integrate student contact information, manage inventory, assign uniforms, and work with trips, fees, fundraisers, form collection, and lots more. For example, Charms will let you check your Student Ledger balance and submit your practice logs online. We plan to provide much more information on Charms (probably including a separate Charms manual) over the summer months.

GETTING STARTED

PRIVATE LESSONS

If your student’s participating in any of the RamBand ensembles, we cannot stress enough the positive value of private lessons. A student working individually in private lesson receives more person attention and can concentrate on his own strengths and weaknesses. Because individualized instruction and practice will improve your student’s performance, he’ll likely enjoy his RamBand experience even more. If you don’t know where to turn to find a qualified instructor, see Mr. Ceresini. We are fortunate to live in an area with many amazing instructors; besides the many CDS and other high school faculty that teach privately, many local instructors also teach instrumental music at the college and university level. For assistance with this see a Mr. Ceresini. Remember that you can you’re your Student Ledger funds to pay for lessons.

BAND BOOSTERS “NEWBIE” CHECKLIST

We realize that there’s a lot to take in during the first weeks of the RamBand program, whether you’re participating in the Marching Band’s summer sessions or starting with the Symphonic Band when school starts. There are many adjustments for parents and students in making the jump from middle school to high school. That’s why we’ve put together this Handbook, as well as the following Checklist of things to do as a new RamBand family!

#1: JOIN THE BAND BOOSTERS!

Complete the Band Boosters 2010-11 Enrollment Form, pick your membership level, volunteer to help, and provide consent for inclusion in the Band Directory, all at one time!! Forms and payment due by September 3, 2010. RamBand Enrollment forms are available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/Join.htm>.

#2: BROWSE THE WEBSITE!

Check out the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association’s website, www.cdramband.org to learn about everything that’s going on in with the Central Dauphin High School Band Program. Be sure to frequently visit the Home Page and the What’s New Page for links and details for upcoming events and to check out photos of all the bands’ performances!

#3: KEEP IN TOUCH

The RamBand or Band Boosters Association have something going on every week of the year. But it’s easy to keep in touch with what’s happening. Our primary means of communication is via e-mail blasts. So if you’re not getting at least a few e-mails each week from the Boosters, please be sure we have your current contact information or check your e-mail system’s spam filter to make sure RamBand news isn’t ending up in the same folder as the e-mails from down-on-their-luck royals from foreign countries who seek your help, the variety of creepy products and pharmaceuticals offered at rock bottom prices. If you happen to miss a Band Boosters Association Meeting, you can check out the agendas and minutes online at <http://www.cdramband.org/archive.htm>. That’s also where you can find the current and archived issues of the Band Boosters Association newsletter, the RAM-a-Gram.

#4: ENROLL IN THE RAMBAND SCRIP PROGRAM!

It’s simple and doesn’t cost you a thing! Scrip-participating retailers agree to sell gift cards or certificates to us at a discount ranging from 1.5% all the way up to 15% or more. Many popular retailers participate in the RamBand Scrip program including Giant, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Office Max, Rite Aid, Gap, Macy's, Sears, Borders, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Starbucks, and scores of others. We place orders for the gift cards for full face value, you redeem them for full face value, and the Band Boosters keep the difference as revenue. Complete the RamBand Scrip Enrollment Form and review the details of this shopping cart fundraiser online at www.cdramband.org/scrip.htm.

#5: START THINKING ABOUT POTENTIAL RAMBAND SPONSORS!

The RamBand Sponsorship Program kicks off the year's fundraising efforts. Local businesses can sponsor the RamBand at one seven different levels, ranging from \$50 as a "Friend" to \$2,500 as a "Platinum Sponsor." Best of all, students earn 30% of the revenue for their Student Ledgers. Naturally, those businesses you patronize -- your insurance agent, dentist, mechanic, and plumber -- are more likely than a stranger to help out the RamBand at your request. The Sponsorship Program will kick off in mid-June. For more information, check out the details available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/Sponsorship.htm>.

#6: GET INVOLVED!

The CDHS RamBand Program boasts nearly 200 students performing in 11 fantastic ensembles. Participating in the RamBand provides an amazing educational opportunity for our students! Our program cannot continue to thrive, however, without the assistance of the Central Dauphin Band Boosters. Our activities benefit not just the marching band but every performing unit. Your involvement is crucial to our success- the more boosters that volunteer, the more we can help the bands, and the less burden any single booster will have to bear. So, please volunteer, come to our booster meetings, come to band events (even if your kid's not performing) and support all of our students! That way the RamBand Program can continue to grow and thrive.

#7: IMPORT BAND EVENTS INTO YOUR CALENDAR!

Be sure to mark your calendars: RamBand Booster meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Band Room. RamBand Scrip orders are due the first and third Tuesday of each month. You can easily import Band Events from our amazing online Calendar to your computer's calendar (Outlook, gmail, Yahoo, whatever). Details available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/Calendar.htm>.

#8: ENROLL IN iGIVE!

iGive is another simple fundraiser that raises money for the Band Boosters as you shop online! Details are available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/iGive.htm>.

#9: SHOW YOUR CDHS SPIRIT WITH RAMBAND GEAR!

The RamBand is a source of pride for our community and our school. Show your RamBand spirit by getting some great RamBand gear. Order forms and information on the wide variety of clothing and other gear is available online. Just click <http://www.cdramband.org/wearables.htm>.

SUPPORTING THE BANDS

JOINING OR DONATING TO THE BAND BOOSTERS

We look forward to another exceptional year with the Central Dauphin band program this year. We urge you to become a Central Dauphin Band Booster and to assist this

excellent program. To join, just fill out the Enrollment Form, available online at www.cdramband.org.

Your monetary donations this year will help us support the faculty's efforts, meet the challenge of growth, and replace out-dated equipment and music. All Central Dauphin RamBand students will benefit by your donation. Donations to the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association are tax deductible and help fund essential music department expenses such as: Purchase and repair of instruments, Purchase of music, Transportation to musical events, Support all band activities, Concert programs, Publicity, and Special Events. Contact one of the Board Members listed in this Handbook for information on how to make a tax deductible contribution to help the CD RamBand program.

HELPING WITH MUSIC ADVOCACY

As you may know, during the spring of 2010, there has been growing concern about the prospect of the Central Dauphin School Board's undertaking drastic curricular revisions at schools within our district. While the Board seems to have addressed some of the enormous budget shortfall for next year, the real battle lies ahead. What is clear is that we band parents must take an active role in advocating for the arts in our schools.

We'll be discussing music advocacy in some detail at Band Boosters meetings over the coming year. Please join us. If you cannot make it, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions via e-mail or phone call. Please also encourage all your friends and neighbors, in fact anybody that's a taxpayer in the CD School District, to advocate loudly and frequently for music in the schools.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is an important aspect in the operation of Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association. Our ability to effectively coordinate performance opportunities and fundraising events provides our students with the best times of their lives! By volunteering, we band families demonstrate the importance of committing some of our precious free time for the good of the RamBand program.

There are many areas and committees that allow you to lend your talents, your fundraising savvy, and your creativity! Other tasks just require good old hard work. Please feel free to contact any Board Member for the contact person for the committees listed below or look on the RamBand Website for more information. Please see the Enrollment Form for your opportunity to sign up for areas that interest you most.

- We need lots of cooks and cashiers at the Concession Stand at Landis Field, at the Craft Show, at the Indoor-RAMa indoor competition;
- We also need plenty of Chaperones (and a truck driver) for the Marching Band or the Indoor Units;
- We need help with hospitality at the Marching Band's KeyNotes Concert Ice Cream Social, at the Jazz Band's Christmas and Valentines Day

Dances or Picnic at Knoebels Amusement Resort; and for the Band Banquet;

- We need lots of volunteers setting up and hosting our Spring Craft Show, the Band-a-RAMa exhibition, and the Indoor-RAMa Indoor Competition.
- We need folks to take photos, help with the website, and with the Ram-a-Gram newsletter;
- We need help fitting uniforms, sewing flags, and constructing props and sets.

COMING TO PERFORMANCES!

It seems obvious enough: Music is a Performing Art; therefore, performances are the culmination of a series of classes, practices, rehearsals and lessons. What makes sets music apart from other high school classes, however, is that while parents can't come and watch their students take an Physics test, they can come and support RamBand performances and concerts.

Our high school band program is designed to promote a deep understanding and appreciation for music. Mr. Ceresini seeks to cultivate music as an intrinsic part of his students' lives. And as parents and band boosters, we hope our students continue to grow and love music so that they practice, perform, and write music, and attend concerts for the rest of their lives.

To stimulate that love of music in high school, our students will be more likely to stay involved in music if they have experienced profound musical moments as performers. Naturally, it's more likely to have a profound musical moment in front of a capacity and wildly enthusiastic crowd than playing to a few dozen parents clapping politely. So, come enthusiastically support all the Central Dauphin bands! For example, even if your kid's not in a Jazz Ensemble, come to the Jazz Bands' performances. Or if your kid's only in Jazz Band, come to the Marching Band's KeyNotes Concert. The music our RamBand students make is amazing; they deserve our support. And we are the Band Boosters, not the boosters for only the band to which our kids belong....

FUNDRAISING

Did you know the Band Boosters raise the tens of thousands of dollars annually that's required to supplement the school district's budget for the Central Dauphin band programs? We also raise the funds required to purchase items requested by our Band Director that the School District is unable to provide. Mr. Ceresini's Wish List is available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/WishList.htm>. Besides the equipment Mr. C needs, the Band Boosters also pay for myriad other expenses, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Performance opportunities such as the Legends of Music Concert Series (such as the October 25, 2010 Glenn Miller Orchestra Concert), the March 31, 2011 United States Navy Concert Band Concert, and the Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival;
- Band equipment and repairs;
- Band Staff;
- Office supplies;
- The end-of-year Band Banquet, banquet gifts, and RamBand Scholarship awards;
- Assistance for students to pay for music lessons, instrument repairs, band shoes, etc.;
- Meals for band members several times each season;
- Special Events such as Senior Recognition Night

Despite the ever-increasing costs of providing a top-notch band program, the Band Boosters have not implemented any participation fees or mandatory fundraising. While participation in fundraising is optional, it would cost nearly \$400 per student to replace the resources provided by Band Boosters Association's support each year!

GENERAL FUNDRAISERS

Help us to meet our annual budget of over \$100,000. It includes expenditures such as Equipment and Band Expenses (\$17,000) Wish List purchases (\$16,675); Staff Salaries (\$9,500); Vehicle Operation (\$3,000); and RamBand Scholarships (\$2,000)... to name a few. So please understand why we ask you to volunteer. It's for the welfare of the band and our community... as well as for your student and your family!

SPRING CRAFT SHOW: APRIL 2, 2011

Coordinator: Judy Koontz (Crafters), Joanne Baylor (Volunteers), Janice Mountain (Kitchen), & Melissa Graeff (Publicity)

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Coordinator Needed for: Signs

The Spring Craft Show, Band Boosters Association's single biggest fundraising event, raised nearly \$12,000 in 2010! The 21st Annual Central Dauphin Band Boosters Spring Craft Show will be held on April 2, 2011, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The RamBand Craft Show is held indoors at our state-of-the-art high school located at 437 Piketown Road in Harrisburg, PA. The show features handcrafted merchandise from nearly 200 vendors, with food concessions and door prize drawings held throughout the day. The Spring Craft Show traditionally draws many shoppers looking for specially-made, unique items. The event takes

up almost the entire high school facility, from the cafeteria to the gymnasium. Needless to say, the event requires the help of as many band students and band boosters as possible!

For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/Craft.Show.htm>.

SKH CONCESSION

2010-11 Event Heads Needed

The Band Boosters often set up a concession stand at Stauffers of Kissel Hill during their Spring or Fall Festival. This allows us to get out into the community and raise some money serving hungry customers and staff members at their Linglestown Road Garden Center.

For more information, click: <http://www.cdramband.org/SKH.htm>

GOLF-A-RAMA: JUNE 19, 2010

Coordinators: Mark Guise, Hal Hammaker, Tom & Jenifer Donnelly, Nevin Motter, and Darren Riddle

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Golf-a-RAMA is an event to benefit the Central Dauphin High School RamBand programs. We're looking for as many golfers as possible to participate in the inaugural event. It will be a great team-building event where participants get to play a round of golf on a beautiful spring day in Central Pennsylvania, try their skills in a variety of contests, mingle, have a great 19th hole banquet, and generally have some fun. It's also an opportunity for those band members and band parents and friends who golf to get out and meet our sponsors, patrons, band staff, and friends!

For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/GolfaRAMa.htm>.

STUDENT FUNDRAISERS

To not only help the RamBand but also to help defray band associated costs for your son or daughter, consider participating in a RamBand Student Fundraiser. All fundraising is optional but a portion of the proceeds go to your Student Ledger, which can be used to help to pay for:

- The All-Band Trip or TIA Indoor Championships
- RamBand Gear and Clothing – jacket, polo shirt, gloves, shoes, etc.;
- RamBand Events, such as the Band Banquet, Legends of Music Concert Tickets; and
- Other Band-related expenses such as instruments, repairs, lessons, music camps, etc.

PRODUCT SALES

2010-11 Event Heads Needed

The Boosters organize several product sales during the course of the school year in which students sell a product over a two- to three-week period. Unless otherwise noted, you get 70% of the profit for your Student Ledger. In the past, the Band Boosters have organized the following product sales:

- Wolfgang Candy;
- Blue Mountain Candles;
- Mr. G Coffee;
- Bonus Book;
- Harrisburg Senators Vouchers;
- And more

RAMBAND SPONSORSHIPS:

Coordinator: Kim St. Clair

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We're pleased to announce an exciting program for local businesses: sponsorship of the Central Dauphin RamBand. Sponsors can choose to donate on seven different levels ranging from \$50 as a "Friend" to \$2,500 as a "Platinum Sponsor" of the band. Sponsors get lots of great benefits, including ads in our event programs, including the programs for the Band-a-RAMa Marching Band exhibition, Legends of Music Concert featuring the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and Indoor-RAM-a Indoor Unit competition.

The program's also exciting for students, who are eligible for up to 30% of each RamBand Sponsorship for their Student Ledgers!

RAMBAND SCRIP

Coordinator: Barbie Bloom

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Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase RamBand Scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used JUST LIKE CASH. Participating retailers agree to sell gift cards or certificates to us at a discount ranging from 1.5% all the way up to 15% or more. We place orders for the gift cards for full face value, you redeem them for full face value, and the Band Boosters keep the difference as revenue! You can use RamBand Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials. With every purchase, you earn revenue for the Band Boosters (70% of the profit) and for your Student Ledger (30% of the profit). More information is available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/scrip.htm>.

HERCO & GTP

Coordinator: Barby Warfield

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The Band Boosters have enrolled with the two local volunteer programs: The HERCO (Hershey Entertainment Complex) and GTP (Get The Picture) volunteer programs. The concept is simple: you work at a HERCO facility (Hersheypark, GIANT Center, or Hersheypark Stadium) or for GTP (at Hersheypark or Chocolate World) and they donate your entire wages (\$5.85/hr at HERCO and \$7.50 at GTP) to the Band Boosters program. The Boosters will credit 70% of the amount you earn to your Student Ledger! PLUS for each shift you work at HERCO, you get a voucher that you can use for admission to Hersheypark!! Note: Hershey requires all volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. For more information on HERCO, click <http://www.cdramband.org/HERCO.htm> and for more information on GTP, click <http://www.cdramband.org/GTP.htm>.

SUPPORTING THE BANDS: MARCHING BAND

The Band Boosters try to creating a positive experience for our Marching Ram Band in a variety of ways. It takes the hard work and assistance of many parents to make each Marching Band season a success, including the following:

COMING TO PERFORMANCES

See the “Coming to Performances” Section in this Handbook.

LANDIS FIELD CONCESSIONS

2010-11 Coordinators: TBA

The Rams Club football boosters group operates the Concession Stands at Landis Field for varsity home football games. As the football team does not have enough volunteers to run each of the two stands, the Band Boosters have agreed to operate the Visitors' Concession Stand in exchange for a percentage of the revenue. The RamBand Boosters operate the Visitors' Concession Stand every Ram home game at Landis Field. More than just selling hot dogs, working with other band parents in the Concession Stand is a truly gratifying experience. The Concession Stand is a great place to become involved, meet other parents, and compare notes. Staffing an operation of this size requires the support of every single band booster parent. That's why we ask each parent to volunteer to work just one half of one football game each season at our concession stands. Best of all, you can take your pick of the following exciting opportunities: working the window taking orders and money; filling drink orders; making the food; running extra supplies to the stand, and many other tasks.

BAKE SALE

2010-11 Coordinator Needed

One easy way for the band boosters to make money is by selling baked items at all our home football games and the Band-a-RAMa exhibition. Donating items is an easy way for

you to get involved and help support the boosters. It's this easy. Make brownies, cookies, rice krispies treats, homemade candies, chocolate dipped pretzels, or other small items for our bake sale table. Wrap the items in individual serving sizes to be sold for 50 cents. Bring the items to the bake sale table on the visitors' side before the game. It's so easy that the money will come pouring in to support our band. If you would like to help work at the table, you are more than welcome! This is a fun way to volunteer and feel involved. (Extra perk - You won't have to pay to get into the game if you are working at the bake sale table.)

BAND FAIR/PIGSKIN PREVIEW: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

2010-11 Coordinators: Joanne Baylor and Janice Mountain

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The Annual Central Dauphin RamBand Fair features performances by the Central Dauphin Ram Marching Band and Band Front! Each group performs its repertoire for the upcoming season for the first time in front of a live audience at Landis Field. It's a great time for band families to meet and greet the Band Directors, with their mentor families, and with the other boosters. We also run games, concessions, and a bake sale table. For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/Band.Fair.htm>.

BAND-A-RAMA: SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

2010-11 Coordinators: Laurie Kissinger, Cindy Case, & Diane Baker

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The Band-a-RAMA marching band show, which began in 1981, traditionally takes place on a Saturday evening in mid- to late September at Landis Field. Each year, a dozen or so high school bands and one or two college or university bands gather to perform for each other and their fans. While football games and parades are amazingly fun, Band-a-RAMA provides students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience specifically there to watch band shows. It's a great opportunity for the RamBand to host other schools and to give the closing high school performance. Seeing other high school band shows and the college show provide our students a great chance to see a variety of performances and how it's done at the next level! Meanwhile, the band parents work the concession stands, escort the visiting bands, and sell programs, admission tickets, 50/50 tickets, candy-grams, flowergrams, buttons, and air-grams. As you might guess, we need everyone's help for this big event! For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/BandaRama.htm>.

CHAPERONING

2010-11 Coordinator: Mary Becher

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Chaperoning gives band parents a chance to see high school football games and marching band exhibitions for FREE! Chaperones assist the marching band students if they need anything, to make sure they get where they need to go, and to provide water, first aid, emergency uniform repairs, take attendance, oversee the loading and unloading of the band buses and equipment truck, and help move equipment onto the field for pre-game or halftime shows. Because our students are remarkably well behaved, mature, and conscientious individuals, the job of a chaperone is among the more enjoyable volunteer

tasks a booster could undertake. To sign up, check out the Ram Marching Band schedule online at <http://www.cdramband.org/Marching.htm> or see the instructions on Charms.

KEYNOTES ICE CREAM SOCIAL: NOVEMBER 6, 2010

2010-11 Coordinator Needed

The Ram Marching Band's Keynotes Concert is an eagerly-anticipated annual Central Dauphin event that allows fans of music and of the Ram Band to hear their favorite band pre-game, halftime, and stand music from the Central Dauphin football games. The concert features the Ram Band's full complement of brass, woodwinds, percussion, and the Band Front. Following the concert, all are invited to an Ice Cream Social organized by the Band Boosters Association. We always need help setting up the high school cafeteria for this event and we need a dozen or so scoopers to serve the ice cream donated by the band parents. For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/Keynotes.htm>.

BUDDY NIGHT: OCTOBER 1, 2010

2010-11 Coordinator Needed

The RamBand's Buddy Night allows Eighth Graders to experience a typical home football game from the perspective of a member of the Central Dauphin High School Marching Band. Each Eighth Grade buddy is paired with an upperclassman in the Buddy's instrument section who serves as a guide through the night. We always need help with coordinating the event, including ordering T-shirts, getting volunteers for the pre-game pizza party, and publicizing the event. For more information on Buddy Night, click <http://www.cdramband.org/Buddy.Night.htm>.

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT: NOVEMBER 5, 2010

2010-11 Coordinator: Laurie Kissinger

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The Band Boosters are in charge of coordinating Central Dauphin's Senior Recognition Night, where we recognize senior football players, cheerleaders, and band members and their parents. We need help with coordinating the information for the commemorative program and announcements, ordering flowers, and organizing the senior parents for the procession onto the football field.

SUPPORTING THE BANDS: JAZZ BANDS

COMING TO PERFORMANCES

See the "Coming to Performances" Section in this Handbook.

LEGENDS OF MUSIC CONCERTS:

In the 2007-08 school year, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association inaugurated the Legends of Music Concert series with the goal of providing our band students with the opportunity to work with, learn from, and enjoy the performances of some of the foremost

musicians in the world. The Legends of Music Concert Series mission focuses on the positive growth and development of the Central Dauphin high school and middle school musicians. Consistent with that mission, the inaugural Legends of Music Concert featured the world renowned Dallas Brass and the 2011 event will feature the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra! The Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association's goal is to host at least one Legends of Music Concert each academic year.

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA- OCTOBER 25, 2010

2010-11 Coordinator: Cindy Case

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Returning to Central Dauphin after their sold out 2008 performance, the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will return to the state-of-the-art Central Dauphin High School Auditorium on October 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The Central Dauphin HS Jazz I Ensemble will play a set before Glenn Miller, which provides our students the opportunity for a large and appreciative audience.

Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all the dance bandleaders back in the Swing era of the 1930s and '40s. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts, and the drawing power at theatres, hotels, and dance pavilions built and sustained the momentum of Glenn Miller's popularity. Glenn disbanded his musical organization in 1942, at the height of its fame, volunteered for the Army and then organized and led the famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band to entertain servicemen. On December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single-engine plane from England to precede his band to France, never to be seen again. The army declared him officially dead a year later. In response to popular demand, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1956. The 19-member band continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements, thrilling Glenn Miller's original fans who have not heard them played for a while as well as a whole new generation of fans. Most of the band's shows are sell-outs. It has proven staying power, and its popularity has never seemed to wane. Indeed, the Glenn Miller Orchestra today is still the most sought after big-band in the world just as it was in Glenn's day.

For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org/Legends.htm>.

UNITED STATES NAVY CONCERT BAND CONCERT- MARCH 31, 2011

2010-11 Coordinator: Gail Hrobuchak

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We are proud to announce that the United States Navy Band will perform at Central Dauphin High School during its 2011 tour! The Central Dauphin HS Jazz II Ensemble will play a set before the US Navy Concert Band, which provides our students the opportunity for a large and appreciative audience. We also anticipate that at least some members of the Central Dauphin Wind Ensemble will perform at least one number with the Navy musicians.

And we are working with the Navy to expand the day into a "Music in the Schools" residency program.

The Navy's premier musical organization was established by Congress on March 4, 1925, and presents honors at official ceremonies and memorial services and performs hundreds of public concerts annually throughout the Washington area and around the country. Recognized as "The World's Finest," the band features some of the nation's top musicians and performs a variety of music from classical orchestral works to original arrangements of current popular favorites, as well as traditional marches and patriotic fare.

During early spring 2011, the band will tour for approximately 21 days in an area including the states of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and portions of Pennsylvania and Maryland. We are proud that they have selected Central Dauphin as one of their stops.

For more information, click <http://www.cdramband.org>.

DESSERT DANCES

2010-11 Coordinator: Cheryl Blaha

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Each year the Jazz Bands perform at a Holiday Dessert Dance (in early December) and a Valentines Dessert dance (in mid-February). We always need help transforming the high school cafeteria into a themed wonderland for these fun events. For more information on the Holiday Dance, click <http://www.cdramband.org/HDD.htm>. For more information on the Valentines Dance, click <http://www.cdramband.org/VDD.htm>.

KNOEBELS PICNIC

2010-11 Coordinator Needed

If you've never been, Knoebels Amusement Resort is a unique part of central Pennsylvania culture, featuring roller coasters, mini golf, kiddie rides, games, gift shops, and really great food all waiting for your family. Better yet, Knoebels offers free admission, free parking, and free entertainment. Best of all, the Band Boosters will host a barbeque at Knoebels picnic facilities for all band families, friends, and hangers-on! Both Jazz Bands perform in the Hawaiian Band Shell. It's really a wonderful way to spend a day. Here's how it works: the Band Boosters will make hot dogs and hamburgers. You bring a covered dish to share with the gang: sides, desserts, whatever. Viola! Picnic....

SUPPORTING THE BANDS: INDOOR UNITS

COMING TO PERFORMANCES

See the “Coming to Performances” Section in this Handbook.

INDOOR-RAMA: APRIL 9, 2011

2010-11 Coordinators: Barbie Bloom (Units), Cindy Case (Program), Cathy Sangillo (Volunteers)

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Coordinator Needed for: Kitchen

Since 2008, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association has organized an Indoor competition sanctioned by the Tournament Indoor Association for Guard, Majorettes, Dance, and Percussion. The event usually takes place in late April. For those of you have been to indoor shows before, you know how much goes on, which translates in to A LOT of volunteer help needed by the Ram Band Boosters! Indoor-RAMa is a great way to show off our school, our band program, and our boosters association. Click <http://www.cdramband.org/IndoorRAMa.htm> for more information.

SUPPORTING THE BANDS: CONCERT BANDS

COMING TO PERFORMANCES

See the “Coming to Performances” Section in this Handbook.

Sometimes, parents ask us, “My student plays only in the Symphonic Band (or Wind Ensemble). Why should I take the time to participate in band boosters activities?” Well, for starters, the Band Boosters help underwrite a variety of Concert Band related expenses. We’ve helped Mr. Ceresini purchase enough equipment to start a Percussion Ensemble as part of the Concert Band curriculum. We’ve brought the Dallas Brass to Central Dauphin to conduct a residency for the high school and middle school band students. And we hosted the Dauphin County Music Educators Association County Band Concert in 2009. Plus all concert band students are eligible to participate in the All-Band trip every other spring, so helping out the boosters is mutually beneficial!

WHAT IS A 'STUDENT LEDGER'?

The Band Boosters Association provides various fundraising opportunities to help band students' families defray certain band-related costs. These activities may include, but are not limited to, the Business Sponsorship program, product sales, RamBand Scrip purchases, and various other opportunities. More information on our fundraising efforts is available at our website, www.cdramband.org.

All funds raised through these efforts are the property of the CD Band Boosters. Though the CD Band Boosters will maintain control of these funds, we will make available a percentage (typically 30%-70%) of the profit earned from certain fundraisers in an individual account earmarked for the benefit of the student ("Student Ledger"). Students may spend Student Ledger funds only in connection with music activities approved by the Band Boosters, including, for example, band trips, lessons, equipment, or musical enrichment activities.

You can request money from your Student Ledger by filling out a Student Ledger Withdrawal form, which are available on the RamBand website. Once the form is completed (and signed by a parent), turn it in, just like you would turn in a check (in the envelope in the Band Room for that activity). So if you're using your Student Ledger for ongoing payments (such as deposits for a Band Trip), you must submit a Student Ledger Withdrawal form each time you'd like our Financial Secretary to move funds from your Student Ledger.

Student Ledger balances are carried over from year to year. Any money remaining in the Student Ledger when you leave the band-- for any reason-- reverts to the Band Boosters. The only exception: the balance will roll over to a sibling who is actively participating in the Central Dauphin HS Band Program. Detailed information on Student Ledgers is available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/FAQs.htm>.

WHAT IS THE 'ALL-BAND TRIP'?

We attempt to schedule a Central Dauphin Ram All-Band Trip during a Spring Break every other year (2006, 2008, 2010, and so on). In 2010, the band went to Disney World. In 2008, the band went to Universal Studios, SeaWorld, and Wet & Wild in Orlando. While the All-Band Trip requires School Board approval, it is completely funded by the students and band boosters. Students performing in any RamBand performing ensemble are eligible to participate on the trip. Typically, the Band Staff are the chaperones. If band parents participate as chaperones, they pay their own way.

We offer a wide variety of fundraisers to help defray the cost of the All-Band Trip. The 2008 and 2010 trips cost about \$700 per student. Our fundraisers are all optional; therefore, you choose the ones that are right for you. They are described in more detail in the Fundraising section of this handbook. We establish a Student Ledger for each band member. The account balance is carried over from year to year allowing student to build

their balance on 'non trip' years.

All sales run for at least two weeks. All order forms and payments can be turned in to the Event Head or placed in the appropriate envelope on the bulletin board in the high school Band Room.

You will find a cover letter attached to each fund-raiser providing the fundraiser details, which are also listed on the web site. Please make checks payable to "Central Dauphin Band Boosters" and write the student's full name and purpose of the check in the memo line. This will allow the Financial Secretary to properly account for the funds coming into the organization.

Profits will be credited to your student's account by the Financial Secretary in cooperation with the Event Head. Student Ledger information is available on Charms; therefore, you can check at any time if the Band Boosters Student Ledger balance matches your records.

2010-11 BOOSTER MEETING DATES

All Band Boosters Association meetings are at 7:00 pm in the Band Room on the first Tuesday of each month unless noted otherwise. We post an agenda online a few days before the meeting for your review. Here's the **tentative** schedule of Booster Meetings for the 2010-11 school year:

Tuesday, July 06, 2010
Tuesday, August 03, 2010
Tuesday, September 07, 2010
Tuesday, October 05, 2010
Tuesday, November 02, 2010
Tuesday, December 07, 2010
Tuesday, January 04, 2011
Tuesday, February 01, 2011
Tuesday, March 01, 2011
Tuesday, April 05, 2011
Wednesday, May 04, 2011
Wednesday, June 08, 2011

If you miss a meeting, don't worry! Meeting minutes are available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/archive.htm>. And if you ever have any questions, just contact a Band Boosters officer. Their information's online at <http://www.cdramband.org/contact.htm>.

2010-11 BAND BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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(Please do not mail items for the Boosters to the High School!

Send them to the appropriate event head)

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2010-11 BAND BOOSTERS EVENT HEADS

Event	Event Chairperson(s)
Alumni Band (Homecoming)	Barbie Bloom
Band Banquet	Gail Hrobuchak & Paula Winch
Band Camp- Pool Party	Allison Ruello & Jennifer DeFazio
Band Camp- Uniforms	Judy Koontz
Band Fair/Pigskin Preview	Janice Mountain & Joanne Baylor
Band Wearables	Jeff & Claire Saul
Band-a-RAMa	Diane Baker, Cindy Case, Laurie Kissinger, Shannon McLeod
Buddy Night	Event Head Needed
Business Sponsorship	Kim St. Clair
Chaperones	Mary Becher
Spring Craft Show	Judy Koontz, Janice Mountain, Melissa Graeff
Band Directory	Event Head Needed
Golf-a-RAMa	Mark Guise, Jenifer & Tom Donnelly, Darren Riddle, Nevin Motter & Hal Hammaker
GTP Volunteering	Barby Warfield
HERCO Volunteering	Barby Warfield
Holiday Dessert Dance	Cheryl Blaha
Indoor-RAM-a	Barbie Bloom (Units), Cathy Sangillo (Volunteers), Kitchen Event Head Needed
KeyNotes Ice Cream Social	Event Head Needed
Knoebels Jazz Event Barbeque	Event Head Needed
Landis Field Concession	TBD
Legends of Music Concert: Glenn Miller Orchestra	Cindy Case
Legends of Music Concert: United States Navy Concert Band	Gail Hrobuchak
Membership	Diane Baker & Laurie Kissinger
Mentor Program	Event Head Needed
Promotion	Event Head Needed
Product Sales (4):	Event Head(s) Needed
RAM-a-Gram Newsletter	Shannon McLeod
Senior Recognition Night	Laurie Kissinger
Scrip	Barbie Bloom
SKH Fall Concession	Event Head Needed
Student Ledgers	Crystal Richard
Valentine's Day Dessert Dance	Cheryl Blaha
www.cdramband.org Website	Eric Bloom & Gail Hrobuchak

GLOSSARY OF RAMBAND TERMS

Band Camp: Usually the first two weeks of August, Band Camp is the mandatory training session for Ram Marching Band musicians and Band Front to coordinate the field show. The band also rehearses throughout the summer, starting the week after school with a three day mini-camp. Watch the RamBand website and online Calendar for details.

Band Front: Known at other schools as the “guard” or the “majorettes” or the “silks” or the “flags”, our Band Front are those RamBand students who provide much of the visual beauty and interest of our show.

Band Room: This is the big room in the southwest corner of the high school in which our kids spend varying portions of their day.

Band Room Bulletin Board: The big bulletin board just inside the Band Room entrance to the hallway.

Banquet: Close to the end of each school year, the Band Boosters treat all RamBand students to a Band Banquet. Families and Alumni are welcome to join, even though the students might tell you it’s not for parents.

Bird of Paradise: You may hear RamBand students or staff make reference to the “Bird of Paradise” in the context of something less than desirable, seedy, or uninhabitable. The origin of the term goes back to a trip by the TIA Indoor units, where they stayed at a hotel called “Bird of Paradise.”

Charms: The Band’s online software with access to practice logs, Student Ledger information, forms, and volunteer signups.

Community Service Day: The first Friday of Band Camp, when the Ram Marching Band goes to a United Way agency and works for the betterment of our local society.

Dr. Beat: Electronic metronome device, used for practicing drill (for marching and indoor units). Although the folks living in the neighborhood near the Ram Marching Band practice field may disagree, it’s NOT normally used as an instrument of torture!

Dot Book: A notebook or booklet showing movements and positions for marching band field drill. Students mark field position to which each member moves during a performance.

Drill: The actual movement from one place on the field to another done in the form of ‘Sets’ or pictures of what the show is to look like at any given time.

Email How to get the most up-to-the-minute information regarding anything regarding band or booster activities.

Ensemble Various performing sub-groups of the Central Dauphin Ram Band.

Event Coordinator Parent/Booster in over-all charge of running a particular Band event.

The “_____” Envelope: For each fundraiser or other event where parents fill out forms or submit information, Mr. C places an appropriately marked Envelope on the Band Room Bulletin Board.

Fight On: The Central Dauphin “fight” song, traditionally played to greet the football team, and played after a score.

“Grams”: At Band-a-RAMa and Indoor-RAMa, the Band Boosters sell items to which loving relatives and friends can send messages of pride, encouragement, and support via Candy (Candy-Grams), Flowers (Flower-Grams), or Announcements (Air-Grams) over the PA system for a nominal fee.

Indoor: Used to refer to either a particular unit (percussion, majorettes, or guard) competing in winter competitions, or the Central Dauphin winter program.

KIDA: Keystone Indoor Drill Association. One of two competitive circuits in which our Indoor Units compete. See also TIA.

Parents’ Night: The last Thursday of Band Camp, all RamBand families are invited to join the marching band on the practice field for a glimpse of their practice, a preview of their field show, and a chance to experience Band Camp firsthand!

Peanuts: A no-no to include as an ingredient for school bake sale items.

Pepsi Donations: The Band Boosters require thousands of bottled beverages each year to hydrate band students, sell for fundraisers, and other purposes. The school district’s putative donation policy requires us to solicit and sell only Pepsi brand products on school property.

Photo Galleries: The RamBand is one of the most photographed bands in the history of performance (really, it says so on Wikipedia!). After most RamBand events, we’ll post pictures of RamBand students performing, having fun, making that weird twisted mouth face they all put on facebook, and other great shots. Just check out the What’s New page after a big event, or click on the “Photo Galleries” link on any page of the website. If you’ve taken pictures, you can easily post them online using flickr. If you need help, just shoot an e-mail to boosters@cdramband.org and we’ll get you started.

Pit: The musicians who perform in the front ensemble, the stationary percussion section.

Polos: The green, collared, short sleeve band wearable worn as part of the Summer Uniform.

Pool Party: The last day of Band Camp, the Band Boosters treat all RamBand students to a Pool Party and Barbeque. Families and Alumni are welcome to join, even though the

students might tell you it's not for parents.

Practice Field: The grass field located on the east end of the CDHS campus (about three miles east of the Band Room (just kidding)), where the Marching Band practices and where we hold Parents' Night.

RAM-a-Gram: The Band Boosters Association's newsletter. Formerly a monthly newsletter, the boosters are reintroducing the RAM-a-Gram in summer 2010 as a quarterly. Archives with past issues can be found online at <http://www.cdramband.org/archive.htm>.

Scholarships: Each year, the Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association presents scholarships to deserving RamBand seniors. Beginning in 2010, seniors may apply for one or more of six non-renewable scholarships. Details are available online at <http://www.cdramband.org/Award.App.htm>.

Scrip: RamBand Scrip is a term we use to denote gift cards from national and local retailers-- they're the same gift cards that you'd buy at the store. But when you buy them from us, you're helping the Central Dauphin Ram Band programs.

Stand Tunes: The music played by the Marching Band during football games. These can include such favorites as *Pretty Fly (for a White Guy)*, *Hey Baby*, and *Ghostbusters* as well as intimidation music such as *Harrisburg*, *Mars- The Bringer of War*, and *Four (Long) Chords*.

Summer Uniform: Consists of khakis shorts and a Band Polo shirt. Worn at the Band Fair/Pigskin Preview (BFP2) and the Linglestown Memorial Day Parade.

TIA: Tournament Indoor Association, one of two competitive circuits in which our Indoor Units compete. See also KIDA.

Tour Shirt: T-shirt worn under the band uniform during events. Each summer, the Band Boosters sponsor a Tour Shirt design contest for the band students.

Wearables: RamBand Clothing and gear. They're available by using the order form that you can find online at <http://www.cdramband.org/wearables.htm>.

Wildwood: Home of the TIA All-Chapter Championships for the RamBand Indoor Units, usually held the last weekend in April/first weekend in May.

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