

# Central Dauphin High School Band Program

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Dear CDHS Band Families,

I offer heartfelt thanks for all that you have given to the band program, especially for what we have been able to accomplish in the past two weeks! The fact that we were able to host the *US Navy Concert Band*, hold an enormous *Craft Show*, and then host almost 40 groups for an *Indoor Show* is a testament to the quality of the people and families involved with the CDHS band. I am gratified to work with so many wonderful people, and I thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of the students and the band.

The band program and band boosters have been blessed with wonderful leadership and volunteers to plan and facilitate events. Gail Hrobuchak, Diane Baker, Eric Bloom, and Monica and Darren Riddle, along with many volunteers, did a fabulous job of planning and running an amazing Navy Band show. The auditorium was filled to the brim, the music was incredible, and 11 CD seniors were able to have the opportunity to play with the Navy Band!

The craft show was our next undertaking, and it was both a wonderful day and a great success. Judy Koontz does a remarkable job of coordinating the entire event and with a wonderful smile on top of it. Thank you! Also thanks to Joanne Baylor, Diane Baker, Roger Koontz, Eric Bloom, Janice Mountain, and over 50 volunteers who helped make this day so successful. We had over 180 crafters, thousands of customers, and raised a great deal of money for the band program.

Indoor-Rama was a great way to bring the eventful two weeks to a close. The CSDS indoor groups all performed enjoyable shows and many spectators commented on how well the show was run and on how beautiful the school is. Thank you so much to Barbie Bloom for coordinating and growing the indoor show into the wonderful show it has become. Thanks also go to Cathy Sangillo, Joanne Baylor, Eric Bloom, Maki Traynor, Sue Aciri, Lori Kissinger, and the volunteers for their supporting roles in coordinating and running the different aspects of the event.

On a personal note, I will tell you that I deeply value the dedication and hard work of the band boosters and student volunteers. The CD band program is lucky to have so many wonderful people who aspire to create extraordinary possibilities for the students. I certainly would not be able to pull-off these events on my own, let alone have them be so well organized and recognized. One of my favorite things about all of the events that the band boosters host is that not only do we bring in thousands of dollars that are necessary to help the band program maintain and grow, but also, the CD Band Family makes the school look good and gives a positive feeling to those with whom we interact. It is an honor to work with people who can provide simultaneous benefits to the band and the community!

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We have a large senior class graduating in 2011, and I would like to thank the students and parents who are graduating for contributing so positively towards the CD band program. These 36 seniors and their families joined us four years ago, most with no idea what was in store for them, and they gave of their time and energy to leave the band program in a great place. For those families who are not graduating, I ask you to consider taking on some of the roles that are being vacated by those who are graduating. Although their accomplishments have been remarkable, the secret to their success is that they jumped in and worked hard. There are no special skills that are needed to help the band program, just willingness and desire to help others. If you are interested in helping for future events or activities please feel free to contact me or any of the band booster executive officers. With over 165 families involved, we are sure to be able to provide incredible opportunities and support for the band program as we move into the 2011-2012 school year and beyond.

Thank you again for all of your support, donated time, efforts, and joy as we bring wonderful events to the CD community. Working with the CD Band Family is a gratifying experience that I cherish greatly. See you soon!

Musically Yours,



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