



CENTRAL DAUPHIN

BAND BOOSTERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Soon-to-Be Central Dauphin High School Band Member and Family,

I'm very pleased to welcome you to one of the area's finest high school band programs!

The Central Dauphin High School RamBand has been a symbol of pride for our community for over fifty years. Next year the band will again be led by Mr. Matthew Ceresini, only the third Central Dauphin Band Director in the past half century, following in the tradition of two Central Dauphin legends, Mr. James Milbrand and Mr. "Wit" Gingrich. Whether you've chosen to join the marching band, a concert band, a jazz band, or an indoor ensemble, you are about to become part of that tradition of excellence!

Please join us at our freshman orientation meeting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, in the Central Dauphin High School Band Room (southwest corner of the school building to the left of the auditorium entrance). We'll provide a brief overview of the Central Dauphin band program and you'll have a chance to meet with Mr. C, other band students and parents, and to ask whatever questions you may have.

As you'll soon learn, the Central Dauphin High School Band Program is comprised of bright, friendly, talented, and enthusiastic students. Over the last half century, our band program-- which includes the Ram Marching Band, the concert bands (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Percussion Ensemble), three jazz bands, and the indoor units (Percussion Ensemble, Indoor Guard, and Majorettes)-- has earned critical and popular acclaim in all areas of performance. More important than performance accolades, however, participating in the RamBand program has developed character traits such as self-discipline, courage, self-confidence, integrity, teamwork and musicianship in thousands of Central Dauphin students.

Make no mistake, though, it's also a lot of fun with great performance opportunities. In 2010 the RamBand performed at Metro Bank Park before a Senators game. We also marched down Main Street USA, performed in concert, and attended workshops at Disney World. In 2009 we played before a sold out Phillies crowd at Citizens Bank Park. Our elite Jazz I ensemble performed with the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 2010 and the Artie Shaw Orchestra in 2009. Select members from our concert band had the unique honor of performing with the United States Navy Band.

We also have big plans for the upcoming school year. We'll welcome Presidio Brass in September and will be taking an All-band trip in the Spring of 2012, possibility to Universal Studios-Florida. Plus we have lots of other exciting events on tap such as footballs games, parades, concerts and jazz dessert dances. We'll provide more details on these exciting events and lots of other stuff at our June 8th meeting.

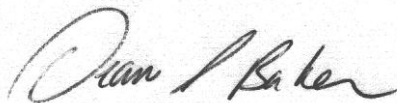
As you might expect, our band program cannot continue to thrive without the assistance of the Central Dauphin Band Boosters. At the Freshman Orientation meeting, we'll provide you with an overview of just what the Boosters do to support the RamBand program and what you can do to help. And we're not just about product sale fundraising; in fact, whether it's chaperoning, volunteering at one of our marquee events such as Band-a-Rama or the Spring Craft Show, you'll find helping the RamBand is gratifying and fun!

If you're just too eager to learn about the band program to wait until June 8th, visit our information-packed website at www.cdramband.org. Some must-see pages online:

- If you're considering participating in Marching Band, be sure to check out the "Band Camp Info" Quick Link or click on <http://www.cdramband.org/BandCamp.htm>.
- For a look at the upcoming events, check out our online calendar. Click on the "RamBand Calendar" link (under "Events") from the Home Page or visit <http://www.cdramband.org/calendar.htm>.
- It's not too early to join the RamBand Scrip program to start building up your student account for the 2012 All-Band trip. Scrip is the fundraising program that works while you shop. The Band Boosters sell 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 and your own student account. For more details, click on <http://www.cdramband.org/scrip.htm>.
- Plus, be sure to check out the Photo Galleries of the various Ram Band events. Click on the "Photo Galleries" link from the Home Page. Here, you'll get a glimpse of the fun that you're sure to have over the coming four years!

So, once again, welcome to the Central Dauphin High School Band Program. I am certain that it will provide some of the best experiences of your life! We look forward to meeting with all incoming parents and students on June 8, 2011. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or if you cannot make it on June 8th, please feel free to contact Mr. Ceresini at 703-5360 ext. 428 or CDBandCeresini@gmail.com, or me at 671-7164 (evenings) or by e-mail at dsbakerlaw@aol.com.

Cordially,



Diane Baker
Central Dauphin Band Boosters Association

P.S. For those students choosing to participate in marching band, there will be a Marching Band "mini-camp" on June 13, 14, and 15, 2011 from 6pm until 9pm. Then there will be Tuesday practices throughout the summer. **Band Camp is the first two weeks in August and is MANDATORY.** For Central Dauphin RamBand news and information, be sure to check the www.cdramband.org website throughout the summer.