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“Celebrating 65 years of Excellence in Music” **65th ANNUAL BAND NIGHT ALUMNI BAND & COLOR GUARD**

April 10, 2009

Dear Port Chester High School Band Alumnus,

The year 2009 marks an important anniversary in the musical life of the Port Chester Schools. It has been 65 years since Archie Jacobs started the traditions of the Blue Key Honorary Band Society and BAND NIGHT in the 1944-1945 school year!

To celebrate this important occasion, this year's Band Night will feature an ALUMNI BAND and COLOR GUARD as the Grand Finale. Word-of-mouth response to this has already been fantastic, and we expect to have a huge turnout.

The alumni Band will perform “Mechanized Infantry”, “National Emblem”, “Stand Up and Cheer” and “God Bless America”.

Former Band Director Captain Ken Force will be there, along with current Director Bob Vitti, and both Bert Hughes and Joe Telesco have expressed interest in attending. Current Port Chester music staff members will all be in attendance, and other former District music staff will be invited.

The event will be held on June 9th, 2009, with a rain date of June 10th. Here's the tentative schedule:

3:00 PM – Registration and rehearsal

ONGOING – Refreshments and Band Night Barbecue (Annual Band Association fundraiser)

6:30 PM – 65th Annual Band Night

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOW – Family-oriented Alumni reception in the school cafeteria

9:30 PM – After reception party at Davy Byrnes – Willett/Putnam Aves.

Music is already online at <http://www.portchesterhighschoolband.org> (click on the Band Alumni link). If you prefer, music can be mailed to you. Instruments other than flutes, clarinets, alto sax and trumpets will be available for your use, possibly even prior to June 9th. We are working on special rental rates for the smaller instruments from Greenwich Music.

Alumni performers will receive a free commemorative t-shirt at registration, to be worn during the show. Special Band logo flags to be used in the visual performance are being created.

So its time to dust-off your instrument, find your drumsticks, limber up your flag-twirling muscles, soak your reeds and oil your valves. We hope to have as many alumni as possible participate in what we anticipate will be an event everyone will long remember.

Our committee has spent countless hours trying to identify addresses for all alumni. Please help us by contacting all your Band alumni friends and relatives to be sure we haven't missed anyone. All additional information and updates will be posted on the Band website listed above and on the event's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=48413239349>

Looking forward to seeing you,

Ken Kraut – Music Department Chairman