

Port Chester High School Band

The Pride of Port Chester



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August 28
Band Season
Debut 7:00 PM
Crawford Park

Meetings

Exec. Board
August 19
7:30PM

General
September 16
7:30 PM

September 13
PCHS BAND 1ST
Competition
Bryan McMahan
H.S. Norwalk, CT

BAND CAMP

Band Camp will be held for two weeks again this year. The first week will be for the entire band (winds, percussion and guard) from August 18th through August 22nd from 9:00AM to 1:00 PM at the High School. The second week will be at Crawford Park from August 25th through August 28th from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM for the FULL BAND - WINDS, PECUSSION and COLOR GUARD. This week will conclude on THURSDAY evening with a 7:00 PM performance for all family and friends.

These two weeks are ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY. We cannot have any excuses due to the extensive marching show that needs to be learned. It is crucial that each of you makes a total commitment and dedicated effort to practice and learn your music prior to camp.

The week following Band Camp will start our regular Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Also, we will perform at all PCHS home football games with Full Band. Attendance at these games is MANDATORY!

THINGS TO BRING TO BAND CAMP

- 1) Wear appropriate summer clothing
- 2) Baseball caps/hats
- 3) Sun glasses and sun block
- 4) Lunch and plenty of drinks
- 5) Rain gear, we will practice in the rain
- 6) Instruments, music and portable music stand

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMP FOR ANY REASON UNLESS A PARENT SENDS A SIGNED NOTE!

PS: Please bring your permission slip to band camp. If you need a copy please print one from the band WEB site!

BOOSTER DRIVER AUGUST 24, 2003

Our annual Booster Driver will kick off at 2:00 PM and last till 4:00 PM. This is our major fundraiser and helps kick off the marching band season in the Port Chester / Rye Brook communities. Please plan to have your child attend. **All band and color guard members are required to partake in this drive.**

BOOSTER CAR DRIVER'S NEED

We need Booster Day volunteer parent car drivers on August 24 to drive and escort band and color guard members from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Please email your name and phone number if you can help. If you have already signed up, please reconfirm with an email.

WWW.PORTCHESTERHIGHSCHOOLBAND.ORG

PCHS MARCHING BAND, COLOR GUARD AND CONCERT BAND UNIFORMS

MARCHING BAND

The Port Chester High School Marching Band uniform modeled after the British Royal Marine uniform is a major part of scoring in competitions and parades. Each band member will be issued a uniform which consists of a jacket, pants, belt, helmet and sashes. Band members are responsible for keeping the uniform clean and pressed at all times. In addition, each band member will be responsible for providing the following accessories, a must to complete the full uniform; **black socks, white gloves and black patent leather shoes.** Remember, to achieve the high possible score it is imperative that all band members look alike in uniform. Even one missing part of the uniform could mean the difference between first and second place. Band members will be in their shoes for long periods of time, long parades and in all kinds of weather. So, keep in mind when purchasing your shoes that they are comfortable and roomy enough to accommodate your feet with extra pairs of socks on.

Marching shoes and white gloves can be purchased at the following two stores. (Buy extra white gloves)

Levine's Army and Navy	Or	Elmsford Police Supply
Main Street		44 S. Saw Mill River Road
Port Chester, NY		Elmsford, NY
914-939-2483		914-347-2515

COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard will also be issued uniforms and will be responsible for special accessories. Daren Delaney, Color Guard Director will provide details during the summer practices on items needed.

CONCERT BAND

Concert Band members will be responsible for the following Attire:

Girls

Girls are responsible for Contessa Blouse and Symphony Concert Skirts. You can order them from Tuxedo Wholesalers at 1-800-828-2802. Please place your orders early because it will take a few weeks before you receive the blouse and skirt.

Boys

Boys are responsible to wear a white tux shirt, black bow tie and black jacket pants. Ridge Squire in the Rye Ridge Shopping Center does sell used tuxes and shirts that will work out fine

Visit WWW.PORTCHESTERHIGHSCHOOLBAND.ORG the Port Chester High Band and Association's WEB site for updates, forms and other

Band Recycling

Collection of deposit cans and bottles will be held on Sunday, August 10 & 24, from 10 AM to noon PCHS Parking lot. All band members are asked to attend a minimum of 2 recycling services per band year. All others who wish to volunteer are welcome.

BUDGET VOTE

It is curial that all paid members of the PCHS Band Association attend the September 17, 2003 meeting and cast their vote on the 2003-04 Budget. If you cannot attend please contact Phil Gasparini for an "Absentee Ballot" before the meeting on the 17th.

AD Journal Fundraiser

The Ad Journal along with the Patrons, Booster and Alumni is one of our major fundraiser for the year. Please do not delay; turn in your ads as soon as they are sold. Do not save them until the October 31 deadline. As of today, all covers have been sold. Visit the band WEB site for additional Ad forms.

PCHS WEBSITE

Special thanks to Martha Cruz and Philip Jenks for helping to launch and maintain our band and association website as well as donating the cost of running the site during the 2002 – 2003 association year.

July 4th Water and Soda Sales net \$350.

Thanks to the following association members who volunteered their time selling water and soda 4th of July night at Ryan Stadium. Mary Divine, Anna Tornini, Suey Pike, Freda Wesley, Cheryl Bagdan, Maryanne & Rico Leechetta, Brandon, Ann & Wayne Devers, Paul & Stephanie Geradi.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Help support the PCHS Band Association and become a member. Have a say in the way your fundraising is spent. **Dues are \$7.00 for a single membership and \$10.00 for a family.** All Alumni and friends of the band are also welcomed to join. Remember only parents or guardians of Band and Color Guard members can vote on issues and elect the Executive Board. Call Barbara Lorys today at 939-5475 to join or see us August 28 at Crawford Park prior to the show.