

# Port Chester High School Band

## The Pride of Port Chester



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER, 2003

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September 06  
Band Season  
Debut 1:00 PM  
Ryan Stadium  
PCHS Football  
Half Time  
Show

### Meetings

**Exec. Board**  
August 19, 7:30  
PM

**General**  
September 16  
7:30 PM  
Budget Vote

### Here We Go!

The Port Chester High School Marching Band and Color Guard are on their way to another great season. As always this year promises to be exceptional, with the planned performance of "Prelude Song & Dance". Please make time to come out and support the 2003-2004 "Pride of Port Chester". On September 6, 2003, the band and guard will be the featured "Half Time: show at Ryan Stadium for the Port Chester High School Football Rams opening day game.

You can also catch the band for its first competition of the season at Brien McMahon HS in Norwalk, CT on September 12 and then the following week in Trumbull, CT. The Band will also be marching through the streets of Port Chester on September 20 for the annual "Firemen's County Convention Parade.

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| September 06 | PCHS Half Time Show, PCHS Football Game              |
| September 13 | MAC Competition, Brien McMahon HS, Norwalk CT        |
| September 20 | Firemen's County Conventions Parade, Port Chester    |
| September 20 | MAC Competition, Trumbull HS, Trumbull CT            |
| September 21 | USSBA Regional Competition, North Jersey             |
| September 25 | PCHS Half Time Show, PCHS Football Game              |
| September 28 | USSBA Regional Competition, Stony Brook, Long Island |

### PIT CREW VOLUNTARIES NEEDED

Parent voluntaries needed to help with loading and off loading band equipment form our van and truck in addition to assisting in moving props on and off the filed during the band performance. We are looking for voluntaries to help during home football games and band competitions from September to November. All interested please contact Domenic Carriero at 914-722-0014 or 914-937-9087

### BUDGET VOTE

It is curial that all paid members of the PCHS Band Association attend the September 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

### PARENT BUS TO BRAIN McMAHON

Parent bus for Brain McMahon HS Competition will depart from PCHS Parking Lot between 5:00 and 5:30. Cost per person is \$15.00. Please call Chris Macri at 939-4623 for reservation and payment by Wednesday, Sept 11.

With the price of gas and sometime toll, this is an easy and fun way to get the competitions and enjoy the band season.

Please keep in mind that we need at least 30 passengers to order the bus, so please call and make your reservations today.

**This service is non-refundable.**

Visit [WWW.PORTCHESTERHIGHSCHOOLBAND.ORG](http://WWW.PORTCHESTERHIGHSCHOOLBAND.ORG) the Port Chester High Band and Association's WEB site for updates, forms and other information.

### **AD Journal Fundraiser**

The Ad Journal along with the Patrons, Booster and Alumni is one of our major fundraiser for the year. Our goal this year is to collect \$48,000 to help support the band and guard program. It has been 2 months since you have received your kits to sale the journal but as of this writing we have only take in \$6,000. We now have less than two months to meet our goal. Please do not delay, sell your quote for ads today and turn them in.

With out your help and cooperation with this fundraiser our band and guard program will not be able to continue for this year. Remember all need to be turned in the October 31 deadline.

Visit the band WEB site for additional Ad Journal and Booster forms.

### **Band Camp Dinner**

Thanks to Dena Giorgi, Ann Devers, Barbara Lorys, Rita Bates, Ray Bates, Maryann Giorgi, and Phil Gasperini for serving dinner at our annual "End of Band Camp" dinner on August 28 at Crawford Park. The Band and guards dined on Pizza and 3 foot wedges.

Also, thanks to Ray Bates for supplying watermelons for everyone to cool down with

### **Band Recycling**

Collection of deposit cans and bottles will be held on Sunday, September 07 & 21, 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.

### **Booster Drive**

We had another successful Booster Drive Sunday August 24th. We raised over \$5,100 to help with keeping the band running for the up coming season.

Thank you to all the band and color guard members who attended the drive, as well as the parents who escorted the members around town. Also, a special thanks to all our supporters from Port Chester and Rye Brook who donated to help keep our program running and "The Pride of Port Chester" on the way to this years Macy\*s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Special thanks to the following parents volunteers

Bishop Nowmic  
Dena Giorgi  
Barbara Lorys  
Mike Lorys  
Cheryl Bagdan  
Barbara Irwin  
Maryann Girogi  
Mary Carthart  
Ann Devers

### **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.

### **Band Clothing**

Need an extra T-shirt, new band jacket or just show your support for the band. We also have garment bag, golf shirts, T-shirts with small band logo, sweatshirt and pants and more.

Contact Mary Devine for a list of band clothing at 939- 8369

### **Alumni Volunteers**

A special "**THANK YOU**" to Walter (Butch) Milkenkin and Joe Johnson, two PCHS Band Association alumni members for taking one week vacation each to help out at band camp this year. The "dynamic duo" help construct, repair and maintain equipment for the band during the week as well as helping out throughout the year. Mr. Johnson also doubles as the band "official photographer". Joe's photos of band camp can be view on the band website.