

Port Chester High School Marching Band

The Pride of Port Chester

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2004

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General Meeting
September 15,
7:30 PM
High School

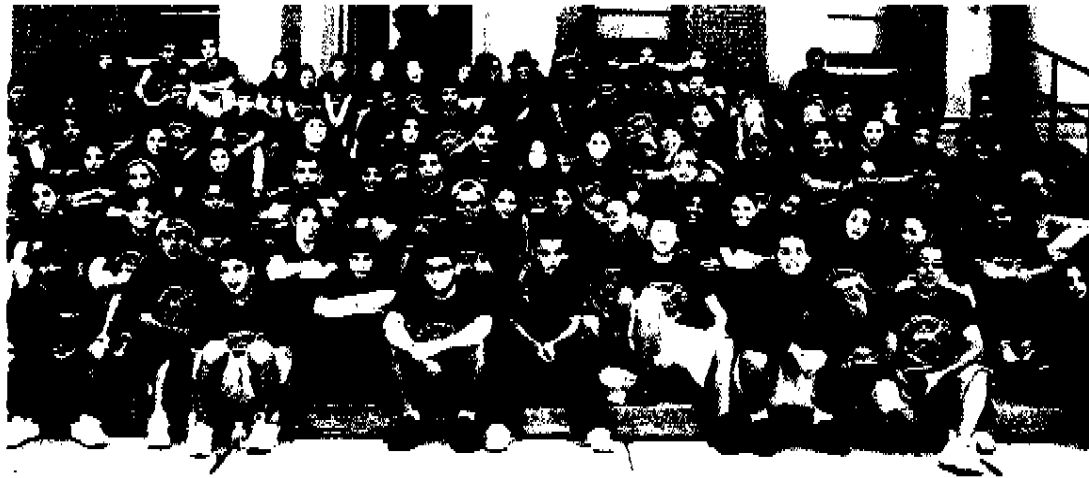
September Recycling
Dates: 12th & 19th
10AM - Noon

Sept. 18 PCHS Band
1st competition Brien
McMahon HS Norwalk
CT. Bus reservations
call Beth. 937-1141.

Home Sweet Home

On Sunday, September 26th, the band will be hosting our home competition "**PREVIEW OF CHAMPIONS**". In order for us to make this as successful as possible, we are going to need your help. **VOLUNTEERS** are **URGENTLY NEEDED** to donate food, soda, water, paper goods and many more items. We also need volunteers to help serve, clean up, escort buses, etc. Sign up sheets will be available at the September 15th general meeting or you may contact Dom Carriero at 937-9087. You may also Email to: BAND@PORTCHESTERHIGHSCHOOLBAND.ORG

VOLUNTEERS...PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR THE HOME COMPETITION!! WE NEED YOU! IT'S A FUN FILLED AND EXHILERATING DAY!!



MANDATORY: ALL BAND AND COLOR GUARD MEMBERS MUST BRING 2 CASES OF SODA OR WATER TO MR. VITTI'S OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS FOR OUR HOME COMPETITION!!!

BOOSTER DRIVE: BRAVO!!! Thanks to the efforts of the Band, Color Guard and especially our Parent Volunteers, our Booster Drive was one of the most successful in years raising over \$8,000.00. As the first major fundraiser of the season, your hard work will help the band reach its fundraising goals. **KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!**

FRUIT SALE KICK-OFF: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AFTER COLUMBUS DAY PARADE. Additional info at September 15th membership meeting.

UNIFORMS: Band and Color Guard uniforms were distributed the first week of Music Camp. Special thanks to the following parents who helped make this job run so smoothly: Caryn & Peter Green, Joann Galasso, Mary Ellen Horan, Maggie Rende, Suey Pilke, Andrea Hoge and Cocoa. **REMEMBER,** if you have not ordered your Dinkle Marching Shoes please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** See the band **WEB** site for additional information. **ALSO,** don't forget your **BLACK SOCKS & WHITE GLOVES...YOU CANNOT PERFORM WITHOUT THEM.**

AD JOURNAL FUNDRAISER: Journals, Boosters, Patrons and Alumni are the major part of our fundraising for the year. Please **DO NOT DELAY...**get your Journal Ads in as soon as the are sold!! If you need additional forms just log onto the band **WEB** site.

Survivor: Band Camp

WEEK 2 - MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 7:30 AM

As the sun rose over Crawford Park, 115 very tired and somewhat nervous students arrived for the first day of Marching Camp. Under the watchful eyes of Mr. Robert Vitti, Band Director, and his expert staff, the "PRIDE OF PORT CHESTER" began the very difficult job of learning this years Field Show.

Mr. Vitti said, "With many new kids to our program this year, I am so pleased with their work ethic thus far. I feel very optimistic about the students being able to achieve their goal with the end result of them performing at a high level".

When Freshman band student Lauren Galasso was asked what she thought of band camp so far, she responded by saying, "It's not as bad as I thought it would be but the hardest day hasn't come yet." "It's hard work but it's also fun at times."

Senior Jillian Galasso, Lauren's sister, was asked what advice she had given Lauren before her first Band Camp and she said, "I basically told her it would be long and difficult but everything comes together in the end".

After the performance for family and friends on Thursday evening the general feeling was that band camp was a success and the students are looking forward to this year's competition schedule.

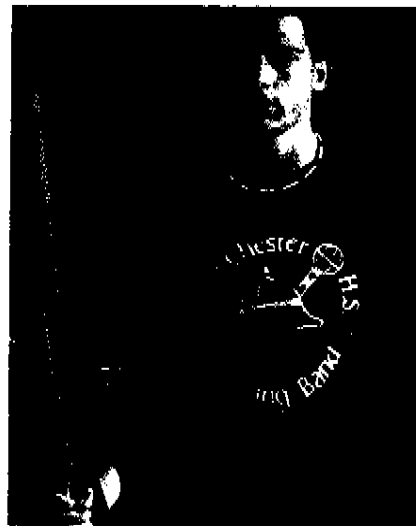
Jillian Galasso, Section Leader and Randy Lesko, Band President



BUS MONITORS NEEDED- If you are interested in volunteering to escort the band as a bus monitor for competitions please contact Anne Devers at 914-939-2982 or E-mail:

Band@portchesterhighschoolband.org

A sign up sheet will also be available at the Sept. 15th general band meeting. A brief meeting will be held for all volunteers afterward.



Andrew Giorgi, Color Guard

PARENT BUS- As in past years, the band association will be providing a spectator bus for our competitions. If you are interested in riding on this bus please contact Barbara Irwin at 939-6891, or Beth Nowotnik at 937-1141 for cost or any other information.

BAND CLOTHING FOR SALE!!- See www.portchesterhighschoolband.org/association/assoclothingforsale.html For listing and prices.



Valerie Tomini, Field Drum Major