

BIG MAC BAND BOOSTERS

Canon McMillan Senior High School

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A note from the Director:

It is the time of year where we say goodbye to some old friends and welcome some new ones. I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we start our practices for the Fourth of July. Our 2009 show features music from the 1960's. We will be welcoming over 62 new members to our ranks this year, making us over 220 strong. Please take time to carefully review all of the information in this newsletter. It contains everything you need to stay informed and on top of our practice and performance schedule. As always, I am proud to be a part of this organization and I hope you share my excitement for the coming year.

Mr. Mark Falvo, Band Director

A note from the Band Booster President:

Welcome to all of the new Freshman Students and Parents, and to all of those returning again this year. This is my sixth year with the booster's organization, and I am really looking forward to another exciting year. Many thanks go out to last year's officers, Cheryl Smith, Kathy Weldy, Jill Sabol, and Nancy Lohr, their dedication to the organization has been an inspiration, and has been greatly appreciated by all of us. Many thanks also to the volunteers that have helped with all of the committees, chaperoning, and fundraising activities. None of which would have been possible without your help. Some of these people will remain with us, but to those whose students have graduated, you will be missed immensely. We have some large shoes to fill. We continue to have many students again this year in the band. Therefore, we will need many volunteers to help make things run smoothly. We have Band Camp, the Band Stand, fundraisers, and Chaperoning. This is a trip year, and the fundraising that we do as a group will help with the cost of the trip. Each activity will require volunteers. Please take the time to read this information packet and fill out the membership form. You must be a booster member in order to chaperone events.

I am looking forward to the year ahead, and I am very proud to represent the BIG MAC BAND.

Kathy Lewandowski, President of the 2009-2010 Big Mac Band Boosters.

Special thanks to the 08-09 Big Mac Band Officers and Board Members. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

President-Cheryl Smith

Vice President- Kathy Weldy

Secretary-Nancy Lohr

Treasurer-Jill Sabol

Hospitality-Patty Coleman

Publicity-Lisa Bonnet

Telephone-Heather Burtch

Membership-

Uniforms- Kathy Weldy

Senior Night-Cathy

Band Banquet-Cathy Weldy

Email-Becky Zahn

School Board-Steve & Sarah Wessel

Nomination-Jill Sabol & Cheryl Smith

Band Video-Steve & Maureen Thompson

Band Alumni-Maureen Thompson

Band Camp-Kathy Lewandowski, Cheryl Smith, Stephanie Wright

Web Page-Joe Zamiska

Band Stand-Mary Ann Durbin, Tom Smith, Pete & Sherry Coffey

Ways & Means-Jill Sabol

New Student Leaders

Tryouts and elections for the student leaders and officers of the 2009-2010 school year were held the last month of school. Congratulations to the following students.

Drum Major- Dan Kramer

Flag Corps Co-Captain-Chelsea Banks

Field Conductor-Ben Lombardo

Flag Corps Co-Captain-Marissa Yetter

Field Conductor-Josh Snyder

Canonette Co Captain-Natalie Antypas

Head Majorette-Cindy Bober

Canonette Co Captain-Kelley Mansfield

President-Justin Rosenthal

Vice President-C.C. Iannarelli

Secretary-

Treasurer-

***** Important telephone Numbers*****

2009-2010

Position	Name	Telephone
Band Director	Mark Falvo	724-745-1400 Ext.4022
Booster President	Kathy Lewandowski	724-745-8081
Vice President	Judy Lombardo	724-746-0288
Secretary	Catherine Kelly	724-743-3352
Treasurer	Donna Click	724-746-2544
Ways & Means	Volunteer Needed	
Nomination	Volunteer Needed	
Membership	Jill Engel	724-745-5787
Hospitality	Diane Gallo	724-328-5640
Telephone	Volunteer Needed	
Publicity	Volunteer Needed	
Band Camp	Kathy Lewandowski	724-745-8081
Band Camp	Deb Vacca	724-743-1095
Band Camp	Steve Wessel	724-746-2446
Band Stand	Mary Ann Durbin	724-745-4416
Uniforms	Kathy Weldy	724-745-1270
Senior Night	Cathy Witzberger	724-222-9021
Senior Night		
Band Banquet	Kathy Weldy	724-745-1270
Web Page	Anita Brecosky	724-746-3606
School Board		
Band Video	Volunteer Needed	
Raffles	Becky Zahn	724-745-1817

VISIT THE BIG MAC BAND WEBSITE AT: www.bigmacband.com

CANON MCMILLAN SENIOR HIGH BAND

UNIFORM REGULATIONS

I. PARTS OF THE UNIFORM ISSUED TO BAND (AUXILIARY) MEMBERS:

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| A. *Hat | D. *Jumpsuit (skirt) | G. Wooden Hanger | J. Show Shirt |
| B. * Hat Box | E. *Cords | H. Emergency raincoat | K. White Gloves |
| C. *Coat (vest) | F. CM garment bag | I. Dinkles (Boots) | L. Auxiliary wind suit |

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II. UNIFORM REGULATIONS

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| DO Bring all parts of your uniform | DON'T Forget parts of your uniform |
| DO Always wear Show Shirt under band coat | DON'T Wear any other shirt under band coat |
| DO Wear light weight shorts/pants
Under jumpsuit | DON'T Wear jeans, sweatpants, or pants that
are too long under jumpsuit |
| DO Have jumpsuit/skirt at proper length | DON'T Wear jumpsuit/skirt if not at proper length |
| DO Wear BLACK crew socks | DON'T Wear white, designed, short or any other
Color of socks |
| DO Keep Dinkles (Boots) and Gloves clean | DON'T Wear dirty Dinkles (Boots) or Gloves |
| DO Keep hair above collar and tucked
Into the hat | DON'T Wear hair below the collar |
| DO Keep emergency poncho in hat | DON'T Keep emergency poncho in hat <i>box</i> |
| DO Put name on hat box with
Masking tape | DON'T Take hat or hat box that is not your number |
| DO Remove all jewelry, earrings, and
Nail polish | DON'T Wear jewelry, earrings or nail polish |
| DO Hang up uniform properly | DON'T Crumple uniform in the garment bag |
| DO Wear complete uniform at all times | DON'T Uniform parts with sneakers, flip flops etc. |
| DO Have alterations or changes made
By uniform chairperson | DON'T Alter, cut, or hem any part of the uniform |
| DO Know your uniform, hat, raincoat
Numbers | DON'T Take raincoats, hats, or uniforms that are
not assigned to you |

Inspections are made before each performance. Demerits will be issued for not following any of the above listed regulations. We want to appear polished and look as good as we sound!

III. CARE OF THE UNIFORM

- A. After EACH performance, HANG UP the uniform properly. Separate the parts and allow them to hang in a dry area. DO NOT use wire hangers! Hang the jumpsuit by the creases in the legs.
- B. If your uniform gets wet, hang the parts separately on wooden hangers and allow the uniform to dry completely. *DO NOT place a wet uniform or hat in the garment bag or hat box...they will mildew!*
- C. Please wash the coat collar insert regularly. It snaps into the collar and is easily removed for washing.

IV. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- A. General cleaning of the uniforms will be handled by the Canon McMillan School District at certain dates during the year. It is your responsibility to turn in your uniform at the designated times.
- B. Alterations will be done by the Uniform committee members. DO NOT CUT OR ALTER the uniform in any way. Please see the uniform chairperson for changes needed.
- C. Uniforms are school district property and must last for ten years. Please take care of you uniform. Any damages such as mildew or cutting of the fabric may be treated as defacing school property, so please take care of your uniform...it will be at the high school longer than you!

CANON MCMILLAN SENIOR HIGH BAND
CONCERT / WIND ENSEMBLE / JAZZ BAND ATTIRE REGULATIONS

All members of the Big Mac Band Concert / Wind Ensemble / Jazz band are to wear the following acceptable attire for performances. It is our goal to look professional, polished, and as harmonized as possible.

I. **CONCERT AND WIND ENSEMBLE ATTIRE:**

GENTLEMEN

Black dress slacks
Plain black crew socks
Black dress shoes
White long sleeve, button front, collared
Dress shirt-**tucked into pants**
Longer hair is to be pulled back with a
Black hair tie

LADIES

Black dress slacks
Black nylon or plain black crew socks
Black dress shoes, closed toe
White long sleeve, button front, collared
Dress shirt-**tucked into pants**
Longer hair is to be pulled back with a
Black hair tie

NOT ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

PANTS: Jeans, Capri's, gauchos, material that is shiny, patterned, glittery, striped, lace, or anything other than plain black material.

SOCKS: White, designed, patterned, any color other than black or no socks at all!

SHOES: Open toe, sandals, flip flops, dress sandals, athletic shoes, or slippers

SHIRT: Collarless, polo, zippered, sleeveless, short sleeved, ¾ sleeve, cap sleeve, camisoles, lacy, sequined, shiny, patterned, see thru, glittery, peasant, t-shirt, or shirt that can't be buttoned at the neck

II. **JAZZ BAND:**

ALL STUDENTS:

Black dress slacks Closed toe black dress shoes
Plain black crew socks White tuxedo shirt

** Cumberbunds and bow ties are provided by the director**

List of not acceptable performance attire rules also applies to the Jazz Band

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009

Congratulations to the recently graduates members of the Canon-McMillan High School Band. We thank them for their time, talent and dedication to the Big Mac Band. We wish them success in their future.

Senior Instrumentalists

Kurt Bonnet
Mike Brancho
Ashley Calloway
Christine Cange
Devon Cole
Mike Cotrill
Valerie Eiben
Megan Florez
Mary Beth Galanko
Rebecca Harrison
Mae Hofrichter
Alex Iannarelli
Tim Joseph
Andrew Klemish
Josh Kozak
Robbie Kruzan
Angela Lazzini
Ben Lohr
Brian Lombardo
Kristen Martin
Katie Mazzocco
Christina McDonald
Brittany Mitchell
Nakoma Neilson
Chris Pintar
Hannah Quinlan
Jacob Reis
Jaret Romano
Nathan Sadlek
Kevin Slavin
Tyler Smith
Elmer Sobansky

Senior Instrumentalists

Lauren Strahl
Devon Sullivan
Eric Viveros
Amanda Waszil
Alena Weldy
Mike Yost

Senior Flag Corps

Kaitlyn Baird
Marah Coleman
Thomas Cornell
Megan Moore
Melissa Paulsen
Jennifer Sabol
Amanda Zamiska

SENIOR CANONETTES

Alexandra Lucas
Ashley Lucot
Morgan Palyas
Lindsey Selker
Meredith Tirpak

SENIOR MAJORETTES

Heather Barckhoff
Haylee Kraushaar
Debra Rush

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Big Mac Band.

Quincy Atkins	Percussion	Nick Logan	Trombone
Alayna Astuto	Flag	Elizabeth Mahoney	Percussion
Rachael Bakaitis	Flute	Daniel Matheny	Percussion
Kaitlin Brecosky	Flute	Ryan McCartney	Bari Sax
Lindsey Bruce	Percussion	Emily McPeak	Flute
Dan Buker	Bari Sax	Andrea Neil	Clarinet
Michael Burchesky	Mellophone	Caitlyn Oxbrough	Clarinet
Hannah Capozzoli	Clarinet	Julia Pansiho	Flute
Marissa Chirumbolo	Clarinet	Brian Podobinik	Bari Sax
Natalie DeMarino	Clarinet	Caileigh Purcell	Bells
Heather DeMarino	Percussion	Alex Ribeau	Percussion
Rebecca Fontana	Clarinet	Abby Ross	Clarinet
Kevin Freeman	T. Sax	Jesse Ross	Percussion
Brian Fyola	Tuba	Tara Schardong	Flute
Alex Gennuso	T. Sax	Maria Silvestros	Canonette
Noel Godfrey	Flute	Charles Smith	Trombone
Leah Grossman	Clarinet	Maggie Sphar	Trumpet
Tom Haralam	Trombone	Taylor Sullivan	Clarinet
Catherine Herman	Clarinet	Rachel Tatano	Clarinet
Sam Hunsberger	Clarinet	Jackie Thompson	Flute
Madison Hutchinson	Canonette	Bryan Trey	Alto Sax
Carly Johnston	Flute	Jennifer Turner	Clarinet
Austin Jones	Trumpet	Sarah Vacca	Clarinet
Morgan Jox	Flute	Glenna Wales	Trumpet
Johnathan Kohlepp	Percussion	Mariah Walker	Clarinet
Nicole Kozak	Flag	Elle Welch	Clarinet
Jessica Kruzan	Trombone	Nicole Witkowski	Flute
Alex Kubert	Percussion	Allison Woodhouse	Clarinet
Cody Kusela	Percussion	Tyler Zanaglio	Trumpet
Angela Corey	Mellophone	Alexandra Zanaglio	Trumpet

AUGUST BAND CAMP

During Band Camp, August 3-7, 2009 (8:30 am to 4:00 pm), the band boosters will once again provide a FULL course lunch for the students and instructors. Each lunch will consist of a main entrée, fresh fruit cup, and some type of salad. Drinks, carrot, celery sticks, PBJ sandwiches and desserts are also on the daily menu. We will make complete lists of some of the food that are needed to make the lunches. Each band member will be asked to donate the food item that is assigned to them. We try to keep the total cost to about \$5 to 7 each. Each student in the band will eat a full lunch for about \$5 for the entire week. Items may include bread, pop, watermelon, pasta, sauce etc.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in the kitchen of the school this week. Please consider signing up even if you can only spare a few hours! We need men and women to help cut, cook and LIFT heavy foods. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Kathy Lewandowski 724-745-8081, Deb Vacca 724-743-1095, or Steve Wessel 724-746-2446. People with food allergies and/or problems...we will be glad to help you determine what foods your student can eat. Please call before camp, or stop in to the kitchen early Monday morning August 3rd.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ - FUNDRAISERS - \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Fundraisers are a vital part of the Big Mac Band Organization. We have many costs that fundraisers help to pay for (including drinks, food, supplies, awards, trophies, banquets, camp, senior night flowers, etc. We have a large budget and we need everyone's support. You must also think of the future... this is a trip year! The previous trip was \$900 per student or chaperone, and many band members were able to pay for their entire trip through fundraising. Plan ahead and participate in the fundraising events. The concession stand profit in past years has been anywhere from \$12,000 to \$17,000. This paid for the expenses of two trucks driven to Florida and the tickets to Sea World, Orlando. Fundraising profits are distributed one of three ways: 100% Student profit, 75% Student profit & 25% Booster profit, or 100% Boosters.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRPERSON!

The following are some of this year's Fundraisers.

1. Raffles – September, Thanksgiving, and March monthly raffles. These are based on the Pennsylvania Daily Number evening draw, and are 100% booster profits.
2. CM Attire Sale – School colors and logo's on many different clothing items. These are very popular selling items. 100% profit towards the overall cost of the trip. The more items sold, the less the overall price per person!
3. Hoagie Sale – We will be planning on at least two hoagie sales this year. One in the fall and one in the spring. 75% student & 25% booster profit.
4. Football Concession Sale – 4 home games 100 % booster profit. One parent or guardian from every family is asked to work at least ½ of a home game, set up in the morning or clean up after the game.
5. Bake Ware Sale – last year was our first year to offer bake ware. We will try again to organize this sale. Profits are 75% student & 25% boosters.
6. Pasta & Performance Dinner – Spaghetti Dinner will be held in November. In order for your student to receive part of the profit, *you must be a Band Booster Member AND* you or your child must participate by working, selling tickets, Chinese auction, publicity, set up, performing, donations and/or obtaining sponsors. 100% student profit divided equally. We have made over \$12,000 profit from the dinner in the past.
7. Sarris Easter Candy Sale – 75% student and 25% booster profit
8. Max & Erma's Band Night – Two times in the next year will receive profits just by having you family or friends eat there. 100% profit towards the cost of the trip.

FALL RAFFLE'S

Our Boosters sponsor three raffles during the year, the first one being a calendar raffle that plays for the entire month of September 2009. The winning number is based on the Pennsylvania Lottery Daily Number (evening draw). Every family is requested to sell approximately 4-5 tickets at \$5 each. The tickets are mailed to the parent/guardian, as students that are under 18 are not permitted to participate. All raffle profits go to the band booster's general fund. If you can sell more than 5 tickets, please contact the chairperson Becky Zahn at 724-745-1817. The Thanksgiving raffle is for a giant Thanksgiving Basket full of donated food items and \$200 in food gift certificates. The other calendar raffle will be held in March. Please help support the boosters by selling tickets. Thank you in advance.

Medical Information

The health and safety of our band students is a priority for the directors and the band boosters. There is a medical professional that attends each of the band activities such as football games, band festivals, and trips. We carry with us over the counter medications, personal hygiene products, and emergency medical supplies. Students are only permitted to carry medications approved by the district such as an inhaler. They are not permitted to have Tylenol, Motrin, or any other over the counter medication even cough drops are not allowed.

In the event that the student becomes ill or injured during a band activity the parent/guardian will be notified. We will obtain permission to administer any available over the counter medication. If you have a child that with special health concerns or would like to talk to the nurse/doctor please call or speak to them at a booster meeting.

Dr. Kathy Weldy 724-745-1270.

PICTURE TIME

All students must report in full uniform on **picture day when it is scheduled at 8am during August band practice**- even if individual pictures are not being purchased. A full band photo and section photos are taken for the yearbook and the fall sports program book. If you wish to purchase individual pictures, an order form will be handed out during band camp. You must bring the form and payment with you when the pictures are taken.

BAND PARENT CHAPERONE SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS

It will be Band/Football Season before you know it!!! If you are planning on chaperoning or just want to show your support for BIG MAC BAND this football season, you may want to order your shirts now. I will be taking orders and payments at the next two booster meetings. The sooner we place the orders, the sooner the shirts will arrive. We have some new fabrics available this year. Some include "wicking", that could be helpful with keeping us dry and warm!

Kathy Lewandowski