

BIG MAC BAND

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BIG MAC BAND BOOSTERS

Canon McMillan Senior High School

June 2011

A note from the director:

I would like to start this year by wishing all of our graduating seniors a happy and productive future. Please take your love of music and each other and pass it on to those you meet. I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we start our practices for the Fourth of July. Our 2011 show features music from the last five decades so there is sure to be something for everyone. We will be welcoming over 55 new members to our ranks this year, making us over 200 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. We have a great looking band this year and I am looking forward to an exciting year. Details on the spring trip are coming soon.

Mr. Mark Falvo, Band Director

A note from the Band Booster President:

I am really looking forward to working with the kids and parents this year. We have a great group and I know everyone will make new friends and new memories. I have had the opportunity to be a booster officer in the Middle School and now here at the High School. I find that this is a wonderful way to be a part of your child's school years. In volunteering, we the parents also have fun and feel rewarded, I myself have made some wonderful new friends being an active band parent. There are many opportunities to volunteer in the organization such as band camp, concessions, fundraising, and chaperoning or being a part of one of our many committees. We really need your help as a parent to make these activities a success. Please take time to read this packet of information and fill out the membership form. Remember this is a trip year and you must be a booster member in order to chaperone events, go on the trip and to have your student benefit from some of the fundraising events. I ask that you commit some of your time and become a band parent volunteer. Being that this is a trip year, the fundraisers we do will help with the cost. We all have the same goal for our children to have a fun and rewarding Big Mac Band experience! Please refer to our web site for additional information and calendar updates. www.bigmacband.com.

Trish Buker

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*** Important Numbers and E-Mails***

2009-2010

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New Student Leaders

Drum Major-	Joe Helinski	Flag Corps Co-Captain-	Amiee Blaze
Field Conductor-	Stephen Strosko	Flag Corps Co-Captain-	Rachel Robison
Field Conductor-	Tyler Engle	Canonette Co Captain-	Lauren Harbaugh
Head Majorette-	Nikki Weldy	Canonette Co Captain-	Brogan Uram
President-	Anthony Sciulli	Vice President-	Daniel Buker
Secretary-	Katy Click	Secretary-	Ashley Madia
Sgt. at Arms-	Mike Reis	Senior Rep. -	Liz Mahoney
Junior Rep. -	Emily McPeake	Sophomore Rep. -	Sean Coleman, Cara Paraska
Librarian:	Tori Horak, Rachel Klemash, Emma Chase, Cara Paraska		
Uniforms:	Hannah Capazzoli, Morgan Jox		
Equipment Manager:	Michael Burchesky		
Ast. Equipment Managers:	Justin McCarthy, Alex Gennuso, Brian Podobnik, Dennie Dunsey, JohnPaul Gaston, Sean Coleman, Amy Vogrig		

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

Jacinda Arent	Pamela Armstrong	Megan Ayres	Brooke Baumgartner	Josie Thal
Elizabeth Beachy	Angela Bell	Jessica Brown	Natalie Burchesky	Alexis Vidonish
Allison Cannon	Evan Chase	Nick Ditullio	Malina Dziak	Marc Vukotich
Alexis Eytcheson	Nadia Few	Jessica Francis	Elizabeth Freeman	Elisa Watson
Ela Garbiastu	Timothy Grebeck	Hannah Grossman	Deziree Kline	Hayley Welsh
Jordan Laybuin	Olivia Licht	Ethan Linderman	Greg Logan	Kali Wesolowski
Sam Luba	Savannah McCann	Hannah McClendon	Harsha Mikkilineni	Kristen Angotti
Carly Nyiri	Jordan Oravetz	Hayley Pacella	Brandon Palonis	Amanda Cary
Rachael Paquin	James Pascarelli	Dean Petrone	Maddie Phillips	April Cury
Nicole Ray	Emily Ross	Jena Ross	Bailey Scheider	Nathaniel Cregut
Hannah Shanholtz	Maddie Shemansky	Nicole Simonetti	Carina Stopenski	Danielle Graham
Anna Strnisha	Michael Strosko	Isabella Tavoletti	Zak Teyssie	Paige Patterson
Ethan Marra	Samantha Seroka			

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UNIFORM INFORMATION

- UNIFORM FITTINGS:** Uniforms will be issued to the band members and auxiliaries during the 4th of July practices.
AUXILIARIES will be fitted during practice on Monday June 27th during morning practice.
9am Majorettes, 10am flags, 11am Canonettes.
BAND Tuesday June 28th no morning times, only from 6-8 pm returning members only.
Wednesday June 29th during practice and 6-8pm freshman from A-L.
Thursday July 30, 6-9pm all freshman from M-Z.
Fittings will be in the “dungeon” located under the auditorium stage.
*****MONIES DUE FOR THE SHIRTS/SHOES/ETC ARE DUE BEFORE BAND CAMP*****
Please direct any questions regarding uniforms/concert attire to Dr. Kathy Weldy 724-745-1270.
- UNIFORM REPAIRS:** Uniforms require frequent changes such as hemming the pants, shortening or lengthening the sleeves, and replacing lost buttons. Although minor alterations, they are to be done by the uniform committee. Please do not have your son/daughter’s uniform altered in any way. If you are able to help the committee with alterations, please let Dr. Weldy know. The band jumpsuit has proven to be challenging, as the bottom hems of the pants are being destroyed when they are too long. Please check the leg length frequently and let us know if there is a problem. Any uniform that requires extensive repair, such as restoration of the bottom leg of the uniform or tear of the uniform, may be subject to a fee of \$25 for the restoration, payable to the boosters.
- UNIFORM REPLACEMENT COSTS:** Uniforms are property of the Canon McMillan School District. (Please see the * marked items in UNIFORM GUIDELINES). In the past, some students have not returned part of their uniform or damaged it significantly so as to render the uniform unusable. A few examples are loss of cords, broken hat and/or hat box, mildew to the jacket, and fraying or cuts to the uniform by any means...yes, even cat scratches. If a uniform is severely damaged, the replacement cost of the item will be required. Replacement cost for the band coat, pant, hat, auxiliary vest, and skirt will be assessed at the current cost from the manufacturer, DeMoulin. Replacement costs for the hatbox is \$25 and the blue/gold cords are \$10 each. Our uniforms MUST LAST AT LEAST 10 YEARS; therefore we need each and every part of the uniform to be available for use.
- REQUIRED PURCHASES FOR UNIFORMS:** There are a few required items that need to be purchased for the complete uniform. The boosters purchase the items and require reimbursements for the required items as follows: *Last year’s prices are as follows*; these may have increased again slightly. You will be notified of the exact prices as soon as the statements arrive from the manufacturers.
BAND MEMBERS: Show Shirt \$10 Dinkles (shoes) \$30 Garment Bags (freshmen only) \$15
AUXILIARIES: Show Shirt \$10 Boots \$60 Garment Bags (freshmen only) \$15
CM Wind suit cost to be determined

The auxiliaries will also need to purchase personal items such as the bloomers, tights, and leotards. The captains and sponsors are responsible for the ordering of these items. Additional costs are to be expected for articles of clothing that each individual auxiliary determines to be needed. The costs for show shirts, garment bags, boots, Dinkles are to be made, in one check payable to the Big Mac Band Boosters, no later than August 6th.

Please direct any questions regarding uniforms/concert attire to Dr. Kathy Weldy 724-745-1270 or weldydoc@hotmail.com.

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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 |

** Denotes property of Canon McMillan School District*

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 have 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 wear 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

- 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.
- 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!*
- Please wash the coat collar insert regularly. It snaps into the collar and is easily removed for washing.

IV. CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

- 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.
- 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.
- 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!
- Please direct any questions regarding uniforms/concert attire to Dr. Kathy Weldy 724-745-1270.

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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
Plain black crew socks
closed toe black dress shoes
White tuxedo shirt

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

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

BAND JACKETS:

Students may purchase varsity band jackets. These are the only jackets, other than the issued uniforms and rain parkas that may be worn in the stands. There will be a fitting for jackets during JULY 4TH Practices. We are offering both the old style jackets and the varsity style with gold sleeves similar to those used by our athletic teams. Jacket sizes S-XL and XXL. Pricing will be available at the booster meeting and put on the BIG MAC BAND WEBSITE AT: www.bigmacband.com.

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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 student with special health concerns, or you would like to talk to the nurse/doctor please call or speak to them at a booster meeting.

Dr. Kathy Weldy 724-745-1270.
weldydoc@hotmail.com

AUGUST BAND CAMP

During Band Camp, August 1st through August 5th, 2011 (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. Each band member will be asked to donate certain food items that will be assigned to them. We try to keep the total cost to about \$6 to 8 each. A postcard will be mailed to your home address with instructions about the donation in early July. Each student in the band will eat a full lunch for the entire week for the one small food donation. Items may include bread, grapes, 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 clean, cut, cook and LIFT heavy foods, and to serve lunch. If you have any questions or problems, please contact:

Trish Buker,	724-777-2966
Lorra Barron,	724-746-3107
Anita Brecosky	724-746-3506

ktbuker@gmail.com
lmcpeake@comcast.net
abrecosky.yahoo.com

People with food allergies and/or donation 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 on August 1st.

PICTURE TIME

All students must report in full uniform on picture day, it is scheduled August 9th at 9am to noon during 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. Checks are to be made out to Mirisciotti Photography.

Band 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. Orders will be taken at the next two booster meetings. The sooner the orders are placed, the sooner they will arrive.

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

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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...it does not matter whether the current year is a trip year or not, it takes almost two full years to raise enough money to send the entire band on a trip. The previous trip was \$1,100 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. Regardless of who receives the profits, ALL MONIES ARE ULTIMATELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BAND STUDENTS!

Following are the fundraisers planned for this year!

Big Mac Band Apparel (gloves, hats, blankets, etc. that would be allowed to be worn in the stands at football games)

Enjoy Discount Books

Poinsettias/Wreaths

Hoagies

Sarris Easter Candy

Mixed Bags (wide variety of reusable bags)

GFS Frozen Foods

Pasta Dinner (100% Student profit when participation rules are met)*

Concession Stands at Home Football Games (100% Booster profit)

Calendar Raffles Based on PA Lottery- Sept & March (100% Booster profit)

Thanksgiving Basket Raffle (100% Booster profit)

All fundraisers are split 75% student/25% Booster profit unless otherwise noted.

*Pasta Dinner profits are divided evenly among all students who work a shift AND their parent works a shift AND they sell tickets to the event. All three aspects must be met.

More details will accompany all fundraiser forms when they are started.

LOTTERY BASED 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 2011. 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 raffle chairperson. 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.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM & PARENT INFORMATION SURVEY

www.bigmacband.com

\$5.00 Family Membership <i>(current child in band or auxiliary)</i>	\$2.00 Associate Membership <i>(no current child in band or auxiliary)</i>
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STUDENT'S INFORMATION: *(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)*

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student Lives With: ___ Both Parents ___ Father ___ Mother ___ Shared Custody ___ Guardian

FATHER/MALE GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

MOTHER/FEMALE GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER. EVEN THE SMALLEST AMOUNT OF TIME WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

	Chaperone <i>(must have clearances)</i>		Telephone Committee <i>(calling a small number of parents with announcements)</i>
	Home Games		Band Camp Committee
	Away Games		Band Concession Stand Committee
	Festivals		Early Morning Set-Up
	Trips		5:30 p.m. through Half-Time
	Assist with Instrument and Equipment Truck		3 rd Quarter through Clean-Up
	Announcing Half-Time Performances		Thursday Evening Set-Up
	Concert Help <i>(Ticket sales, ushering, etc.)</i>		Senior Night Committee <i>(Assist Senior's Parents, Flowers, Sashes, etc.)</i>
	Fundraising Committee <i>(Ways & Means)</i>		Publicity
	Uniform Committee <i>(Alterations, Collection, etc.)</i>		Pasta & Performance Committee <i>(Spaghetti Dinner)</i>
	Banquet Committee <i>(Year-end Recognition Banquet)</i>		Auditing Committee <i>(BMB Boosters Financials)</i>
	Photography <i>(Seniors entire year for Banquet)</i>		Nominating Committee
	Bylaws Committee		Hospitality Committee
	Membership Committee		School Board Representative

Please return this form along with a check made payable to BIG MAC BAND BOOSTERS.
Membership Deadline: October 31st. You can bring this form and check to the monthly BMB Boosters meeting or mail to:

JILL ENGEL
 209 DEMAR BLVD.
 CANONSBURG, PA 15317

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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SUMMER REHEARSALS

BAND CAMP

AND

FALL SCHEDULE

WELCOME PARENTS OF NEW MEMBERS!!

Big Mac Band Boosters President

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