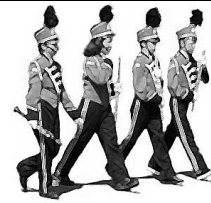




The Band Score



January 2004

Student Edition



From the Director...

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I would hope that everyone had an enjoyable

holiday season.

Reflecting on the 1st half of this school year, I continue to feel good about our accomplishments, including very good performances throughout the season and an outstanding trip to Hollywood. One I hope you will all remember.

I had the opportunity over the vacation to return to L.A. and witness live the “Rose Parade”. It was truly an awesome event with many fine bands. After witnessing the performances of those bands, I am even more convinced that our performance in Hollywood was equal to most of the Rose Parade bands. The parade is over 5 1/2 miles in length and is a grueling task that requires strong physical preparation. I congratulate the Ambridge Area H.S. Band for their fine performance and representing the Pittsburgh area with pride. The parade requires that all bands have at least 175 musicians in order to participate. Looking at the credentials of the performing bands, we equal or surpass many of them. We would need to increase participation in order to qualify. So if you are interested, start recruiting. If anyone has suggestions, please let me know.

Looking ahead, I would like to start accepting names for next season’s Field Conductors and Section Leaders. If you are interested, let me know before the end of February. I would like to complete this process early. Next year’s field show is already in discussion stages.

I would hope that all of you will attend our Winter Guard Show on Saturday, January 24th. Vicki and the girls have been working very hard on their performance. Please attend as many of the shows as

possible. Besides our show, the guard will be at Northgate on Feb. 14th, Penn Trafford on Feb. 28th, McKeesport on March 13th, East Allegheny on March 20th and the championships at Norwin on April 3rd. We have two squads consisting of the High School Guard and the Jr. High Guard.

Good Luck Ladies!!!

Again, keep up the support and have a great year.

Thomas Crone
Band Director

WINTERGUARD COMPETITION

This year, 25 groups will be competing in our January 24th event. Please keep this date open and plan to attend. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** If you can volunteer for this event, please contact Tom Skowronski at 412-371-7278. Thank you!

FUND RAISERS



Ordering can be done online. 10% of the total order will be credited to your account. Delivery is monthly on the third Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. January’s delivery will be Tuesday, January 20th. The big sell is that they have groceries as well as specialty items. Please see Marketday.com if you want to check it out. Have friends and relatives list the student’s name under “Chairperson’s Notes” near checkout. Kathy Dinnin will be chairing this fundraiser and can be reached at 412-243-7536. Payment will be collected when you pick up your order.



FUND RAISING REMINDERS

All fund raisers are prepaid. Orders will not be placed unless payment accompanies the order form. All orders must be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name, the name of the fund raiser, and the amount of the payment printed on the front of the envelope.

All checks must be made out to WHHS BPO. Each check must have the name of the student receiving credit on the memo line. Please note: Any check which is returned Non Sufficient Funds will be charged a \$6.00 return check fee which will be deducted from the student's account along with the total amount of the check. Credit will not be given for the fund raiser until the check is made good. Any outstanding money owed to the band will become a senior obligation for graduation.

All orders must be picked up on the date specified in the fundraising letter. We do not have facilities to hold orders.

DAVE'S SHIRT POCKET NOTES

I realize that the marching season is over, however, now is the time that decisions are made for the next band season. Please try to attend the BPO meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month thru May at West Jr. High. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

Try to get an early start on fund raising for the next trip. Hoagies are still sold monthly, as well as strip tickets and Market Day just to name a few. You only need \$41.67/month to raise \$1,000.00 over two years. Starting now will make the 2005-2006 school year much less stressful.

Congratulations to every student, staff and parent volunteer that helped make this year so enjoyable.

Dave

GO GILBERT, GO!

