



October Events

- ❑ Next Band Parent Meeting 10/6 at 7pm in the band room
- ❑ Fall Fundraiser pick up 10/8 starting at 4:45 pm
- ❑ IMEA Auditions 10/12 info to follow.
- ❑ Fall Concert 10/22 at 7pm
- ❑ Halloween Party 10/28 at 6pm. Flyer coming home closer to the date.
- ❑ CMS Band hoodies available for purchase during October. Fliers coming home soon.

Uniforms

Reminder: Uniforms were dry cleaned before the beginning of the school year. To keep them looking nice:

- Please do **not** launder them.
- Hang them up between performances but **not** in the garment bag.
- Save the hanger and garment bag to return them at the end of the year. Missing pieces will be deducted from your deposit.

- Report the need for any repairs or cleaning to the committee. If your child's uniform no longer fits, please contact Pam Goetter at 343-1863.

Band Parent Polos

It's not too late. We are still taking orders for band parent polo shirts in October. These are good quality polos with "CMS Band Parent" stitched on the front. Cost is \$22. See order form attached to this news letter.

Individual Portraits

Before the fall concert on October 22nd, at **6pm** Life Touch photography will be on hand to take a group portrait of the band. They will also be available immediately after the group shot to take individual portraits of your child in their band uniform. Only those students who wish to order individual shots will be photographed.

A picture of the full band will also be available to purchase from Life Touch. Order forms will come home closer to the concert. Please send the form to the concert with your child.

Questions??

Have a question about something in the newsletter? You can contact anyone on the band parent board:

Ron/Pam Goetter: pngtwtg@yahoo.com
CMSBPA President/Band Secretary

Mike Kirksey: kirkseymichael@aol.com
7th grade Vice President

Kim Martin: kimmartin105@att.net
8th grade Vice President

Susan Schultz: schultz.s@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer

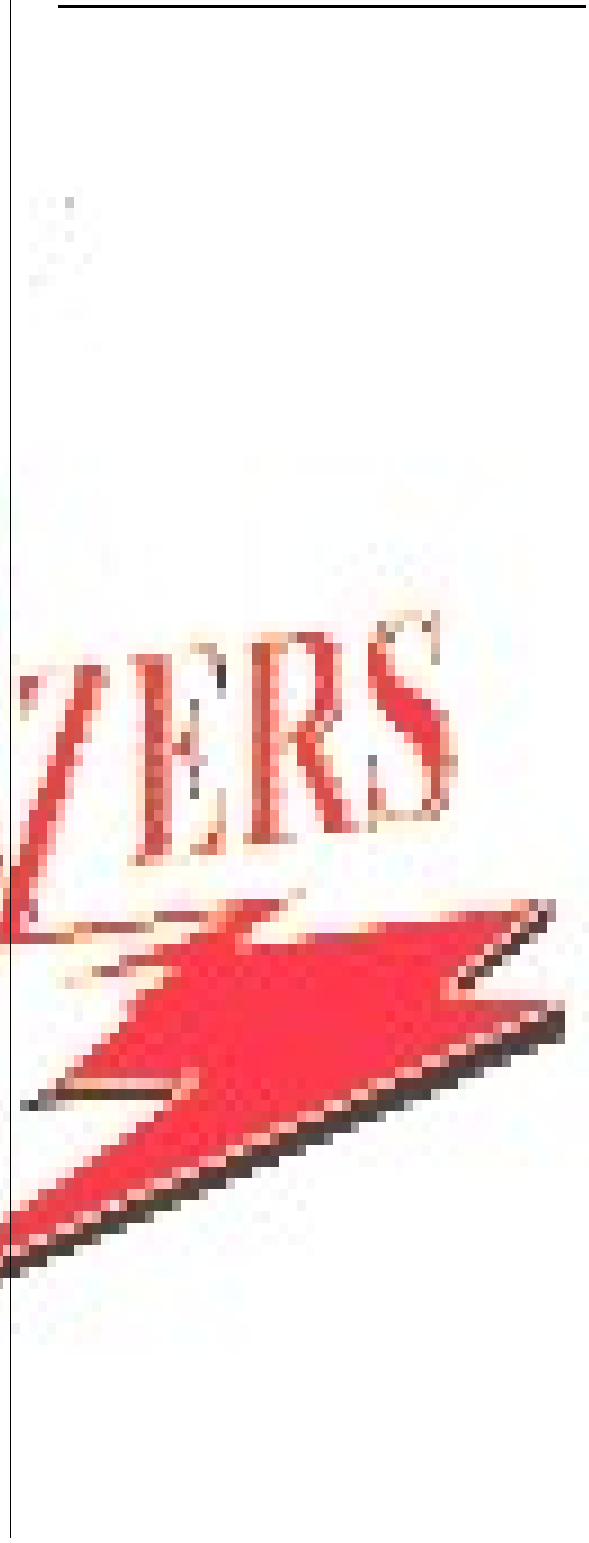


Highlights from Aug 24 Band Parent Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Susan Schultz reported that old bank account has been closed and new one opened. She noted that there was little activity on the account but did point out the summer stipend that was paid for the summer band.

Program Sponsorship: The program sponsorship has been worked on by the executive board throughout the summer and we have been able to meet the goal that was set. This is a significant fundraiser. Ron Goetter encouraged those who may own or knows someone who owns a business to purchase a sponsorship. He indicated that about 250 people will see these ads in the concert programs three times through the school year. A 2008-2009 program was passed to show examples.

2009-2010 Budget Proposal: Susan Schultz reviewed the proposed budget explaining that the fall fundraiser is the major fundraiser of the year and that other fundraisers are sweatshirt sales, concert DVDs and sponsorships. Uniform deposits show as a large amount but once returned, will be a wash. Awards pay for the awards that are given at banquet. Social covers activities for the kids such as Halloween Party and Gateway Funpark. The copier costs about \$750 per year to maintain. Proposed budget was approved.





September Highlights

During September:

- ❑ The band participated in two parades. On Sept. 19, the band marched in full uniform during the Italian Fest parade. On Sept. 24, the band marched in casual uniforms during the Homecoming parade.
- ❑ Thanks to all who participated in the fall fundraiser. You can pick up your orders on October 8th at 4:45pm or following band practice.

Italian Fest



Homecoming





Director's Corner

by Mr. Alexander

Hello!

Since I am the 'new guy' here at CMS it seems like the best way to start the school year is with a big hello. Before I continue I need to thank everyone for making me feel very welcome here at CMS. This school year has gotten off to a great start and there is a great deal we can accomplish if we all work together.

Summer band was a great opportunity for me to meet several of the band students, parents, and get a feel for my new building. The concert at the end of summer band was great and everyone got to hear what these kids are capable of with concentration and effective practicing. We have just completed our first month of school and marched two parades. The band sounded great as they marched through downtown Collinsville at the ItalianFest and we managed to dodge the raindrops at the CHS Homecoming Parade.

We are now in the final stretch in preparing for our fall concert. Our concert will be here at school gymnasium on October 22nd at 7pm. We have three weeks until our concert and we have much work to do. Here are a few ways we can guarantee a great concert and school year:

- 1) PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! Your child has a weekly practice requirement of 60 minutes. Make sure you hear 60 minutes of solid practice each week. Everything we do here is directly related to the amount of time your child spends working on his/her band material at home.
- 2) We still have our Thursday after-school rehearsals. The Thursday after-school rehearsals are the only time the band gets to meet as a full ensemble during the week. That means we have 3 full-band practices before our concert. Yikes!
- 3) Join the CMS Band Parent Association! We have several jobs that need to be done: concert set-up/tear-down, concert hospitality, social committee, and many more!

This newsletter will be updated monthly and full of great CMS band-related information! You can also check our band website at www.kahoks.org. Click on 'schools' then 'CMS' then 'Band (Website)' under Resource Links. We already have pictures online from summer band and both parades so check it out!

If you have any questions or concerns or need to contact me for any reason here are the three best ways:

- 1) email: malexand@kahoks.org
- 2) school phone: 618-343-2185
- 3) my cell phone: 618-791-8062

Please feel free to contact me at any time. Most problems are actually simple misunderstandings that can be avoided with a simple phone call!

This is going to be a great school year. Keep those practice charts full!
Mr. Alexander



Band Parent Polo Order Form



**CMS BAND PARENT
POLO SHIRTS**



**Band parent polo shirts
can now be ordered for
the price of \$22.00.
Please complete the
form below and return
to Mr. Alexander**



Name _____ **Phone** _____

Student's Name _____

Please indicate the number of shirts next to the sizes. (Shirts are men's sizes)

___ **Small** ___ **Medium** ___ **Large** ___ **X-Large**

___ **XX-Large (additional \$2.00)**

**Shirts will be available throughout the year. The first order will be due
September 10.**

Make checks payable to CMSBPA.



2009 – 2010 Committees

Fundraising

Ron Goetter, Chair
Mike Kirskey
Kelly Kester
Marcus Fuller
Susan Schultz

Hospitality

Kim Martin, Chair
Lori Kirksey
Joan Burke
Maria Cruz
Karyn Ward
Yonnie K. Smith

Concert Set Up

Ron Goetter, Chair
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Rick Schultz
Carol Flohr
Christie Kravochuck
Phil Powers

Social

Lori Kirksey, Chair
Kelly Kester
Melanie Cummins

Uniforms

Pam Goetter, Chair
Maria Court

Sandra Miller
Chris Collins

Marcus Fuller

Thanks to all of who have signed up so far. If you would like to sign up for one of these committees, please contact Mr. Alexander or Ron Goetter.

***** Please Read *****

This **first** newsletter was mailed to you, but going forward we would like to go **green** and save on both printing and mailing cost. The band now has to pay for all postage and printing, so those of you who would like to receive this newsletter via email will be much appreciated. You can fill out the following or send an email to: kimmartin105@att.net with the subject NEWSLETTER and you will be added to the newsletter mailing list. You may add more than one email address per family.



YES, please sign me up to receive the band newsletter via email.

Band Student Name: _____

You can email me at: _____





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	Band Parent Meeting 7pm Jazz Band 3:30-5	7 Pep Band 3:30-5	8 Full Band 3:30-5	9	10
11	12 No School	13 Jazz Band 3:30-5	14 Pep Band 3:30-5	15 Full Band 3:30-5	16	17
18	19	20 Jazz Band 3:30-5	21 FULL BAND Dress Rehearsal 3:30-5	22 <i>Fall Concert</i>	23	24
25	26	27 Jazz Band 3:30-5	28 Band Halloween Party 6pm	29 No School	30 No School	31 Halloween

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day Jazz Band 3:30-5	4 Pep Band 3:30-5	5 Full Band 3:30-5	6	7
8	9	10 Jazz Band 3:30-5	11 Veteran's Day No School	12 Full Band 3:30-5	13	14
15	16	17 Jazz Band 3:30-5	18 Pep Band 3:30-5	19 Full Band 3:30-5	20	21
22	23	24 No Jazz Band	25 No School	26 Thanksgiving No School	27 No School	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5