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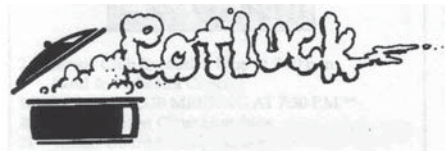
The official newsletter of the Arcadia Music Club



Presidents' Message

The school year is upon us and with the books and tests comes another exciting season of Band, Orchestra, Color Guard and Percussion at Arcadia High. Our students are looking to build on their successes of 2002-2003. The Arcadia Music Club is there to help them reach their goals. We ask parents to contribute their time and money in support of these programs that have helped thousands of students succeed. The groups could not perform at the level they do without parents time and fundraising. We urge every parent to look at the event calendar and attend as many performances as they can. Our students need to know that we believe in what they are doing. You will hear and see great music and exciting performances. High school is a time of transformation and you can capture these memorable moments at a concert or field show.

Hope to see you there!
Mike and Polly Green



Join us for the annual Welcome Back Potluck Dinner on September 16 at 6:30 PM in the music room. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres, salad, casserole, main dish or dessert to share. Our first Music Club Meeting will follow the dinner. Coming to

the Music Club meetings is the best way to find out what is coming up with Band, Orchestra, Color Guard and Percussion. Come and meet new friends and catch up with old friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Polly Green.

P-Days Update!!!

The dates for P-Days included in your P-Day package are INCORRECT! ALL Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman MUSIC STUDENTS (Band, Orchestra, Color Guard, and Percussion) are to register on Friday August 22. Even if your student is not going to Music Camp, they MUST register on August 22. Please report for registration according to the schedule below:

Juniors

A to G 8:00 AM
H to Z 8:30 AM

Sophomores

A to C 9:00 AM
D to K 9:30 AM
L 10:00 AM
M to T 10:30 AM
U to Z 1:00 PM

Freshmen

A to C 1:30 PM
D to J 2:00 PM
K to L 2:30 PM
M to T 3:00 PM
U to Z 3:30 PM

Seniors will report to P-Days according to the schedule in your P-Days package.

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Orchestra News

We hope everyone is having a restful summer. Plans are going well for our Music Camp in Idyllwild. We are looking forward to our new facility and currently we have over 130 Orchestra students enrolled for camp. Our Orchestra Officers are busy planning activities to help bring the Orchestra together to work as one team. It should be another great week. As we look to the beginning of school, there are over 340 signed up for Orchestra in Orchestras 1, 2 and 3. A reminder, ladies in Orchestra 2 and 3 will need to have an Orchestra Dress. Information about Orchestra Dresses will be passed out the first few days of school. Guys in Orchestra 2 and 3 need to have a black suit (or tuxedo), a white shirt, black bow tie and cummerbund. Orchestra (Freshman Orchestra) students will get instructions about concert attire at the beginning of the year. We are pleased to have Doug Failing back for a second year to help organizing parents, planning events and keeping the directors in line. He did a fantastic job last year and we look forward to working with him again this year. Please check the Music

Club web site often to find the latest on the Calendar of Events and for Orchestra updates at www.arcadiamusic.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to another exciting year!

-Tom Forbes and Art Farr

Car Wash

The annual Car Wash fundraiser will be held on Saturday, SEPTEMBER 20th. Mark the date on your calendar, now!! We need EVERYONE (students and parents) to help. The car wash is the first major instrumental music program activity of the school year. As the biggest fundraising event sponsored by the Music Club, the AHS instrumental music program depends heavily on a successful car wash in order to buy instruments, uniforms, coaching, music and essential equipment that make the Orchestra, Band and Color Guard programs at Arcadia High School great!!! Specific details about the car wash will be handed to each Color Guard, Band and Orchestra student during the first few days of school. Start making a list of friends, neighbors, relatives and colleagues, both near and far, that you and your student might contact to solicit a donation today. Then every music student and their parents should plan to help out for one or more shifts on Saturday, September 20th. Students wash cars at four school sites in Arcadia. But it takes a lot of parental support to make this a successful event. Please plan to help. The full day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Parents, plan to join in the fun by signing up for a three-hour shift as part of your personal contribution to Arcadia's outstanding music program. Car Wash information will also be presented at the Music Club meeting on Tuesday, September 16th. To volunteer for a shift or to have your questions answered, check the Music Club website, call Tom Meikle at (626) 445-1061 or send an E-mail to ahscarwash2003@yahoo.com.

P-Days

Senior "P" day will be on Thursday, August 21st. All other music students (junior, sophomore and freshmen band, orchestra, color guard, dance and choir) have been assigned Friday, August 22nd as their "P" day registration. We will need more than 70 volunteers to help out with Friday's registration and 15 volunteers on Thursday. This will be an opportunity for you to catch up with friends and see and assist all the music students. In addition, your student will not have to wait in line to register on the day you volunteer! If you have not experienced "P" days before some of those lines can stretch out for a couple of hours. Shifts for Thursday will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Shifts for Friday will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are able to volunteer please contact one of us below.

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Please note that every effort should be made to have your student register on their assigned day as there will not be personnel available on any other day to collect your student's music contract and forms. In addition, this year the high school is requiring some of the forms to be completed prior to "P" days. Students will not be allowed to proceed with their registration without them.

Thank you for volunteering!

Band

Hold on to you Band Hats and Plumes, the new school year is just around the corner. Your band is made up of great Officers and Section Leaders that have been meeting

all summer to lay the groundwork for a this coming year. As far as the field show is concerned, Mr. Sherrill has again picked some outstanding music from the world of concert band classics that will be both exciting to play as well as to hear. Brian Murphy has again agreed to write the drill including greater demand for the whole band. The p a r a d e march has yet to be decided, but you can count on the fact that it will be a good one. As of today, 500 m e m b e r s

have signed up to attend music camp, but there is room for another 100 or so. If you have any questions or reservation about any aspect of camp, it is NOT too late to call Mrs. Grumm (355-2078) to have all your concerns relieved. We want all of the band to attend Music Camp. The greater the number of students that attend, the better prepared we are to being able to achieve our goals. The expectation for this year is that every person reaches a significantly higher performance level than ever before. The week of August the 18th will be both New Marchers Camp and musical warm ups for camp. Monday through Thursday we will have both individual and combined section warm ups. The Brass sections will meet separately from 2:00 to 3:00 and combined from 3:00 to 4:00. The Woodwind sections will meet separately from 4:00 to 5:00 and combined from 5:00 to 6:00. I am looking forward to seeing everyone of you band members at these warm up times. Let's get prepared for a great year starting with a great Music Camp. Each of you make a difference, so let's be prepared to make the largest positive contribution possible.

-Tom Landes

Chaperones

Come One, Come All!

Chaperones needed for all field trips -
parades, field shows, etc.

No previous experience or driving required.

WILL TRAIN, entertainment and benefits

For more information, come to the New
Parent Orientation on Sept. 3rd at 6pm

Email



Keep up to date with concerts, competitions, fundraisers and parties! Read all the late breaking news. To be on the e-mail list send your email to: AHSMusicClub@altrionet.com and just say *Subscribe!*

This is not a list serve. Your e-mail address is not given to any other organizations.

You will receive only emails that directly relate to the Arcadia Music Club. Join over 500 members who receive the service. If you have changed your address please send us an update.

Grocery Scrip



If you have a Vons or Pavilions card you can earn money for the Arcadia Music Club each time you shop! Each time you swipe your card to get your club benefits, you could be sending money to the Music Club. You can sign-up your Vons or Pavilions card on our web page www.arcadiamusic.org. If you do not have a Vons/Pavilions card, you can still help the club by purchasing grocery store scrip (gift certificates) for

other markets and they will contribute money to our program. Scrip is sold at our Music Club meetings, or you can contact Debbie Riggio at (626) 447-2689.

PSAT

Once again, the Music Club is sponsoring the PSAT for the 2003-2004 school year at Arcadia High School. We continue to provide this test to our students so that every freshman, sophomore and junior has the opportunity to take it. The PSAT is given only once during the school year and juniors can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program with this test.

Students will sign up to take the test during a two week period in the fall, at lunchtime only, in front of the Music Building. Parents, please let me know if you would like to offer your help to register students any day from September 22 through October 3, 2003. You would be needed from noon to 1:00. Thank you, in advance, for any assistance you could provide.

-Terry Schreiner, PSAT Chair

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Membership

Join the Arcadia Music Club and help make our program even better than it already is! The Arcadia Music Club provides the financial support necessary for our students to have the opportunity to be a part of an exceptional instrumental

music program. The Club aids in raising and managing the funds to purchase uniforms, musical instruments, instrumental instruction, coaching and many other costs associated with a program of this size. Membership dues help the Club get a start on tackling the year's expenses. There are several levels of membership: Contributor (\$30.00) Supporter (\$60.00), Sponsor (\$120.00), and Benefactor (\$250.00). Membership at any level is a great help. There are also three Business Levels: Business Contributor (\$250.00), Business Supporter (\$500.00) and Business Sponsor (\$1000.00). Membership forms came home in the last newsletter of the school year, and will be a part of the P-Days packet arriving home in early August. You don't have to wait until P-Days to sign up. Membership forms can also be downloaded at arcadiamusic.org. Mail forms and your membership dues to the Arcadia Music Club at PO Box 660131, Arcadia, CA 91066-0131. Please consider the membership levels and decide how you can help our students continue to benefit from this excellent program. Don't forget to fill out the information for the Directory, which is a benefit of Music Club Membership. Questions? Call Cindy Falk at 626-574-5612 or at cynfalk@earthlink.net.

Color Guard

Color guard, the international Sport of the Arts, incorporates equipment, such as brightly colored flags, wooden rifles and dulled sabers with dance; and is heightened by the additional use of elaborate costumes and set designs. With seventy-one members, the current team is the largest number of students that Arcadia has ever enrolled in this growing program. Over half of this year's team, forty-three members to be exact, are veteran or returning members to the Color guard. This is nearly twice the number of returning

members from the previous year. The leadership for this year's team is comprised of one head leader: Amy Chen; three asst. leaders: Courtney Izell, Jennifer Koai, and Michelle Lucarelli; and five squad leaders: Jennifer Ho, Karol Ossa, Shari Omarsaid, Diana Rambeau, and Devin Riggio. Furthermore, there are six seniors in attendance of this year's program, Michael Strachan, Tiffany Mok, Michelle Lucarelli, Jennifer Koai, Courtney Izell, and Amy Chen. The 2003-2004 Arcadia Color guard began practice on Tuesday, June 24; approximately a week after school got out for the 2002-2003 school year. Both old and new members were instructed with the correct techniques for dance and for handling their equipment. The first two and a half weeks were dedicated to training the new team; basics, in both dance and flag, were taught in addition to the beginning of the opener for next year's field show. Summer practices consisted of every Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm-9pm, except the week of August 4th-9th, which allowed members to relax and prepare for the tight practice schedule planned for the month of August. A total of four camps will be held, two weekend camps, flag camp, and band camp, during which the Color guard spent numerous hours training and preparing for the fast approaching Parade and Field season. The first of these camps was held from July 11th-12th. Members practiced from 5pm-10pm on Friday, July 11th, and from 10am-6pm on Saturday July 12th; totaling thirteen hours of intense practice in just two days. A second camp was scheduled for August 1st and 2nd, practice hours reflected that of the first weekend camp. This year's flag camp will be held from 3pm-9pm at Arcadia High School. Flag camp is a week of practice, held August 18th-22nd, where the Color guard learns and begins to perfect their field show routine for the upcoming season. Though practice is the main concern for the week, many fun traditions are planned for the members to look forward to. Just two days after flag camp, the Color guard

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Color Guard Cont...

will leave Arcadia and begin the three hour bus-ride to Music Camp, which is held at Camp Maranatha for the Color guard and Orchestra, and Idyllwild Pines for the Band and Percussion. Music Camp, which begins on Sunday, August 24th and continued for six days, until Friday, August 29. Returning instructors to the Arcadia program are George Armenta and Mindy Cobb. The Color guard is fortunate to have these two talented and dedicated instructors guiding the members through, what looks to be, another successful season. The 2003-2004 year will be George Armenta's ninth year working with the Arcadia Color guard and Mindy Cobb's seventh. In addition to these two instructors, the Color guard has hired several outside technicians and Color guard experts to work with the new team. Thom Vindiola was present at both weekend camps and will work with the guard during flag camp along with Allen Dekko, who will also be present to offer his expertise during the five days of

practice. Both Thom Vindiola and Allen Dekko worked with the World Guard during last year's Winter guard season; this will be their second season working with the Arcadia Color guard. On Saturday June 28th, the annual Color guard Picnic was held at the Arcadia County Park from 12pm-3pm. Family and friends of the Color guard members were invited to attend the picnic and it was the first opportunity for the members from the different schools and grade levels to intermingle and socialize. Overall the afternoon was a success, as it was the first real bonding event that has been held this year. A camp out / sleep over was held from Friday, July 25th to Saturday, July 26th. Once again the DeSurra's were kind enough to allow the Color guard to hold the camp out at their home. During the night, activities included a scavenger hunt, swimming, and other games. The purpose of this night was to allow the members of the guard to get better acquainted with one another. During the course of the summer, the Color guard hosted several fund-raisers to prepare for the costs of the upcoming year. Two car

washes were scheduled to be held at Holly Ave. The first was July 19th and the second will be on August 16th; both began at 8am and continue until 2pm. Also, every Color guard member will be selling Entertainment books for twenty dollars each. Entertainment books for areas outside the San Gabriel Valley will be sold at varying prices. Please support the Arcadia High School by buying an Entertainment book from any Color guard member.

Come to the Arcadia High School Music Program New Parent Orientation Meeting Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 pm

This is A Great Opportunity for All First Time AHS Music Parents to ask questions and get the answers about what your son or daughter will be doing in the High School Music Programs To learn how your participation with your daughter or son will only enhance their High School experience.

To get to know parents already involved in this great program; have a chance to hear about their experiences.

Come join us in the Music Building on
Wednesday Night September 3rd from 6 to 7 PM

Hope to see you there!

Uniform Fittings

Ever wonder how we fit 350 marching band students in their uniforms? With lots of help!! Uniform fittings will take place from Tuesday, September 2, through Friday, September 5th, in the Band Room from 3:15 to 6:30 pm each day. We need at least 12 volunteers each day and no experience is necessary. Please consider donating your time. This is a great way to meet other parents and help out our music program at the same time. If you would like to help or have any questions, contact Betsy Burcham at 445-8582 or dbur12345@aol.com. THANK YOU!!

All Marching Band students will receive their uniforms in the Band Room during the times scheduled below. If you cannot come on your assigned day, please contact Mrs. Burcham at 445-8582. We cannot guarantee that a returning student's uniform will be "held" beyond the assigned fitting day unless you call.

SENIORS and JUNIORS:

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd from 3:15 - 6:30 pm

SOPHOMORES:

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

FRESHMEN - Last names A to K:

Thursday, Sept. 4th from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

FRESHMEN - Last names L to Z:

Friday, Sept. 5 from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Students are requested to wear a T-shirt and thin shorts to the fitting.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE DUE ON YOUR FITTING DAY:

Band Uniform:

Uniform Rental \$65.00

Cleaning \$30.00

TOTAL \$95.00

Additional items if needed:

Gloves \$5.00

Shoes \$30.00

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