

Big Green Machine



Band Website:

www.carlislehighschoolband.org

Monthly Newsletter

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Important Dates

October 1 - Mechanicsburg Competition

October 8 - Carlisle's Keystone competition

October 14 - Homecoming

October 17 - Carlisle Halloween Parade

October 19 - Mt Holly Halloween Parade

October 22 - Chapter Championships: Cumberland Valley

October 29 - ACC's: Avon Grove



Football games!

Name Tags

Please only wear your band name tag to home football games if you are chaperoning or working in one of the concession stands.

Food in Stands

The band members are not allowed to have any type of food in the stands. They can only have water to drink in the stands. This helps to keep our uniform cleaning costs to a minimum.

Seniors

Please give your senior night form to Penny Clark.

ShurFine

Please don't forget to register your ShurFine Gold Card for our band to receive money every time you shop:
<http://www.mycommunityrewards.com/SF/GoldCard/login.asp> .



FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Wow! What a start to a great year! The Big Green Machine made an impressive debut at Hershey Stadium in their first competition. Regardless of Open vs A class there is no arguing the fact that our band brought everything they had to the field. For over half the members, this was their very first competition experience. I'm sure there were butterflies. Now they can work on getting those butterflies to fly in formation! Great job to all our young men and women.

The Boosters were well represented as well in Hershey. The tailgate party was a big success with TONS of food and yummy sweets. I don't know if we'll get another opportunity to tailgate or not this season but we'll always be a force in the stands. Even though we didn't have the props that CV did I think we were by far the most raucous and cheeringist fans in the stands!

I'd like to take an opportunity to review the booster goals for the 2011-2012 season:

1. Our first goal was to update and modernize the band website. Rebecca Cutchall and Lynda Morris did a terrific job. The website is exciting, relevant, and current. The changes have simplified sign-ups for football concessions, chaperones, and Keystones. We'll institute the new sign up system for car shows after this season.

2. Speaking of car show sign ups, our second goal is to increase Car Show concession participation to 65% of band families. Toward this end the board has voted to make some changes to the rules to allow greater equity and opportunity for more participants. Sign ups for each show will open no earlier than three weeks prior to the show. Also, students will be limited to no more than two consecutive shifts on any given day. We've found that three consecutive shifts are a bit much for most of the kids and their utility is in direct proportion to the number of consecutive hours worked.

3. Our third, and arguably the most important, is to make new band families feel welcome and fully integrated into the booster organization. Our Band Buddy program has met with some mixed reviews but I think most of the new families know where to go for information and what

to expect at practices, games, and competitions. For the 'old timers' make sure to reach out to a new family and take them under your wing.

4. I've asked all committee chairs to plan for their succession two years out from their bandie's last year so we don't lose efficiency due to a steep learning curve. For the new parents please take this year to observe the boosters and consider where you'd like to contribute your inexhaustible talents! 😊

That about covers it. I'd like to thank Dave Rohrer for being completely inundated with work and allowing me this opportunity to usurp his space in the newsletter. Remember that you are always welcome to come to our board meetings or speak to a member of the board about any concerns or ideas you have. We are all ears!

Randy





Fundraisers

A big thanks to all who have helped with our biggest fundraiser, the car shows, this year! The next car show after Fall Carlisle will be in April!

Thanks to all who participated in the sandwich fundraiser. We made over \$1400, with a portion of that going into trip accounts.

Thank you to all who participated in the PartyLite Candle fundraiser! We made over \$725 with half of that going into trip accounts.

Please watch for the cheesecake flyers to be coming out soon. That will be our last "sale" fundraiser for the season.

Keystone Band Competition

Every year we host a band competition. This year's Keystone's is scheduled for Saturday October 8th. This year we had some difficulties beyond our control in securing bands for this event. Usually this event is planned over 3 months. This year we have less than 3 weeks! Doing an

event like this takes a huge number of volunteers. Please go to <http://www.timetosignup.com/carlislemarcingband/form/774> to sign up to volunteer. At this event we sell baked goods and provide cookies for the visiting bands. Please go to <http://www.timetosignup.com/carlislemarcingband/signupsheet/5603> to sign up to bake. If you can work in the concession stand for this event, sign up at: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/keystone6

We appreciate your help on such short notice!

Attention Alumni

We invite you to "come home" to the Homecoming game on Friday October 14th and play in the stands with our band. We hope to see many of you there!

Reunited - Homecoming Event

The Boosters are hosting a Homecoming event. The cost is \$15 per person. You will receive dinner, VIP seating at the football game and a commemorative mug good for free drink refills at our concession stands. Please go

to our website: www.carlislehighschoolband.org to purchase tickets. You will see the "Reunited" icon near the top center of the page.

Board Meetings

We have an open door policy for our monthly board meetings for the Band Boosters. If you would like to discuss a particular topic, please contact our President or any other Board member so we can put your topic on our agenda. As a reminder, you can participate in our discussions, but will not be able to vote on proposed motions. Our next Board meeting is Tuesday October 18th at 6 PM.



In 1926, the first year of the Carlisle High School Band, gas cost \$0.12 per gallon!



Friends in the Stands

Friends and family are not allowed to sit in the stands with the band students.

Band Trivia

IN THE 1929-30 SCHOOL YEAR, FLOSSIE SMITH CHRONISTER, DAUGHTER OF CLARENCE SMITH, THE BAND'S FOUNDING DIRECTOR, BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE MEMBER OF THE CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND.

Senior recognition Night

On Friday October 7th we will recognize our seniors prior to the start of the football game. Please come and cheer for members of our band and their parents

for their participation in the Big Green Machine for the past 1 - 4 years.

Fall Band Banquet

Please watch your e-mail for more information concerning our fall band band banquet. This is a fun event in which Mr. Rohrer recaps the band season beginning with band camp.

Band Trip

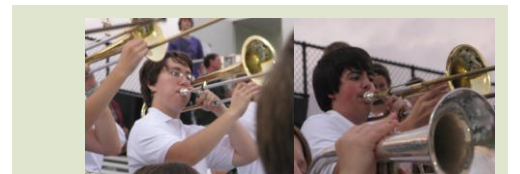
Don't forget to make your last payment for the band trip to Florida.

Band Party

Our first post home game band party, hosted by the Cutchall family, was a big

success! October's post home game band party will occur at the Leiby home. Watch your e-mail for further details.





Playing in the stands...