

SMUPA News

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News from Susan

Our president, Susan Sereni, keeps us in the know with her monthly message, read more on **Page 1**

Music in Motion

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Directors' Letter

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President's Welcome

Welcome to the beginning of a new marching season! A dynamic program featuring "The Music of John Williams" will be performed by our talented students this year. Please mark your calendars now for the performances and try to attend every game or show. It's a great opportunity to come together to not only cheer our unit on but also to make new friendships.

Preparations for this season started as soon as the last balloon was popped at our annual banquet. The ladies of SMUPA have been busy all summer sewing our performance flags (see article in this newsletter). It proves once again that everyone can contribute to SMUPA – behind the scenes, in front of the crowds or by supporting our students in the stands. We need all of you to make our unit strong.

My goal is to ensure that every family is well informed of SMU activities. You can stay on top of things by attending our monthly meetings and visiting www.smupa.com for the very latest information.

If you ever have any questions please feel free contact me at ssereni@optonline.net or at 581-1728. Looking forward to a great year!

Susan Sereni

Important Dates During Band Camp Week

Tuesday 8/18

Photo Consent Forms are due!
All uniforms, helmets and related parts must be turned in

Wednesday 8/19

One Stop Shopping – including Band Store Grand Opening 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Cafeteria
Money due for uniform items

Thursday 8/20

Italian Water Ice Break
Students receive band t-shirts

Friday 8/21

Lunch provided for students
Medical forms due back
Students receive uniforms
Band Store Sale – 3:30 – 4:30

FUNDRAISING DATES

Magazine Sale Aug. 17th to Sept. 14th
This is our fundraising kickoff which begins at band camp. Renew subscriptions, order new subscriptions & help support our marching unit!

Candy Sale Aug. 17th to Sept. 14th
Movie Theater size candy bars for sale by the carton. Please note that candy cannot be sold during school hours.

Yankee Candles Sept. 5th to Sept. 26th
Candles will be delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

Gift Cents – next due date – Oct. 31st for Nov. 17th delivery

Kids Stuff Books – ongoing
Dinner Tour Books – ongoing

Rosa's Ristorante:

Gift Certificates Ongoing
Family Night – Every 2nd Monday of the month.

MUSIC IN MOTION

Circle **Sunday, October 11th** on your calendar so that you can help out as we host the "Music in Motion" show on our football field. Many volunteers will be needed to make the show a success. Last year we had over 100 volunteers and we needed them all. Success of this show depends on our volunteers. This is our **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year! Last year we made over \$9400. Please be sure to return the attached **Music In Motion volunteer sheet** to the band box ASAP. Committees will be formed by the September 14th General Meeting.

Ads for the "Music in Motion" program book are due by Friday, September 11. More detailed information can be found on our website. Questions – contact Carrie Kulak at c_kulak@yahoo.com.

September 14th SMUPA Meetings

Executive Board - 6:30 p.m.
 General Membership - 8 p.m. Cafeteria

And Let the Fund Raising Begin

Fundraising is necessary for the support of the budgeted items that support the unit. Please remember not all sales are for everyone. We ask that you choose the sales that are right for you and your family. Please mark pick up dates on your calendars when you receive fundraiser packets. Delivery dates and times are strictly adhered to - many of the items are perishable and cannot be held after delivery dates.

As always, we appreciate your support of the SMU. Check www.smupa.com for fundraising details and deadlines.

Rosa's Italian Ristorante Gift Certificates

Purchase a \$10 gift certificate to Rosa's in Yardville and \$4 from every certificate will be split between the unit and the student's account. Rosa's is noted for it's famous Italian Marinara Sauce that we serve on Pasta Night. Also available, ice cream cakes, the Italian way. Visit Rosa's: www.RosasRistorante.com.

Rosa's Night Out

Mark your calendars for Rosa's Night Out. It's a great way to support our unit, and have a delicious dinner, either eat-in or take-out. Dinners are buy one get one half off.

The dates are: Tuesday, Sept. 15th - Monday, Oct. 12th - Monday November 9th and Monday, December 14th.

Rosa has generously agreed to donate **\$200 a month** to SMUPA. All we have to do is stop by for lunch or dinner and tell her you are from SMUPA. Can't make it those dates? ... Stop by anytime, but let her know you are from SMUPA and thank her for supporting our marching unit!

WWW.SMUPA.COM

Our website is a very popular site for both parents and students. Visit it daily for updates on our calendar of events, directions to locations, fundraising info, guidelines, newsletters and the ever popular post game performance photos! This year updates regarding our Disney Trip will be posted as soon as we receive them along with the countdown to Disney and when your trip payments are due. It's the best way to stay in touch between meetings!

Freshman E-Board Positions

So far, we have two applicants for our two Freshman Executive Board positions. If more than two parents apply, we will have an election at the September General Meeting. If you are interested, please fill out Executive Board Application found on our website and return it to the Band Box before the end of band camp on Friday, August 21st. If you have any questions please call Susan Sereni at 581-1728 or email at ssereni@optonline.net.

Gift Cents

Simply purchase gift cards to buy items you normally buy from your favorite stores including local supermarkets. Just spend what you normally spend and earn credit for you and the unit. For delivery on 9/14 please submit your order by 8/21 the last day of band camp. All other dates are posted on our website calendar. A full list of participating merchants can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Marie Dewan, 609-585-2702.

Letter from the Director

Dear Marching Unit Families,

Welcome Back!! I hope that everyone has had a fun and restful summer and are ready to be back for another fun and exciting year of marching band. We are happy to welcome back our beloved Frau as she returns from her maternity leave and welcome Miss Anzuini as a full time member of our staff this year! Ms. Thomann-Smith returns to her role as marching instructor and as always I am very excited for another year of working with the entire marching unit staff.

Marching Unit has been up and running over the summer with lots of sectionals, weekly drum line and pit practices and flag sewing. As we begin our band camp week, please remember to have your student keep him or herself healthy. They should drink lots of fluids, eat breakfast each day before camp and dress appropriately for the weather-socks, sneakers shorts etc. We want everybody to have a happy, and healthy week!! We are very excited to begin work on our John Williams show and look forward to another outstanding season of football games, competitions, practices and our spring trip to Disney World. I look forward to seeing you all at our various events throughout the season. Thank you for all the support you give your children, it helps make us all a success.

Musically,

Stephanie Giunta
Band Director

One Stop Shopping - August 19th

One Stop Shopping Night will be in our cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. featuring vendors from Avon, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Handbags and more! Students will receive credits to their trip accounts for sales made in their name. Many of the vendors will be extending the sale beyond Wednesday night. Please stop by our Band Store table also to purchase items. Members of our Executive Board will be available to answer any questions you may have on SMUPA, credit reports, fundraising and other topics.

Early Bird Sale – Handbags, August 19th starting at 4 pm. Name brand handbags priced from \$25 - \$65. Get your favorite bag early before One Stop Shopping Night.

Route 33 Barber Shop

“Cut-A Thon”!

Sunday August 30th 12p - 7p

1629 Rt. 33, Hamilton Square

All haircuts are ONLY \$5.00 for any Style! Tell your friends and neighbors! Hot Dog's, Maggie Moo's Ice cream and refreshments will be available for sale too! All proceeds will be split 50/50 with the Steinert Football Boosters and the Steinert Marching Unit! Great jump start for back to school haircuts at a great price, and for a good cause too!

Get your tickets early – on an envelope marked Barber Shop Tickets please include your name and number of tickets requested. Please make checks payable to SMUPA. Thank you to Ed Stackhouse for your continued support of our unit.

September Fest Community Day, Sunday, September 13th

Stop by Veteran's Park and enjoy the fun activities all day. SMUPA will have a booth with demonstrations by our drill team on swing flags and rifle twirling.

Return Band Camp Forms

Please read through all the materials that are included in this packet and return all the forms to the Band Box ASAP. All forms are also available on our website as well. Thank you.

What is the Band Box?

The band box is a locked box located inside the band room entranceway where students can deposit SMUPA fundraiser forms, committee sign up sheets, and marching unit info.

Field Crew

Volunteers are needed to support the unit both on and off the field during performances. If you are interested please contact Rose Povio at 588-9697 or angiorose@aol.com.

Treasurer Notes

- ❖ All fundraising payments should be made by check or money order payable to “SMUPA”.
- ❖ Please do not send cash
- ❖ When making fundraiser payments, please do not combine multiple (different) fundraisers on one check.
- ❖ Most importantly to ensure proper credit to your students account, please write your child's name on the memo line of each check.

Betsy Ross Flag Sewing Club

Every Tuesday night from June through August it wasn't the sound of drums beating that you only heard, it was sewing machines humming. It is the first time in SMUPA history that we undertaken the sewing of the flags for the drill team. A bolt of fabric, an idea, and a very talented and creative volunteers got it all together. There was the opportunity for novices to experts to come together to produce 4 sets of flags for our show this year. Pattern making, pinning, cutting, ironing, sewing and more ironing it's all coming together. When you look at the show and see those flags flying in the wind, twirling in unison you can not only be proud of our Drill Team but also the volunteers who spent countless hours creating them. I was there every week, offering what little crafty talents I may have and was amazed and thankful for those that pulled this all together.

Thank you to all!
Susan Sereni

Nancy Thompson (Chair)
Marilyn Le Cerff (Co-Chair)
Carolyn Anzuini, Kathy Brooks
Jeanne Carney, Jackie Chen
Gabriella Cuccinotta
AnneMarie Dewan
Ann Garlisi, Colleen Gross
Patti Hafitz, Diane Kern
Carrie Kulak, Sharon Lenhardt
Helen Pocetti, Rita Reenstra
Joyce Sage, Lisa Schwartz
Faith Wight

What is a student credit?

This is probably the most FAQ from new parents. Credits are accumulated from fundraising. Profits from our fundraisers are split equally between the student and the Marching Unit. One credit is earned for each dollar profit. However, there is an exception; the Music in Motion ad book credits are determined after the cost of printing the ad book is known. Each credit is deposited into the student's SMUPA account. The student credits will accumulate and can be used to help pay for the cost of the 2010 Disney trip. The more fundraising you do, the more credits your child earns and the more SMUPA earns to support our unit!

Membership

SMUPA 2009-2010 membership is **\$10.00 per family**. We were so close to 100% participation last year and we need your support this year to reach our 100% participation goal. Please show your support and become a member today! Please make checks payable to SMUPA and place in the Band Box.

SMUPA GOES GREEN

Now that Band Camp has arrived... you have opened your packet, and see all the flyers, announcements, forms and this newsletter...we need to conserve paper. Future editions of the newsletter will be posted on our website, including messages from the staff, updates to committees and general news. A few copies will be printed and available for pick up by our band box.



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