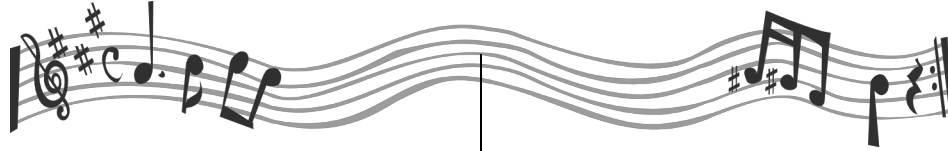




# The Royal Review



February 2007



## From the Director:

Welcome to the Winter Band season! We currently have Winter Guard and Winter Drumline going on, along with the start of the Courtland Flute Choir. All flutists are welcome to join us on Tuesdays from 2:35-3:35, including middle schoolers!

As the students are aware, Festival is just around the corner. I will let you know our times for either Friday or Saturday (March 23 and 24), as both Concert and Symphonic Band could be on either of those days.

Happy practicing!  
~Ms. Schoelwer



**NEXT BAND PARENTS MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30PM**

## From the President:

We have embarked on a New Year and I want to wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!! I am excited about upcoming events for the CBPA and

RBMB. In some ways it is hard for me to believe 2006 has come and gone. As 2007 arrives there are several items of important business that need to be addressed by the Association. The next important date you need to remember is **February 20, 2007 at 7:30 pm** in the band room. This is the evening of the monthly CBPA meeting and I hope each of you will make an effort to attend. Without a quorum the business of this Association can not be completed.

Another important issue needing the attention of the Association is the formation of a nominating committee. This group will be contacting every parent in the association over the next month or so to solicit nominations for Executive Board positions for the upcoming school year. I hope each of you will consider how you can be involved in the association during the 2007-08 school year. Without parental support and participation this organization will never realize its full potential—I hope you will consider how you can serve. Your active participation will ensure the young adults will have a successful year in the music program at Courtland High School—that is the reason we serve- isn't it?

As always, check the band website for updated information and check the

calendar on a regular basis for upcoming activities.

In closing, I would like to thank those of you who have helped me out whenever I needed or asked for help. Without you, my job would have been much more difficult.

Sincerely,  
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### **From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Hi everyone! I'm Lynda Mersiovsky and I was Concessions Chair this year. I just wanted to thank everyone that helped to make a very successful season at the football concession stand this year.

We made over \$7000 profit for the band and about \$4700 for the Athletic department! It helped that we had a few extra games, including a pre-season scrimmage, an extra JV game and two playoff games. We also were able to contribute over \$1500 to student accounts in return for parents and students working at the games and doing field cleanup after the games.

Those faithful parents who gave their time in the concessions stand were: Kevin & Janet Black, Lori Bratchie, Mike & Becky Callahan, Frances Campbell, Don Carlson, Henry Claus, Laine Clendennen, Amanda Deshler, Paul Erickson, Chris & Karen Eudailey, Nancy Henderson, Kimberly Johnson, Dave Koch, Jerry Lampani, Paul & Shelly Lantz, Jean Lauzon Gary Lawrence, Colleen Lilly & Kay Jentkowski, David Monahan & Kathy

Lovello, Jeanne McKinney, Rena Merrill John Mersiovsky, Will & Nancy Saraceno, Paige Shutlock, Debra Smith, Ron & Trish Synan, Dianna Ware, and Barbara Wolfe.

Many of them came early to help me set up and stayed late to help clean up or count our proceeds - sometimes staying for six hours! Most of them worked multiple times - some worked almost every game! And they all worked incredibly hard - sweating over the grills or popcorn popper, breaking their backs icing down drinks, numbing their minds over the cash box, wrapping thousands of burgers and dogs, mixing huge batches of hot chocolate, and shoveling up hundreds of nachos! We wouldn't have been able to have such a great season without these devoted souls.

Thanks also to the marchers who worked JV games: Chris Askew, Krista Campbell, Cody Clendennen, Buddy Deshler, KK Lilly, Blake Merrill and Emma Robertson. You are a great group of kids!

Thanks to Cassie Rodriguez for getting the meal deals together for the band kids!

I also want to thank the area businesses who have donated many chests of ice all season to help us get our drinks cold: Hardee's, Fas Mart, McDonald's and Bloom. Please support these businesses as they have supported us!

Thanks again parents! You made my job fun and enjoyable!

Lynda

### **Fundraising News**

Thank you to everyone who helped make Basket Bingo a big success. We had

a wonderful night, with a great turnout and plenty of fabulous workers to make everything run smoothly. I had a great time, and I hope all who came out did also!

Remember, this was a mandatory fundraiser, and a \$25 opt out fee is due if you didn't sell your required tickets. Also, all tickets must be paid for or turned back in. If you aren't sure if you have paid and/or returned your tickets, check the list posted in the band room. After all fees have been paid, we'll have made over \$5000 for the band, as well as points to many students' accounts! Great job everyone!

Thanks to all who came early to help set up and stayed late to help clean up! I also want to thank the area businesses who donated money to sponsor baskets: Marc Simes & Associates, Homebuyer's Title & Escrow, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, Buster Nelson Insurance Agency. Thanks to all those who donated items for the silent auction: Chris McVicker, Susan Sablon, Wal-Mart, Kathleen Schoelwer, Elaine Dabney, Paige Shutlock, CVS Breezewood, CVS Courtland Commons, Clean Cleaners (where our uniforms are cleaned), Hair Quarters, Bark N' Bubbles, Uno Chicago Grill. And thanks again to Hardee's for donating ice. Please support these businesses as they have supported us!

The next fundraiser is a voluntary fundraiser. It is Joe Corbi's - pizza kits and cookie dough. Brochures are available through Miss Schoelwer, so if you are interested, pick one up. You may sell through March 7 and pick up your products on March 28. You will earn 4 points to your account for each item sold!

Since this is a voluntary fundraiser, there is no opt out fee.

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### **From the Winter Drumline:**

Winter Drumline is underway! Our first competition is this Saturday, February 10, 2007. We need ALL parents to help out this year. We have a lot of pit instruments to be moved. Even if every student takes his/her own instrument it still leaves us with a large number of instruments to be transported. As an added benefit, when you help, you have the opportunity to see your son/daughter compete. If you can't stay for the entire competition, you can leave after they perform and we get the instruments back onto the pit truck.

Feel free to come to a practice and get a sneak peek at this year's show.

This year's Winter Drumline - Winter Guard Championship is in Raleigh, NC, March 31-April 1. We will be staying over Saturday night. I have a block of rooms being held at a special rate (\$76 \*13% = \$85) at the Ramada Inn, 1520 Blue Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC. (919) 832-4100. The block of rooms is being held under "Courtland High School Winter Activities" until February 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will perform on Saturday late afternoon or early evening. If our competition score is high enough, we will compete as a finalist on Sunday.

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**From the Treasurer:**

For the students (and parents) signed up for Spring Trip this year, the following payments are due: \$100 each due February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and the final payment is due April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Check with me if you have any questions about your account.

If you are participating in Winter Drumline, your dues (\$175) should have been paid by February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about the dues, please feel free to call me. All conversations will be kept in confidence.

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**SCRIP**

Don't forget, an easy way to raise money for your child's account is to order scrip. It's not just for holidays. Grocery scrip can be used any time. If you like to eat out, we have a wide variety of restaurants to choose from. We even have entertainment! Check out the list on the website or contact me directly. I will email a current list of vendors.

Deanna Kau

**From the Reporter:**

**Attention:** Planning is underway for the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament and your assistance is needed!

The planning committee is looking for a few people willing to roll up their sleeves and help with the logistics of this event. If you are one of those people, please respond to Chris Eudailey at 891-7226 or by email to volunteer.

For the other CBPA members, even if you do not play golf you can still play a vital role - we need help in securing hole sponsorships, golfer prizes, food and drink donations, and working the event - just to name a few. Just think of the revenue that would be generated, if every band parent were able to secure a hole sponsor and/or prize! We are in the process of finalizing the date.

Tentatively, it is scheduled for April 16, 2007. Don't forget the most important requirement - GOLFERS - last year 65 golfers participated and we raised a little over \$5,000 for the Band. with everyone's assistance we can make it bigger and better than last year.

More information will follow soon-- I hope each band parent will get involved to make this a great event-- thanks in advance.

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**From the Courtland Music Alumni Association:**

(That's right... an Alumni Association for graduated Royal Brigade Marchers!)

Merry winter,

I'm proud to announce the initiation of the **Courtland Music Alumni Association!**

I'm glad to say that the process of establishing the alumni association was a quick one. What could have taken years took only a few months. Thanks to the CBPA for their support and cooperation.

Our first unofficial meeting of alumni happened appropriately enough, at the homecoming game this past October! We had alumni from as soon back as last year and as far back as 1982 and 1983.

We're also planning an event in the spring that will directly benefit the parents and the marching band. Details are in the works and the formal announcement of this event will be coming soon. I am working with Mrs. Liddie (Perry) Trent on a website for the association. We'd like to thank everyone for their support and we look forward to seeing you later on this year!

For more information on the **Courtland Music Alumni Association (CMAA)**; please contact:

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Website: **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

"Never lose the light that music brings"

Kelly "Jade Cat" Rector

Royal Brigade class of 1998

**From the Uniform/Alteration Specialist:**

Marching band season ended well.

The sticker system worked and the students enjoyed their prizes. We are currently working on a system for concert attire as that area needs some work.

Thank you, CBPA, for the new concert attire garment bags. They will help keep everything looking nice. We could use some plastic hangers, though, if anyone has some "hanging" around.

Parents, please continue to encourage your students to take care of their uniforms and concert attire. If any student would like to come in and help out in the uniform closet, that would be great.

The old marching band uniforms are still being stored in the uniform room. Once school is out we are planning to inventory all of the old uniforms.

And a special thank you to the music students and alumni that have helped out all year. Because of their help, I have been able to continue uniform care.

As always, parent volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

Nona Rector

Uniform Mom

## **Dates to Remember:**

### **Winter Drumline practice Schedule**

February dates: 7/12/14/19/21/26/28

March dates: 5/7/12/14/19/21/26/28

## Competitions:

2/10 Potomac HS  
3/3 Mills Godwin HS  
3/10 Edison HS  
3/27 Chancellor Showcase  
3/31-4/1 Championship

## Festival Rehearsals:

### Concert Band

Mar 5 6:30 pm  
Mar 12 6:30 pm  
Mar 19 6:30 pm

### Symphonic Band

Mar 13 6:30 pm  
Mar 20 6:30 pm

### Pre-Festival concert

Mar 14 7pm

## Festival

Mar 23 & Mar 24  
Either Band could play either day or both  
bands could play on the same day

*Check the website regularly for  
updates:*

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