



The Royal Review

July 200



Letter from the Director:

I hope everyone is having a relaxing and fun vacation (in addition to being hard at work on all those summer assignments, I'm sure).

We've added our final tune to the "Spellbound" show, and you can listen to it on our webpage, RoyalBrigade.org. The piece is called "Incantation," and features our drumline in an exotic Cirque de Soleil tune. Parts are being passed out at our Tuesday reading sessions, so come by if you can to pick up your music.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars: on the last day of band camp (8/26) we will have our traditional **Parent Show at 8:00pm**. We hope your family and friends can come see what you've worked so hard on!

Stay tuned for your band camp checklist, and in the mean time, keep up the practicing.

~Ms. Schoelwer



July Practices:

Drumline: Mondays, 5-7pm

Guard: Tues. and Thurs. 6-8pm

RBMB Reading Sessions: July 19 & 26 6-8pm

Parent Meeting: Tues. 8/16 at 7:00pm

Letter from the President:

Greetings! I hope each of you are having a great summer so far. It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of July. I want to take a few minutes to introduce myself. My name is Karen Eudailey and I have the privilege of serving as the president of the Courtland Band Parents' Association for the next two years.

Serving as president will be different for me. I am a behind the scenes kind of person but decided to step out of my comfort zone this year when I was asked if I would mind being nominated for the position of president. I have always encouraged my daughters to try new things and learn new things. It has been my pleasure to be affiliated with this group.

The young adults that are involved in the Royal Brigade Marching Band represent each of our families very well. I have two daughters in the band. Jennifer is a junior and plays sousaphone and Brooke is a sophomore and plays mellophone.

I am looking forward to this year and the many wonderful memories these children will make for me and for you. Please feel free to contact me if you have

any questions, comments or concerns. I remember when my daughter joined marching band as a freshman I wrote a letter to the president with several questions. Each and every one of the questions was answered and a friendship was formed and that is what I am here for. I am looking forward to seeing the returning marchers and their families and meeting the new marchers and their families.

Sincerely,
Karen Eudailey
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Treasury News

Hi to all and welcome to all the new RBMB members and families. I'm Lynda Mersiovsky, your treasurer. My husband, John, and I have a son in the band (Paul-tenor saxophone-junior) and two who have graduated (Scott-trombone, David-trumpet). We have been in the RBMB since we moved here four years ago, and have thoroughly enjoyed that time. It is a great group of students and families, and we have all made some really good friends through these years.

We currently have 60 members signed up for the RBMB for the 05/06 school year, including 10 color guard and 1 majorette. I'm looking forward to another great year with these wonderful band kids!

General payment information: Dues are \$325, payable as follows: \$50 sign-up fee which was due in June and \$100 due on each August 16 and September 20, and

\$75 due on October 18. There will also be one required fund-raiser. If you choose not to participate in the fund-raiser, you may pay a \$25 opt out fee.

There is a blue safe in the band office with a slot for payments, or you can pay me at the band parents meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Place the check or money order in an envelope, and be sure to mark it clearly with the student's name, amount enclosed, and what the payment is for, as money will be coming in for various fund-raisers, dues, trips, etc. I want to make sure you get credit for everything you pay.

I also keep track of everything you earn - points for working concessions, extra money earned from fund-raisers, rockathon, etc. There will be a point list posted in the band room and on the website listing the points in each student's account. One point equals one dollar and can be used for paying any band fees owed. Just fill out a point transfer form (above the safe) or send me an e-mail.

Please do not put cash in the safe, or hand it to anyone without getting a receipt from the receipt book - please do not accept any scribbled receipts on scraps of paper from anyone. This means that if you are planning to pay with cash, please make arrangements ahead of time with me so I can be sure to have the receipt book with me.

Make all checks or money orders payable to CBPA.

If at any time, you are unable to make a payment on time, please call me about payment arrangements. It is very important that we collect all dues and

other fees from all our RBMB members, because we have bills to pay to keep our organization running!

Thank you so much for your prompt payments!

Lynda Mersiovsky, treasurer
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SCRIP

Scrip is one of the band's on-going year round fund-raisers. We buy gift cards for various businesses at a discount, sell the gift cards at face value, and the amount of the discount is profit for the band. Half of the profit goes to the students account as points, and the other half goes to the band. For example, if you buy a \$100 Food Lion gift card, the discount is 5%. You would pay \$100 and half of the 5% (\$2.50) would go into the students account and the other \$2.50 would go to the band. We get scrip for Food Lion, Giant, Kohl's, and many other stores and restaurants in the area. For a list of the vendors go the band website and click on CBPA and Fundraising. There is also an order form. I generally order every two weeks during the school year. It may not seem like much profit but it really does add up. If you have any questions about the program feel free to contact me.

Deanna Kau
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**The next scrip orders will be due
Aug 9 and again on Aug 23.**

Parliamentarian:

My name is Deanna Kau and this will be my second year in the CBPA, and my first year on the executive board. I look forward to serving as Parliamentarian. I have one daughter in the band - Amanda, who will be a sophomore in the fall.

Reporter:

My name is Kathy Cooksey and as CBPA reporter I am responsible for putting together and distributing this newsletter. My daughter Michelle is a senior and plays snare on the drumline. This will be our 3rd year with the RBMB and I can say it has been a fantastic experience. Michelle and I both have made many friendships that I am confident will last for many, many years.

I send out the newsletter mainly by email. This saves the CBPA a lot of money over the course of the year. It is very important that we have a current email for the adults and students for the newsletter and also for other announcements that are sometimes sent out when time is an issue. If you do not have email, please let me know and I will get the newsletters to you through regular mail.

If you are a committee chair and need to have an item included in the newsletter you can email me or call me.

Looking forward to a great year,
Kathy Cooksey
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Dates to Remember:

Section Leaders:

Aug 1 - 9am-12pm, Aug 4 - 1pm

Percussion and Guard:

Aug 2-4 - 9am-12pm

Brass: Aug 3 - 9am-12pm

Woodwinds: Aug 4 - 9am-12pm

FULL CAMP:

Aug 8-12 - 8am - 2pm

Aug 15-18 - 8am- 2pm

Aug 22-26 - 4PM - 8:30pm

Band Parents meeting in the band room August 16, 2005, 7PM.

Parking passes will go on sale Aug. 8th for Seniors and Aug. 15th for Juniors. Applications will be available in the school office beginning July 18th. Because you will be at band camp at that time, we will collect the applications and money and turn them in to Mr. Hall. Return your application and check made out to Courtland High School for \$40 to Ms. Schoelwer no later than August 4th.

Check the website regularly for updates:

www.royalbrigade.org



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