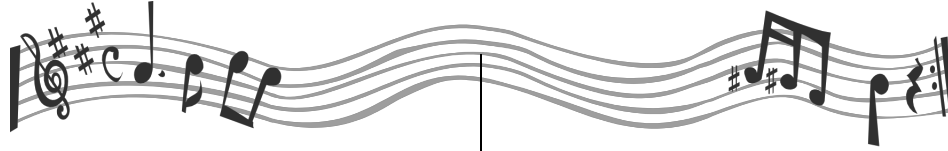




The Royal Review



July 2006



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).

Don't forget to mark your calendars: on the last day of band camp (8/18) we will have our traditional **Parent Show at 8:30pm** on the football field. We hope your family and friends can come see what you've worked so hard on!

Stays 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. 5-7pm

Band Officers meeting July 31 9:00am - 1:00

**FIRST BAND PARENTS MEETING
WILL BE AUGUST 10TH AT 7:30PM**

From the President:

Greetings! I hope each of you is 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. I have just completed my first year as president and am entering my second year.

Serving my second year as president will be no different than my first. I am still a behind the scenes person. It is a little easier this time around coming out of my comfort zone because of the wonderful and encouraging parents and students I have had the pleasure of working with.

The young adults that are involved in the Royal Brigade Marching Band represent each of our families very well. It is hard to believe that my oldest daughter Jennifer is a senior. She plays the sousaphone and is brass captain. Brooke is a junior and the Drum Major for this year.

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

questions, comments or concerns. I remember when Jennifer joined the marching band as a freshman I wrote a letter to the president with several questions. Each and every one of my questions was answered and a friendship was formed. That's 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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From the 1st Vice President

Hi to all and welcome to all the new RBMB members and families. I'm Lynda Mersiovsky, your 1st Vice President for this year. My husband, John, and I have one son in the band (Paul-saxophone-senior) and two who have graduated (Scott-trombone-2004 & David-trumpet-2005). We have been in the RBMB since we moved here five 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. I am also a substitute teacher at Courtland, so the kids will probably see me at school a lot.

As 1st VP, I am in charge of fundraising. There will be two required fundraisers this year - Basket Bingo and Tag Day:

For Basket Bingo, the students will be expected to sell tickets to a Bingo

game that we will sponsor with Longaberger baskets as the prizes. It is very popular in this area, and is an incredible fundraiser! We have a great time, and the students have a chance to earn money for their own accounts if they sell more than the required number of tickets.

For Tag Day, the students dress in uniform and go out in groups into the area neighborhoods, playing their instruments, telling people about the band, giving information about their upcoming schedule (of course inviting them to come out and watch them perform), and accepting donations. It is a fun and easy fundraiser, and the neighbors seem to enjoy it, calling their children to come out and watch!

If they elect not to participate in these fundraisers, they will be expected to pay a \$25 opt out fee for each one.

In addition to these required fundraisers, we will also have some optional fundraisers to give the students an opportunity to earn money for their accounts. Any money in their accounts may be used to pay any band expenses, such as dues, trips, shirts, etc., so it pays to participate! Also, if anyone is interested in chairing a fundraiser, you may earn points for doing this. Let me know if you are interested, and any ideas you have for new and exciting fundraisers!

Keep watching the newsletter and your emails for more information. Fundraising helps us to keep the dues down and has also allowed us to purchase needed items for the band, such as uniforms and new uniforms. Let's keep it up, marchers!

Please put the money in the blue safe in the band office in the slot marked for payments, or you can give me fundraiser money at the band parents meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. or any other time that you see me at school. 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 fundraisers, dues, trips, etc. Make all checks or money orders payable to CBPA. If there is cash involved, please give it to me or Deanna Kau (the Treasurer) in person and make sure to get a receipt. Do not put cash in the safe!

I look forward to another great year with these kids! Please contact me with any questions or ideas.

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From the Treasurer:

My name is Deanna Kau and I am the CBPA Treasurer for the next 2 years. I have one daughter in the band. Amanda is a Junior and is playing bass drum in the drumline this year.

Dues are \$325 this year. The \$50 sign-up fee was due in June when you signed up. \$100 will be due on August 10, another \$100 on September 19 and \$75 on October 17.

There is a blue safe on the wall in the band room office. There are two slots marked clearly for payments or scrip. You may place the payments in the

safe, or you can pay me at the monthly band parent meetings. Please place your check or money order payable to CBPA in an envelope with your students name and what the payment is for so that I can make sure you get credit for your payment. Please do not put cash in the safe. If you need to pay with cash please give it to me in person and make sure you get a written receipt.

I also have accounts set up for each student to keep track of the points they earn from working concessions, field clean-up, fundraisers, etc. There will be a point list posted in the band room listing each student's points which I will try to update each month. Students may use their points to pay their dues or any other fees that they owe. One point equals \$1.00. You just need to fill out a point transfer form or send me an email.

It is very important that we collect all dues from all band members so that we can pay our bills on time and keep the band running. If at any time you are unable to make a payment on time, please let me know and we'll work out arrangements for paying.

If you ever have a question concerning your account please give me a call or send me an email. I look forward to working with each of you and to another great year with our band kids!

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SCRIP

Scrip is one of the band's on-going year round fundraisers. We buy gift cards 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 student's 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 student's account and the other \$2.50 would go to the band.

Right now we can get scrip for Food Lion, Giant, and Kohl's. I also have some in inventory from Lowe's, Home Depot, J.C. Penney, and K-Mart. 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.

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From the 2nd Vice President:

My name is Danny Askew. My son, Chris, plays tuba in the band. This is my first year on the Executive Board. I am in charge of the Pit Crew. The Crew and I make sure everything the RBMB needs makes it to every event. We load instruments, accessories, band uniforms, drive them to where they need to be, unload them' and repair them if necessary, accompany them to the field, assist with the setup on the field, tear down after the performance, and more. It's a demanding job, but the rewards are priceless.

The crew is made up of volunteers. You can volunteer for one event or all of them. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Danny Askew

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From the Parliamentarian:

My name is Chris Eudailey and this will be my second year in the CBPA as an executive board member. I look forward to serving as Parliamentarian. I will be at all the CBPA meetings. I hope to see you there. I have two daughters in the band - Jennifer, a senior and Brooke, a junior.

Chris Eudailey

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From the Reporter:

My name is Paige Shutlock and as CBPA reporter I am responsible for putting together and distributing this newsletter. My son, Jeremy, is a senior and plays trumpet. This will be our 4th year with the RBMB and I can say it has been a fantastic experience. Jeremy and I both have made many friends that I am confident these friendships will last for many years.

I am sending this newsletter out by mail in order to make sure that everyone receives the first copy. After that, I will be sending out the newsletter 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 sent by email when time is of the essence. 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,
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From the Chaperone Chairperson

Hello, I am Katrina Burnett the Chaperone Chair for the Band. With the experience of nine years with the RBMB, this being my tenth, I look forward to an exciting year. My daughter, Kaitlyn, is a sophomore who plays the fourth bass drum.

If you are looking for a way to get involved with the band, then I have a place for you! With the start of band camp just weeks away we look to the parents of the members to supply items we use each day of camp. (Remember this keeps the dues down). The items include: oranges and apples (cut in sections), grapes, jars of peanut butter, plastic cups (10 oz size). We need these items every day....the members get breaks during the day when they enjoy the goodies.

Also, the first day of band camp, August 1st, the members will be treated to a spaghetti dinner and then take off to a

Drum Corps International (DCI) competition. Again we need your help!! If you can bring spaghetti (uncooked); a crock pot with spaghetti sauce; bread or salad/dressing then please call me.

Last but not least, if you are interested in chaperoning this year we will have sign-ups at the first band parent meeting. We need chaperones for football games, competitions and other various events throughout the year. **If you are interested in chaperoning band camp, please call me as soon as possible.** We need roughly six chaperones for each day of band camp and other events, and will pick specific chaperones after we have all requests.

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Dates to Remember:

Section Leaders and Officers:

July 31 - 9am-1pm

All Band Members

Aug 1 - Band Camp and DCI trip
Aug 2 - Band camp starts at 9:30am
Aug 4 - Funland 7pm
(transportation on your own)
Aug 11 - Family Picnic at 5:30pm
(Loriella Park)

FULL CAMP:

Aug 1-4 - 8am - 4pm
Aug 7-11 - 8am- 4pm
Aug 14-18 - 4pm - 8:00pm

Check the website regularly for updates:

www.royalbrigade.org



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