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Marching Band Highlights—What An Autumn!

Congratulations to the Marching Band and Color Guard for a fantastic Fall season! Quite a lot was accomplished from the teeming Band Camp sessions to the frosty final performances at the Stamford Parade and at the Thanksgiving Football Game. Eight consecutive improved competition scores is something to be proud of. And a special tip of the cap goes to the BMHS Percussionists, who won several BEST PERCUSSION awards during the season. Nice work, Pit and Drum Line! And let's not forget our cheering section and their well-timed hurrahs!

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| Celebration of Sound | 59.10 | Jonathan Law | 86.70 |
| Trumbull | 70.10 | Ramsey | 90.00 |
| Stamford | 77.90 | Norwalk | 91.45 |
| Port Chester | 84.55 | MAC Championships | 93.30 |

Celebration of Motion

WINTER GUARD—BMHS—JAN 19!!

Winter Guard Season is upon us. After an Eval Show in Bethel this weekend, it's time for the REAL DEAL—The 11th Annual BMHS Celebration of Motion Show on Saturday January 19!

Over TWENTY Guard teams from the Tri-State area will be performing, including our own BMHS Winter Guard. We'll have a DJ, and lots of food and drinks, so come on down for a

fun afternoon and evening.

Mary Lee Schott and Diane King still need volunteers to make this event a success. Give Mary Lee (846-9169) or Diane (858-4628) a call; let's all show our visitors what our Band/Guard family is all about!

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT OUR NEWLY RENOVATED WEBSITE at www.bmhsband.org

From the Quartermaster...Uniform Care, continued



The Fall marching season's over. Get out the shoe polish and buff up those shoes. And don't forget to get those uniforms up to Majestic Cleaners, next to Rowley's Tavern at the corner of Scribner Avenue and Connecticut Avenues. They do a terrific job at a VERY reasonable

price. The Memorial Day Parades will be here before you know it, so let's get our apparel spruced up now!

Any questions? Give Martha Gurvich a holler—
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280 Connecticut Ave
838-5420

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360 Connecticut Ave
838-0504

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100 Westport Ave
847-7214

A very special thank you to Mr. Tom Daly, the General Manager of our local Costco store on Connecticut Avenue. He purchased an industrial-grade Popcorn Popper from Costco, and then donated it to the BMHS Band/Guard family! The next time you're visiting Costco, ask for Mr. Daly and give him a big BMHS THANK YOU!



Congratulations to the Band, Orchestra, and all the fantastic singers for their magnificent performance at December's Poinsettia Concert. Many viewers have remarked that the performance was the best in recent memory—nice work, Conductors, musicians, and singers!

ALL THAT JAZZ



Jazz Band Season is here too! Our mega-event Jazz Festival is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 29.

This date comes once every four years—plan on attending to make this day REALLY memorable. Jeannie Lamp

would love a Co-Chair to help organize the show. Give her a call at 849-0399 or 434-5730



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Monday
February 4, 2008
7PM
Band Room

COMMITTEE HELP— 2008-09 TREASURER

Celebration of Sound

Dec '08 Trip

Jazz Festival

Raffle

Contact any Executive
Board member for more
information

We need a replacement for Wendy.
C'mon, you CPAs or
CPAs-to-be!



IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE, Cont.

Thanks to all the families who are keeping their Band account payments up to date. Unfortunately, there are some families who have significant balances in their accounts, including some with outstanding balances from last year. The entire Band and Guard is suffering as a result. The Band Parents Association is over \$45,000 behind in payments

due. So please, everyone—try to maintain your account payments. Don't forget the many fundraising volunteer opportunities which credit your accounts. For those having payment difficulties, please contact Bob, Randi, or Wendy. We're willing to work with you and to help out where we can. Don't forget—we

all have the same goal—to help our kids experience the enjoy-



ment found in the
BMHS Band and Guard!



Check out our newly renovated website—
www.bmhsband.org
up to date calendar, links to other bands,
pictures, schedules, ...

Newsletter

Mike Parenteau puts together our newsletters. If you have something of note you would like to include, please contact Mike!

JAZZ BAND SCHEDULE

Fri-Sat January 11-12—Western Regional Festival, Wilton
Friday, February 1—Ramsey Jazz Festival
Saturday, February 2—All-State Music Auditions
Saturday, February 9—Berklee Jazz Festival
Friday, February 29—JAZZ FESTIVAL, BMHS
Friday, March 7—Wilton Jazz Symposium
Friday, March 14—Norwalk Jazz Festival
Thursday, March 27—All City Band Concert, BMHS
Thu-Sat, April 3-5—All State Music Festival, Hartford
Friday, April 25—WestConn Jazz Festival

WINTER GUARD SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 12—at Bethel
Saturday, January 19—CELEBRATION OF MOTION, BMHS
Saturday, January 26—at Newtown
Saturday, February 2—at Brookfield
Saturday, February 9—at Masuk
Saturday, February 16—at New Milford
Saturday, February 23—at Trumbull
Saturday, March 1—at Shelton
Saturday, March 8—at Norwalk
Fri-Sat, March 14-15—WGI Trip
Saturday, March 29—at Jonathan Law
Saturday, April 5—MAC Championships