

April 25, 2008

Welcome to the BMHS Marching Band and Guard Annual Spring Raffle Fundraiser!

As you know, this is our last major fundraising opportunity of the 2007-2008 season. It's your last chance to raise money to either pay off your existing bank account balance, or to build up funds toward next season's band account and trip. Please take advantage of this great opportunity. It helps you, and the Band/Guard too!

Here's how the Raffle works:

1. Raffle Tickets are sold for \$1.00 each. The 3 prizes to be awarded on Monday June 16 are:
 - First Prize: A \$1,000 Gift Certificate to Stop & Shop Supermarkets
 - Second Prize: A \$400 Gift Certificate to CostCo Warehouse (membership NOT required)
 - Third Prize: A \$100 Gift Certificate to Dunkin Donuts
2. You receive 5 books of 10 tickets each, totaling 50 tickets to sell. Ticket sales start today, and ticket sales stop on Monday, June 9th.
3. In order to make our raffle a worthwhile event, you are asked to sell all 50 tickets, **with a required minimum sale of 25 tickets**. Please understand that your Band Account will be charged \$25 if the required 25 tickets are not sold. We do this so that the expenses of running the Raffle (ticket printing, prizes, etc.) are covered. After the first \$25, all ticket sales are credited dollar-for-dollar to your Band Account. If you need more tickets (and most sellers will), contact Mr. Secchi.
4. A Senior who has no outstanding Band Account balance is not required to sell any Raffle Tickets. A Senior with an outstanding balance should sell enough tickets to pay off the existing balance in addition to the 25 minimum tickets. Don't forget--a Senior can still sell tickets if the Band Account balance is \$0--all proceeds go to help the Band and Guard!
5. We will have some "Big Store" sales dates during our Raffle. Several dates have been set aside at both Norwalk Stop&Shop Supermarkets, at WalMart and Dunkin Donuts on Connecticut Avenue, and at Rowayton Market. Signup sheets are posted in the Band Room; pick a buddy and sign up early for the best dates and 2-hour time slots. All "Big Store" ticket sales during a time slot are split evenly among the sellers for that time slot. So if 2 sellers sell a total of 150 tickets between, say, 10AM and 12 Noon during a Dunkin Donuts Sales date, each seller gets credit for selling 75 tickets. A Band parent will supply all "Big Store" Raffle Tickets—DON'T use your individual 50 ticket allocation! A Band Parent will collect all completed ticket stubs and money at the end of your 2-hour shift. By the way—**please show up in either your uniform top or Band T-Shirt (and hat, too)**—it makes selling easier!
6. We discourage door-to door sales, for obvious safety reasons.
7. When you sell a ticket, make sure your customer fills out all the information on the ticket! Each Friday, put all completed ticket stubs and money in an envelope WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, and drop the sealed envelope into the Band Box in the Band Room. At the end of the Raffle, we need **ALL UNUSED tickets!** So please, don't toss them out or lose them!!

GOOD LUCK, AND THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BMHS MARCHING BAND AND GUARD!

BMHS Band Raffle Committee (Mike Paris, Fran Paris, Mike Parenteau)