

**Band Parents Meeting**  
**Monday October 24, 2011 – 6:50 p.m.**

**Ron Secchi Band Director —**

1. Itinerary communication about Bunnell passed out – practice beings 10:45 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jazz is not performing that evening due to the tight schedule.
2. November 5<sup>th</sup> is very busy since SATs are in the morning, USSBA Championships are 2:45 p.m., there is a home McMahon football game and we are performing in exhibition at the NHS show. More details to follow early next week. This is the last day of competitions; however we have another football game – 12, Stamford parade – 20 and Thanksgiving game at BMHS on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. Transitions to Winter Programs
  - a. Jazz – two ensembles and sharing one student with both ensembles (T/Th 6 to 8 rehearsals). Mr. Fasoli will be an instructor also
  - b. Winter Guard program rehearsals will be at Brookside and Kendall schools (T/Th 5 to 8)
  - c. Winter Percussion survey is due in Wed. 10/26 to decide if there will be a winter percussion group this year (this group needs a minimum of 10 students)

**Randi Noble, President —**

1. Talked with us about the possibility of hosting a USSBA Winter Guard show. If this gets off the ground, there needs to be at least 30 committed volunteers to make this show (fundraiser) possible — a chairperson(s) also. It would be scaled down in comparison to any previous Guard shows we have hosted. The date would be somewhere in the end of February to mid-March. Also, interesting information is that USSBA is new, 3 years, to winter guard programs.
2. Award Ceremony Monday 11/7 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the CGS side of BMHS. We need to have volunteers for setup 4:30 p.m. thru cleanup. Please contact our chair for this event Bonnie Russo.
3. No championship breakfast this year.
4. Before the children board the bus for championships please come and cheer for them wearing red/white/blue and make every effort to attend the show – Randi has the tickets available now for sale at \$13 each.

**Jean Starkman, Corresponding Secretary**

1. Band Parents is available now on Mr. Secchi's website (via Norwalk public schools website). All information is being transitioned there but is still available on [bmhsband.org](http://bmhsband.org) website.

**Winter Guard -- Voting**

1. Presented by Randi Noble if Winter Guard and Winter Percussion have enough students the band parents will provide each program \$7,500; however, if it is only Winter Guard \$10,000 will be provided to Winter Guard for 2011/2012 season. It was approved unanimously.

### **Fundraising – Sue & Gabrielle**

1. Candles will be in Friday, 10/29 and the Flower bulbs will be delivered to Sue's house. Sue and Gabrielle Daves to call for pickup arrangements / handout to the children at practice.
2. We approved the next fundraiser to be cookie dough sales (Otis Spunkmeyer). 120 tubs need to be sold to make the shipping be free. They will look into pickup arrangements. It will run from 11/1 and orders due back 11/18 for before holiday recess delivery.

### **Other —**

1. Please read all email blasts sent out by Jean Starkman, Corresponding Secretary for the Band Parents Association.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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