

Braves Marching Band Association

General Meeting-September 24, 2018

President (Seema)

-There is a PAA meeting this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library. The PAA is the Performing Arts Association, which supports the band, marching band, orchestra, choir, drama and dance club. Please try to attend the meeting to get more information and see ways you can help. They provide money to support the arts students including end of the year scholarship money for the band students and in the past have helped with the transportation costs for the Disney band trip. A main fundraiser is the Shop-Rite merchant card, which can be purchased online. The PAA membership may also be purchased online.

-Uniform distribution has been going well. **Help is still needed for the game October 6 and the competition October 7 both before and after.**

Email link to sign up.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1I9UyoAYaD4TiqYtW0QflvJUg3pPrfYFtfVeCwrimA9U/edit?usp=sharing>

The game time MAY change on Saturday to start later due to the SAT test that day.

-Music in the Park the Midland Park band competition has the schedule for the day online <http://www.mphsarts.org/musicinthepark.html>

It's a fun day and you will want to stay for the competition. No snacks are needed since we will support their snack stand. Admission is \$12 and there will a limited number of wristbands available for those signed up to help with equipment for the show.

Fundraising (Barbara Murray)

-Donations have totaled \$131 and merchandise sold is \$207.

-**October 7 is the Blue Moon Fundraiser**. this is the day of the Midland Park competition. A flyer is needed and can either be printed or digital. The flyer will be attached in an email so please post and share with friends. **The band gets 20% back in sales with the flyer for ordering out or eating in and gift cards may be purchased online or in person for use on another date.**

-A Pizza Love fundraiser will be later in the year in Wyckoff.

-Other ideas discussed for fundraisers: A movie night that would include a current movie, appetizers and wine at a local theater, a wine and cheese party, painting wineglasses or another activity. Houllihan's dinner, Grand Lux Café event.

-We are looking for an idea of something that would be of wide interest to the school. Mr. Clark suggested fan towels. Reusable bags have also been suggested.

-**Schwann's fundraiser is ongoing**. Link to share or to place an order <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/39533>

This is the online frozen food fundraiser and the food is delivered to your home. (This is not a subscription service)

Webmaster(Gina)

The last 2 performances have been added to the website.

<http://bravesband.org/wp/>

Gina will find out about adding the hats, headbands, and cowbells to the PTSO website so the whole school can order them.

Band Director (Mr. Clark)

-The show is finished and things are going well. It's 2 weeks until the Midland Park competition.

-The Mystery Trip is October 20 and will be about 11am-9pm and be about \$20. Details will be coming soon with the permission slip.

-**Disney trip-please keep up with payment schedule.** Mr. Clark will email the room request and medical forms shortly. One form needs to be notarized. (There is a possibility there will be a notary at the next meeting in October.)

-**The 8th grade open house is October 11**(not the 4th as originally scheduled).

Membership (Position Open)

-The membership chair helps recruit new members for next year.

-8th Grade Open House - Idea to have some kids in uniform when the marching band plays (they play in the courtyard as families arrive).

Most band members will leave after the performance but some will

stay to be in the drumline in the band room and some will be at the marching band table in the cafeteria to talk to new students and play. Possibly some students in uniform including color guard. Mary will make a big board including pictures with information about the marching band. There will be candy at the table.

-Ideas discussed for reaching kids at the middle schools who may be interested but aren't in band to participate in color guard. Looking for parents with connections at middle schools especially Wyckoff.

-**October 12 7th/8th grade band night.** Students from the middle schools are invited and dinner will be provided (pizza).

Hospitality (Dianna and MaryEllen)

The marching band awards dinner will be November 13 from 6-10pm.

An email will be sent to RSVP. There is no charge to band members but family members will need to pay.

A volunteer is needed to provide music for the evening.

Next Meetings: October 15 and November 5