



Greece Marching Band

Greece Central School District - Greece, New York

The "Blue Knights" Express

May 19, 2011

The Director's Corner

The school budget has passed and it is official:
GREECE HAS A MARCHING BAND!!!

With this news comes the first newsletter of 2011 and some very important information. The new level of district funding allows us to be functional, that is we are able to travel and compete. However, all the funding that supplied flags, costumes, uniform parts, props, lights, music and many other items is now gone. The burden of these finances falls to the membership and the booster organization.

I have been working very closely with our new booster board for some time in developing a workable budget that provides the level of program that we expect; includes attainable financial requirements and is the least burdensome to the membership as possible. In addition, we are making some policy and schedule adjustments that will affect how we work as an organization. All this work has been done in the name of providing the best program possible, for the betterment of our members at the most attainable cost. **There will be a meeting to discuss these details on Wednesday, May 25th, at 6:30 in the Arcadia Middle Cafeteria.** This information will also be sent via email to everyone for review. There was no date that everyone was able to attend a meeting, so by sending the information out, everyone can remain informed.

One part of our program that has not changed is our commitment to community performances. We have already performed for GeVa Theater and the Rochester Lilac Festival. **This weekend we will be performing for the March of Dimes in support of the 2011 Walk for Babies.** The calendar in this newsletter is up to date and accurate. We will have an updated full calendar on the website ASAP.

Now that the scare of losing our program has passed, it is time to get down to the work of running the GMB. We have an awesome field show planned and are sure to have another successful season. So, on with the show!

What's the plan?

Sunday's Schedule: March of Dimes Performance

Arrive at Ontario Beach Park (Charlotte)	9:00 am
Warm up and prep for performance	9:00-9:50
Perform for March of Dimes	10:00-10:30
Group dismissed	10:45-11:00

Transportation:

- There will be no buses for this performance
- We may need some help transporting flags and drums
- If you can help, please, email Mr. Schreib
- **We will car pool to the site, directions below.**

Uniforms/Helmets:

- We will NOT be using helmets or gloves for this performance
- Check your uniform BEFORE leaving home
- **REMEMBER BLACK SOCKS!!!**

Performance Site Directions: From Arcadia

- Ontario Beach Park
- 390 North to Lake Ontario Parkway
- Head EAST on the parkway until it ends at Lake Ave
- Make a LEFT onto Lake Avenue
- Stay to the left at the "Y" intersection
- Proceed down to the parking lot across from Abbots
- Turn into the parking lot on the RIGHT
- This will be the DROP OFF and PICK UP area

Rehearsals left before Performance

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(May 22 – March of Dimes)

Important stuff to know

2011 GMB Booster Board:

- ◆ Mike Waldbillig: President, Public Relations Coordinator
- ◆ Nancy Nasca: Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator
- ◆ Jaclyn Barron: Volunteers Coordinator
- ◆ Joe Buscemi: Treasurer

2011 GMB Instructional Staff:

- ◆ Robert Schreib: Director, Visual Designer, Show Coordinator
- ◆ Brad Coudriet: Asst. Director, Marching Instructor
- ◆ Julie Christensen: Assoc. Director, Pit Instructor
- ◆ Matt Jaeger: Music Instructor
- ◆ Meaghan McTammany: Music Instructor
- ◆ Bob Bond: Drum line Instructor
- ◆ Mike Ghinazzi: Drum line Instructor
- ◆ Jamie DiMarco: Color Guard Instructor and Designer
- ◆ Mike Simpson: Marching Instructor
- ◆ Matt Nordhausen: Percussion Arranger

- ◆ **Parent Meeting:** The meeting on May 25th will cover the member costs and fundraising requirements for the fall season as well as policy changes moving forward. This will also entail a vote from the membership to accept the budget and the plan. We know that not everyone can make it, which is why we are sending the information out via email in advance. Those who are unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to offer their feedback and vote for adoption in a return email.

- ◆ **Volunteers:** With the increased need for fundraising, we will need all the help we can get in organizing and managing these efforts. Any time that can be offered is helpful. Please let us know if, when and how much you are able to volunteer.

- ◆ **Fundraising in Progress:** We have already begun the candy/lottery fundraiser. Please work hard to make the most of these opportunities.

- ◆ If you have questions of any kind at any time, email Mr. Schreib at grecemarchingband@hotmail.com.

- All things GMB can be found on the website: www.grecemarchingband.org

**REMEMBER:
SMILE, WE LOVE THIS STUFF!!!**

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday, May 19th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Sunday, May 22nd

March of Dimes Performance
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Ontario Beach Park

Tuesday, May 24th

Rehearsal at Arcadia: 6:30pm – 8:45 pm

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, May 22nd

March of Dimes Performance: Ontario Beach Park

Monday, May 30th: (Yes, we are doing 2 parades!)

Memorial Day Parade: Rochester (8 am)

Memorial Day Parade: Greece (2 pm)

Saturday, June 11th

Greece Relay for Life Performance: Apollo Middle School

Wednesday, June 22nd

Barnard Parade

Sunday, June 26th

Red Wings Game Performance (also a fundraiser)

Saturday, July 30th

GMB Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 2nd

Greece National Night Out Performance

Saturday, August 6th

Hunter Resch Foundation Performance

Saturday, August 7th

Applebees Pancake Breakfast

Monday, August 22nd – Friday, August 26th

BAND CAMP

Fall Competitions:

Saturday, September 10 th	East Irondequoit
Saturday, September 24 th	Medina
Saturday, October 1 st	Lancaster
Saturday, October 15 th	Victor
Saturday, October 22 nd	Webster
Sunday, October 30 th	Syracuse Carrier Dome

Contact any Booster Board member via the website:
www.grecemarchingband.org