

CB East Marching Patriots  
General Band Parent Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2019

Board Members in attendance:

- Christine Junker, Vice President
- Robin Dunckley, Treasurer
- Caroline Jaroszewski, Secretary
- Karen Cotlar, Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Chair
- Wendy Cronin, Wawa coupon sales
- Cyndee Van Siclen, Chaperone Coordinator
- Christa Afflerbach, Concessions Co-Chair
- Carolyn Jurbala, Uniform Manager

**From Band Director, Jason Morehouse**

- The 2019-2020 season will be Mr. Morehouse's 15<sup>th</sup> season at CB East.
- Purpose of this meeting is for parents to help students decide on participating in marching band. Students will make lifelong connections and friendships in marching band. Marching band students statistically outperform other students in all aspects – it's a great group of kids. His goal is developing leaders. A great perk for the younger members is that after being with all of the kids during camp, they begin at East knowing people at the school when they start – great confidence builder.
- The website is the best place for all details regarding the band.
  - [www.cbsd.org/eastband](http://www.cbsd.org/eastband)
    - Handbook – read entire handbook – it has been updated this year. It is essential for this to be read before committing. See the Quick Reference Calendar, Registration & Field Show Assignments, and Attendance Policy (which has been developed with student input) sections.
    - Calendar – all dates for summer rehearsals and fall schedule are posted (rehearsals, games, competitions)
    - Committee details – contact names and explanations of committees' volunteer opportunities
- Marching band rehearsal attendance is mandatory – of course emergency family issues will arise, but things like appointments should be scheduled around band rehearsal – this is why the schedule is already posted for parents' reference.
- The new rehearsal schedule is as follows (to allow for other after-school club meetings, make-up work/tests, other band ensemble rehearsals, travel time from Tohickon):
  - Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-6pm
  - Wednesday 3:30-5pm
- The staff is looking for 100% attendance and focus from the students. Rehearsals will end on time and the entire band will be dismissed at one time. We will get 6.5 hours of rehearsal time each week. The bulk of rehearsal time is from marching band camp in August – 52%.
- From 2:30-3:30, students may decompress in the band room and bond with their fellow bandmates, have sectional meetings/rehearsals, get a jump on homework ... the possibilities are endless 😊
- Away games are on Friday nights. Home games are on Saturdays starting either 11am or 1pm. There are 10 games this season.

- There are 4 competitions scheduled for this season – nice way to be judged alongside other bands to see how we’re doing. Good to get feedback from adjudication.
- Marching band camp is August 12-23, Monday-Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm daily.
- The band is outside in the AM before the heat of the day and inside to rehearse music in the PM.
- Asking parents at the beginning of the registration process to declare all known absences; and based on this information, staff will determine field spots. For those missing band camp, staff will find a way as an alternate role for the student, but there is no guarantee for the field show spot. These students will still participate in all rehearsals and in the stands but will not have a spot in the field show.
- There will be auditions for field show spots, but no cuts.
- July 22-25 – skill camps – not mandatory, but strongly encouraged. Additional times during that week for percussion and color guard.
- Season wraps up by the end of October. There will be a few rehearsals after that for band trip preparation.
- Band trip is Nov. 7-10 to Orlando – marching down Main Street USA! Chaperone costs this year are the same as the student costs. Planning to fly Southwest – we are waiting for the flights to open for purchase. Estimated cost per person is \$1700-\$1800 (flights, transportation, park tickets, dining). Registration for the trip will be posted mid-June. We usually have 90-95% participation, but not required. Paying for the trip should not be a worry. Please reach out if you need assistance – we do have a scholarship account available. During registration, we highly recommend you purchase the additional trip insurance!
- Band registration is \$350 per student. Money goes to the show design and our staff of 7. We have nationally recognized and qualified people on our staff. Registration links will be posted ASAP, and registrations are due by June 1.

### **Christine Junker, Vice President**

- We disseminate information to parents via our weekly newsletter (typically emailed every Sunday from August through the end of the season) and our Facebook group – “CB East Marching Band: Parents Page” (you must request to join, and Caroline will confirm you have a child in the program and then add you).
- We have many volunteer opportunities. An immediate need is a Program Ad Layout chairperson. This person will use a program (likely, Publisher) to put together our concert band program. The marching band students sell the ads (fundraising) for the concert band program. The layout work is only about 2 weeks in October.
- Other volunteer opportunities: Gift Cards (Jenn Maney), Wawa coupons (Wendy Cronin), Pumpkin Painting at Peddler’s Village (Ginny & Lou Cimorelli), Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast (Karen Cotlar).
- **Pancake Breakfast** – you will be able to purchase tickets while doing your online band registration or may purchase them at band camp in August from Karen. Date is Saturday, 8/17, 8-10am. Will need both student and parent volunteers – this will be a part of the general volunteer sign-up genius that will be published (typically) in August.
- **Chaperones** – Cyndee Van Siclin. Chaperones are basically there with the students if they need them for games and competitions. For both home and away games, we sit in the stands with the kids to ensure that they stay hydrated. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of games, students are allowed to go to concessions, so chaperones remain in the stands to watch all of the equipment and instruments. For away games and competitions, chaperones ride the bus with the students to take roll (before and after) – \*PERK\* we get a free ride to the event and free admission (so do folks on the Trailer Crew).

- **Concessions** – Krista Afflerbach. Volunteers sell food during home games. This is the biggest fundraiser for the band! It's very fun and profitable. Krista and Heather can still use 2-3 more parent volunteers to cover concessions during graduation on June 14.
- **Trailer Crew** – Sandy Cummings speaking on behalf of Mike DeRosier. Fear not, you do not need any special skills to help with trailer crew! You will be helping to move equipment on and off the trailer and field and will assist putting the props together and taking them apart. You get a front row view of the field show. The trailer crew is also famous for FOOD. At all games after halftime, they hold a tailgate party with lots of great foods and desserts (there's a weekly theme). They also hold an annual chili cookoff during one of the home games. There will be a red polo shirt available for purchase during apparel sales. This red shirt is the "uniform" for trailer crew – you can wear any red shirt if you do not want to purchase the polo. Wearing red helps the students know where you are if they need help.
- **Parent Orientation** night is scheduled for Tuesday, 8/13. The committee leaders will be set up in stations to review the various volunteer jobs.
- **Fundraising** – Robin Dunckley (Treasurer). Be sure to review the Financial Information on the website for all details, including links to every available fundraising opportunity. These are easy ways to offset registration, trip, apparel, and banquet costs. The highest net payout is program ad sales (Dori Amtmann, committee chair) – 50% of each ad sale goes into the student account. Wawa coupon books – 25% return – the books of 10 cost \$40 (\$4/shortie – less than what they're sold for in the store!) – and the coupons do not expire. Gift cards through Scrip. Overall, when you raise \$75 for the band, the band will put another \$50 into your account. Email Robin at [TreasCBEBand@gmail.com](mailto:TreasCBEBand@gmail.com) with questions.
- **Uniforms** – Carolyn Jurbala. New uniforms this year – will require a white tee shirt underneath – so each student must purchase a shirt (we recommend you purchase 2 for convenience; it is \$12). They will be wearing the same pants for all games and competitions – they are half white and half black (the pants have a snug fit, and it's recommended that male students invest in boxer briefs). All students must have long black socks to wear for all games and competitions. Also, purchase gloves through the apparel sale – you'll want to order 2 pairs. Carolyn will need help during band camp in August for uniform fittings (band and color guard). We'll also be asking for volunteers on the sign-up genius for occasional cleaning/laundry.
- **Spirit wear** – Allison Okolichany. A popular item this year will be the drawstring backpack. Also new are jogger pants (more fitted at ankle). Most all kids purchase the red section sweatshirt (section printed down the sleeve with name embroidered on chest). Color guard members typically all purchase the navy fleece. The apparel sale will open during band registration and will close on August 7 – there will be NO orders taken after the sale closes, so this window is your only opportunity.
- **AmazonSmile** – the marching band is an approved non-profit organization and is an available charity on AmazonSmile – so select the band as your charity of choice so \$\$ is donated to the band with each purchase!