

KAIB WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

(Sept 14 – Sept 20)

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General Membership Meeting Change

The regularly scheduled meeting of the General Membership has been changed to accommodate the open houses at the Senior and Intermediate High school. The new date is Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the upper band room. Hope to see you there.

Student Account Reimbursable Items Expanded

The Executive Board has voted to expand the items reimbursable from your student account to include music lessons that students may be taking from a variety of instructors in the local area. This change will hopefully make it a little easier for students to commit to music lessons and encourage them to expand their proficiency on their instruments. A form will soon be released that you will fill out and have the necessary information, amount and signed by your music instructor. We ask that you submit forms on a monthly basis to make the program more manageable for the Financial Secretary, Sandy Bauer. As the reimbursements will go directly to the parent, you will need to pay your instructor at the time of the lesson and then submit for reimbursement. As always, no item can be reimbursed from the student account until your current year and previous years' assessments are paid. We hope you take advantage of the fundraiser system to earn money for your student account towards additional beneficial items such as this.

Car Cruise Flyers Available

There is a supply of car cruise flyers if you are interested in passing them onto friends, family, neighbors, car cruises or to post them at local store boards etc. The car cruise is Oct. 4th and we have had interest in getting the info out there. Please see the dock for the flyers!

5th Annual Big K Car Cruise Your Help is Needed!!!

I know we have barely caught our breath from the Kiski Competition; however, the next big event is the Big K Cruise-In. It is our annual car cruise that will take place on Sunday, October 4th at the High School. This is a great event, last year we had 500+ cars, lot's of food, 50/50, Bake Sale, and a Chinese Auction.

We need your support and are looking for volunteers in the areas listed below. This fundraiser supports our General Fund that helps pay for the trips to our competitions and many other band activities. The Car Cruise is our second largest fundraiser for the season and is essential to the General Fund. Sign Up sheets are on the dock.

Help is needed For (Parents and Students both can sign up): Bake Sale – Food Donations – Concession Stand Workers – Entry Booth – Gate Crew to direct Traffic – 50/50 Sellers – Chinese Auction Donations and Workers

We also need help with the Chinese Auction. We specifically need donations of items to fill the baskets and we need baskets themselves. Here is a list of some suggestions and themes to give you an idea of items you could donate or feel free to create a basket to donate yourself. Additionally, if you know anyone who owns a business or if your employer is willing to donate items for a raffle, please let us know. Suggestions: Kitchen Gadgets, Scrapbooking Items, Movie Night, Lottery Scratch Tickets, School Supplies, Christmas Items, Nascar, Steelers items, Pittsburgh Penguin Items, Hand made Quilt, Gift Certificates

Any questions regarding the Car Cruise, please contact Colleen Blackham 724.727.2492 or at cjblackham@comcast.net

Alle-Kiski Festival Location Change

The Alle-Kiski Festival location has been changed to Penn Hills for this year. The festival is still scheduled for Tuesday, September 22

Chaperone Shirt Available

We have 1 medium chaperone shirt available for purchase. Price is \$15. Please see the dock if you are interested.

Please Make a Calendar Change

The band calendar as well as the school calendar has the dates for Homecoming and Band Night switched. Please make the change of Homecoming to Oct. 2 and Band Night to Oct. 16.

Information E-mail is sent From:
Information@Kiskiareaband.com

September 18, Indiana Away Chaperone's

Chaperone Report Time 5:10 PM
 Student Report Time 5:25 PM
 Depart 6:05 PM

GOLD

Judy Herstek (HC)
 Nancy Brocious (BC)
 Megan Krachanko

GREEN

Amy Sheaffer (BC)
 Penny Stitt (G)
 Juanita Showalter

PURPLE

Colleen Blackham (BC) (G)
 Dana Beatty (DL)
 Rob Beatty

RED

Barb McCoy (BC)
 Audra Lewis (Pit)
 Brian Palmiscino (M)

PICK-UP TRUCK

Rick Blackham (D)(P)
 Rick McWilliams (P)
 Troy Bittinger (P)

BOX TRUCK

Jim Edgar (D)(P)
 Kevin Neely (P)

(HC) Head Chaperone
 (BC) Bus Captain
 (DL) Drum Line Chaperone
 (G) Guard Chaperone

(P) Pit Worker
 (D) Driver
 (M) Medic
 (PIT) Pit Chaperone

All chaperones please wear your yellow chaperone shirt and your name tag. If you cannot serve as indicated please contact Rick McWilliams (724) 733-7918

Sept. 19 Norwin Competition Chaperone's

Chaperone Report Time 5:05 PM
 Student Report Time 5:20 PM
 Depart 5:50 PM

GOLD

Colleen Blackham (HC)
 Judy Herstek (BC) (G)
 Megan Krachanko (Pit)

GREEN

Nancy Brocious (BC)
 Dana Beatty (G)
 Rob Beatty

PURPLE

Nancy Kettering (BC)
 Diane Bollinger
 Penny Stitt (DL)

RED

Sally Painter (BC)
 Helen Murray
 Colleen McWilliams (M)

PICK-UP TRUCK

Chuck Kettering (D) (P)
 Rick Blackham (P)
 Jim Edgar (P)
 Kevin Neely (P)

BOX TRUCK

Tom Stitt (D) (P)
 Rick McWilliams (P)

(HC) Head Chaperone
 (BC) Bus Captain
 (DL) Drum Line Chaperone
 (Pit) Pit Chaperone

(P) Pit
 (D) Driver
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Parade Chaperone's September 19

Rehearsal begins at 8:00 AM

Bring your uniform and a lunch to practice in the morning. We will depart directly from practice and you'll eat on the bus to Avonmore!!

Chaperone Report Time 11:20 PM
 Student Report Leave after Rehearsal
 Depart Immediately

GOLD

Colleen McWilliams (HC)
 Tracy Bittinger (BC)
 Megan Krachanko

GREEN

Nancy Brocious (BC)
 Angie Palmiscno
 Deneen Zimmerman

PURPLE

TBA (BC)
 Dana Beatty (G)
 Diane Bosley

RED

Connie Collini (BC) (DL)
 Nina Feydt
 TBA (M)

PICK-UP TRUCK

Rick Blackham (D)
 Frank Trisoline
 Jim Edgar

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A Big Competition Thank You

Last but not least is the fact that this past weekends' Competition was one of the most successful in recent memory. That just doesn't happen but comes from the fact that many dedicated hard working people in our Booster Organization pitch in and get the work done. There are obviously many people to thank and to do so individually would be next to impossible but I do have to thank a few people who really went the extra mile. Jackie Milheim our Chair and her co-chair Nancy Brocious led our team and put in so many hours that I'm almost afraid to ask how many. Will Milheim was mostly responsible for the programs and they looked great! All of the committee chairs had their particular areas well staffed and running like clockwork. We also had a great lunch headed by Michelle Neely that satisfied a bunch of big appetites. Finally I want to thank the staff for working so hard with our kids to make the Kiski Band what it is and the Kiski band members themselves for giving us a fantastic show that all of us loved. Please keep up the good work and remember we have an upcoming car cruise we need to staff so please continue to be in the volunteer spirit.

Thanks!!

Rick McWilliams

Show Hats Are IN!

This years' Pursuit show hats are in! If you've pre-ordered they're in or if you would like to order a hat they are \$10. Please see the dock for info.

Parent Information

Parents – please review with your band member.

Away Football Games - Report and return times will be in the newsletter and Mr. Pityk will remind band at Thursday night practice.

If you wish to pick up your student after any away function the following process must be followed so the safety of the student is insured.

- When getting on the bus, a note must be given to your student's bus captain from the parent or guardian that requests the pick up. The note must be dated and signed and state who will pick up your student. Only a parent or adult designee is permitted to pick up your student.
- **No boyfriend/girlfriend pick-up is permitted.**
- The student needs to make sure that all of their gear and uniforms are removed from the bus prior to their departure with the adult. Their "stuff", especially electronics, is their responsibility.
- When the parent/adult comes to pick up their child, **they must report to the bus captain to sign out the student prior to their release. They must pick them up at the bus.** We do not know where the buses will be parked, so it is up to you to find the buses. You can usually follow the band out of the event.
- **Please make sure your student has eaten before leaving for any away event.** It can be a long time before they have the opportunity to eat.
- Any earrings or **jewelry** of any type cannot be worn during performances. Please have your student remove and keep their valuables at home. There are 130 students and we cannot be responsible for their personal belongings.
- Students should understand that all long hair must be tucked under their shako (hat) in a ponytail or bun.
- The bus color is simply a way for KAIB to keep track of which students are on each bus for their safety and KAIB reference. **The color order of the buses is always Gold/1st, Green/2nd, Purple/3rd and Red/last.** We do have signs to put on the bus dash, but it will still be difficult to see them in the dark.
- When reporting for away games and competitions, band should come dressed in **white** Tee shirt, bibs, **black socks that come up over the ankle**, **clean** marching band shoes. If it is going to be cold, band may wear any type of long under garments under Tee shirt and bibs. They may want to wear 2 pair of socks or low cut socks under their black crew socks. Bring uniform jacket, gloves, gauntlets in garment bag; bring shako (hat) in hat box. Hand warmers may be brought in their band jacket pocket.
- Snacks, nothing too messy, are permitted on the bus to be eaten **on the way home only** as we don't need any stomach aches from junk. Only **water** to drink so we don't have any uniform emergencies.
- All band members must remain with the band during the entire football game. They are not permitted to go to the concession stands. Snacks are provided after half time from the boosters and students can purchase additional snacks for 25 cents from the boosters. They also will be given water breaks. A

chaperone must accompany band members to the restroom. The chaperone will wait for them and walk back to the stands with them.

- For Guard Members:
- All guard members should arrive fully dressed in uniform with hair and makeup done. Hair style will be determined by instructors prior to the event and communicated at practice.
- All guard should bring their guard bag, windsuit, and section shirt to every football game (and winter band/guard jacket if it is cold).
- The guard's belongings will be transported to the stadium on the trailer while they march in the parade.
- Band is permitted to change **discreetly** on the bus after the game. They can bring sweats or something warm and comfortable to wear home, but please make sure they stay covered while changing. They should wear light shorts under their bibs. They can hold a bag or something in front of their friends while changing.
- Chaperones will notify students about 15 minutes before we arrive back at school. Please ask your students to be respectful to the chaperones and responsible for cleaning up after themselves on the buses. We do pass a garbage can back for any trash.

Competitions

The band really enjoys when their parents come to see them perform. Kiski is usually one of the last bands to perform because they are in the "National" class. For information on schedule or location/directions to event, go to pimba.org and click on the competition.

The Band is judged on appearance as well as performance.

Please make sure uniform is clean. If it rains at the football game the night before, often bottom of bibs and shoes can be muddy. Allow mud to dry and dust off of bibs and wipe the shoes and apply polish or some Vaseline to shine them up. Make sure gloves are clean. The chaperones go around and adjust uniforms and pin up stray hairs.

Chaperones will tell the band when to get into full uniform before arriving at the stadium and students must be quiet when pulling into the school.

When going to a **Regional (Massilon)**, it is a very long day. Please make every attempt to help them be prepared the day before as there is usually a football game the night before. They may wear sweats/pajama bottoms and often bring pillows/blankets to sleep on the buses when it is an **early** departure. They may have a little free time at the stadium, so it would be good for them to have some cash.