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March 2005



Notes From The Conductor's Podium

As I begin this article it is difficult to believe that there are only a little more than ten weeks of school remaining in the 2004/05 school year! It has been a very fast, enjoyable and successful school year in the Kings Music Department.

The staff and underclassmen also must prepare to say goodbye to a GREAT senior class. Their leadership and talent have been exemplary! Hopefully, their influence will continue to be felt during the next three years. Having stated the above, the rest of the year promises to be just as busy.

The Winter Programs, Guard and Percussion, are entering the final phase of their competition seasons. Each group is absolutely wonderful! Please make an effort to see each group sometime during the next few weeks. (Performance dates and site are included in this newsletter in their respective sections.)

By the time you read this article The Cincinnati Honors Youth Brass Band will have performed at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Students from ten area schools will compete at the prestigious NABBA (North American Brass Band Association) competition in the youth division. I am fortunate to be able to conduct this ensemble of outstanding young musicians. Twenty Kings students are members of this ensemble.

During March the High School Symphonic Band will perform with the 8th grade band on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. Two days later the group will perform at the Centerville Concert Band Festival. Kings will perform at 3:00 PM followed by a clinic with one of the adjudicators at 3:30 PM. Both sessions are open to the public.

With KMA's help, I will be hosting the annual Kings Island Music Festival on Saturday, April 16. Choirs and bands from Ohio and neighboring states will perform at Kings. Any student or parent who can help with this annual fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the members of KMA who sent me to Boulder, Colorado on March 4 & 5 to plan next year's competitive marching program with our music and movement designers. We had three excellent meetings and I believe we will have a very entertaining concept that will once again offer our marching band the opportunity to be competitive. We will be announcing the program concept to students and parents as soon as a few more items are finalized.

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In addition, we have begun to recruit 8th grade students to participate in our award winning band. If you know an 8th grade band student or parent, please take a moment to encourage their involvement in the marching band program. Those of us who are involved know that participation in the marching band can be and is a life changing experience!

Thank you for your help and support!

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April Birthdays



- 3 Alex Elkins
- 5 Chris Monjaras
- 6 Suzanne White
- 9 Jonathan Kuykendall
- 9 Lauren Kuykendall
- 10 Michael Carrelli
- 11 Stephanie Holtmeier
- 13 Sam Leopold
- 18 Alisha Hamilton
- 26 Emily Niehaus
- 27 Chris Scavone



From the KMA Presidents

Why should my child join band?

Because May 2009 will be here before you know it and your child will be graduating from high school. When you look back, what kind of experiences did they have? Did they spend their time with a great group of kids and develop long-lasting friendships? Were there teachers who got to know them over the years doing whatever they could to help them succeed? Now is the time for your student to make important choices. If your son or daughter is continuing in instrumental music, you'll be glad they did. If they are also considering joining the marching band, I hope you'll encourage them to say yes. No doubt you've heard of our nationally recognized band, the awards they've received, the impressive venues they perform in and the travel. Those are all good reasons to join, but for my children and most band members I know, they are not the most important reasons. From new band members to alumni, everyone seems to agree on the following top three reasons to join our excellent program.

#1 Friendship. Band members are friends with over 100 kids from all grades. Those friendships continue throughout the school year and everyone watches out for each other, no matter what grade you're in.

#2 Working hard toward a goal and the pride and thrill of achieving it with your friends and staff members you've gotten to know so well.

#3 Fun. From summer band camp to traveling on fall week-ends, band is a lot of fun. Kids wouldn't come back year after year if they weren't having a good time.

Now is the time to carefully consider all the options available to your child. Take the time to seek out accurate information, talk to parents and kids you trust who are a few years ahead of you. Help your child resist making important choices about their high school years based on what their friends are doing. Kings High School offers many excellent programs and it's important for kids to get involved in something. Soon you'll be receiving more information and feel free to contact any of us with questions. We hope you and your child will consider marching band membership - don't miss being a part of it!

Pat and Mike Cope

MARCHING BAND CAMP DATES

Band mini-camp . . . May 31, June 1-2 (Percussion/ Color Guard may have a different schedule)

Band pre-camp . . . July 18-22

Band Camp . . . July 24-29



District Parent Council Report

At the February District Parent Council meeting, Mr. Mason reported that Phase II of the stadium is underway. Another lead issue was found when existing asphalt was uncovered. More lead is expected to be found as old asphalt is torn away. The lead was removed at minimal extra cost. Whenever lead is found, it has to be removed. Phase I is in limbo until the weather clears, the existing field dries and the contractors can pour asphalt. I emphasized the importance of the field being ready for the invitational on Sept. 10th, and Mr. Mason made a note about it.

Mr. Mason also addressed the recent disciplinary issues at the high school, including the drug arrests, a recent fight in the bathroom and the food fight. Some parents have e-mailed asking for a letter to go home, but Mr. Mason said his policy is not to send letters home unless someone brings a gun onto campus or a predator has been caught on campus. It was suggested that a letter go home that does not invade anyone's privacy or interfere with the ongoing investigations but assures parents that students are safe at Kings, there is no rampant drug problem, and that each individual student is being dealt with according to school policy. Mr. Mason was concerned that the media has blown the food fight out of proportion, especially the misleading headline in the Pulse-Journal that read "Food Fight Turns Into Riot" and should have read "Food Fight Leads to Riot Charges." The editor apologized to prosecutor Rachel Hutzel but not so far to the school district. Responding to some parents' concerns that students were charged with crimes, Mr. Mason said the decision to prosecute was made by Ms. Hutzel and that the students were charged with the least serious inducing panic charge, which is a misdemeanor. One student will do community service and pay court costs. The second student had to be restrained, and his case is not resolved. Three students were not disciplined by the school but were in Officer Fain's report, and their cases are pending.

In the drug case, the only substantiation of cocaine possession was that the female student admitted to it. When the report hit the media, the lab tests on the substance had not come back. For students suspected of use or possession

of drugs, they get 10 days of "educational diversion," which if they agree to and complete the program can escape expulsion. Students who get caught a second time are expelled and those caught selling drugs are expelled. In the recent bus crash, the bus was totaled. The other driver was found to be at fault for running a red light. He had no insurance, no driver's license and now cannot be found. No one was seriously hurt; everyone was taken to the hospital to be checked.

Mr. Mason explained the circumstances of the day it began snowing just as the high school buses left the depot. He had been driving that morning and the roads were fine, so there was no need to cancel or delay. When the snow started, the buses were already rolling, so the decision was made to delay only the elementary schools. He said he received many phone calls from parents claiming it was not safe for their students to drive to school. Mr. Mason's advice is to not allow kids to drive on days when parents consider the roads to be unsafe. They can ride the bus, be driven to school by parents or stay home until the roads are clear. No one is marked tardy on inclement weather days.

The recent news of the projected state budgets for the next two years that show a freeze in Kings' funding the first year and a two percent reduction the following year is preliminary and those figures could change.

The school board voted to place the permanent improvement levy on the May ballot. This will not raise taxes but will fund the stadium project. It is very important that it passes, he said.

The sophomores take the Ohio Graduation Test on March 7-11. The freshmen will take a practice test that will be used to determine which students need remediation in certain areas. Freshmen, sophomores and those juniors and seniors who have not passed all portions of the test are required to report to school at the regular time. Juniors and seniors do not have to be at school until 9:30 a.m. that week. Those who arrive at the regular time will have study hall until 9:30. Classes will be shortened, but the lunch and bus schedules will not change.

Denise Manderfield

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AWARDS BANQUET

Tuesday, May 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

Jack Nicklaus Golf Center

Look for more info and reservation forms in next month's newsletter

**This event is for all HS students who have participated in
any HS Band program**

Winter Guard

"Kings...girls in dresses! Amazing!" That's what Tri-State Circuit director Dan Middlesworth says to Jen every time he sees her. And, he's not the only one excited about this year's show. The Tri-State message boards are filled with compliments and favorable reviews for the Kings guard and *Charmed*. Audience members can sense how this group of young ladies works together as a team from the second they take the floor. Before they begin each show they join hands in a circle and they end holding hands once again. It's a beautiful show.

As any band, winter guard, or drumline veteran knows, the show is always a work in progress. After each performance the directors attend a critique session with the judges and show additions/revisions usually follow. This season is no different and many changes have been made since our first WGI Regional in early February. The girls have embraced them and their scores continue to rise. On Sunday, March 6 Kings took first place beating the Northmont High School Guard for the first time this season.

The guard is thrilled to have Elizabeth McClure with them again. Liz, who marched with the girls last year and during color guard season, was so kind to jump in when we had an opening. It's hard to believe she's only been practicing for a few weeks. She's done a fantastic job catching up. Thanks for being there for us Liz!

Chicago was the next stop on our competition trail. The guard participated in the WGI Power Regional in Chesterton, IN on March

12 & 13. A Power Regional is a mini WGI; in some respects it gives the same experience as going to WGI Finals in April. The guards all performed in prelims on Saturday. Those with the best scores advanced to finals on Sunday. There was a double judging panel that evaluated each unit. This means instead of 5 judges, we had 10.

After our prelims performance Kings was in second place with a 78.1, five points behind Kennesaw Mountain High School in Georgia. On Sunday the girls closed the gap a bit raising their score to 81.5, behind Kennesaw's 84.6. They also increased the margin between Kings and the third place guard from .4 to 2.55 points. The crowd loved our show; one lady told our girls she cried when it was over. This was great experience leading up to the UD Arena and our WGI Championship performance on April 9.

In the thank you department ... a HUGE THANK YOU is extended to Ashley Mayne's grandmother. She so generously provided a charter bus to transport the guard and their families to Chicago. The 5-hour ride was a whole lot more fun!

Being part of the Kings Guard is like having another extended family. There is always someone ready to lend a hand or share a laugh. Practice used to be just for the girls, but now days the entire family shows up for the final run-through. On occasion Jen has been forced to turn the lights out to get people to go home. Thanks to all for making this the most *Charming* season ever!



Drumline Duts

"It's not a sprint, it's a marathon." If you've heard any of this year's drumline members, staff or parents talk about the show, this is what you've heard. Each week there has been additions and changes to the show with new music, drill and body movements; evolving uniforms; and more innovative props moved on and off the floor by the growing parent pit crew. There have been victories along the way, but the focus has been working towards the final goal of the best possible performance at the WGI World Finals next month.

At the first WGI Regional of the season on February 12, the ensemble received a 71.2 which included a penalty for an incomplete show length due to the early regional date. The following week at the Central Crossing MEPA competition with more of the show on the floor, the score was a 77.8. After two camp days and much work, the group received an 82.5 at the Tri-State Campbell County show on February 26. Still more changes and the "first ending" led to a score of 82.7 at Centerville. The WGI Regional at Warren Central, Indiana this past weekend was the first head-to-head competition with many of the drumlines we will face at Worlds. After the preliminary round, Kings had a score of 82.7. The next day after a 4:30 a.m. wake-up call and early rehearsal, the final score moved up to 84.3 and Kings finished in 5th place. Now the group will be working on the real ending to the show with their eyes on the finish line — the MEPA Championships at Centerville on April 2nd & 3rd and WGI World Finals on April 14th - 16th.

We are also winding up a few more fundraising projects ... there should be at least one that will appeal to everyone.

NEED CHOCOLATE? The kids are selling candy now through March 21st. Satisfy your craving and support the drumline at the same time.

PLANNING A SPRING SHOPPING SPREE? The drumline and guard are again selling Macy (formerly Lazarus) coupons for the special one-day sale on March 19th. A \$5 coupon is worth \$10 off any \$20 or more purchase at the store; plus it's

good for an additional 15-20% off selected items, and you can enter a drawing to win a \$500 shopping spree.

Contact Debbie Fread (583-9842 or sgt-mom@cinci.rr.com), Connie Holbert (677-2429 or connie@theholberts.com) or any drumline or guard parent to get coupons.

LOOKING FOR AN EVENING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND FUN? Plan to attend the adult BYOB Bunco party on Saturday, March 26th from 7-11 p.m. at the Heritage Green Clubhouse. Cost is \$10/person; please RSVP to Tammy Monjaras (697-1730 or rmonjaras@cinci.rr.com)



Many thanks to Melody Winterink and Maureen Moon for their tireless work on getting the uniforms to actually look like what was ordered; to Jeroen & Melody & Laura Winterink, Doug & Maureen Moon, Len Cornett, and Earl DelVecchio for creating and maintaining the props which receive comments everywhere we go; to the "truck dads" who load and unload everything at least 4 times each weekend; and to all the parents who have fed, chaperoned, assisted and otherwise provided support for the kids and staff.

Recruiting

This is the most important month of the year for recruitment to marching band. Please help! Word of mouth from current band parents to 8th grade parents is the best recruiting tool we have. Please talk it up with your friends and neighbors who have students in the 8th grade band. Remember to emphasize the positive and talk about all the benefits of marching band for you and the students. KHS marching band members have travel opportunities no other Kings student has, compete and perform in a wide variety of venues in front of different judges every competition, learn time management, the values of hard work, discipline and goal-setting and still have time to participate in other extra-curricular activities. Thanks to all of you who have e-mailed me with lists and lists of your children's accomplishments. This will help greatly to impress prospective band families and corporate sponsors. As I said at the last KMA meeting, this is truly a remarkable group of young people. I know how proud you each are individually of your children, and I hope you are as proud of every Kings band member. These are the kids other parents should want their kids to be hanging around with the next four years! Please tell your friends that.

Mr. Mills, Mike Cope and I attended the 8th grade parents' information night at KHS on Feb. 28th. The parents listened to a presentation from the counselors about scheduling and helping their children chooses classes in high school and then were invited to speak to representatives from extra-curricular and academic areas of KHS. Mike, Greg and I were spoke with several 8th grade parents and students, gave them information about camp dates, what happens during 5th and 6th bells, after-school practice requirements and how much fun marching band is! It seems interest is high, and parents have lots of questions. Any opportunity we have of spreading the word is a good thing!

Please plan to attend the joint 8th grade/symphonic band concert on March 22nd in the auditorium. We will have information to share with 8th grade families after the concert, plus some gifts for the students. It's always great to have veteran parents mingling with new parents to answer questions and relay their positive band experiences. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Denise Manderfield



From the Treasurer
Drumline and Winter Guard parents, please check with Bill Nicolai to make sure all fees are paid. Those who still have an outstanding Marching Band fee it is very important to contact Bill immediately.
Thank you
Bill Nicolai
bnicolai@chiquita.com



AND YOU'RE INVITED!

Come and join us for an evening of ADULT fun and games while helping to support the KHS Indoor Drumline

Where: Heritage Green Clubhouse

When: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Saturday, March 26

Cost: \$10 per adult

If you have never played, don't worry ...

It's easy to understand.

It's a game of pure luck, just roll the dice.

It's a good time of laughing, snacking and socializing!

For those that enjoy adult beverages BYOB.

RSVP: Tammy Monjaras
697-1730 or
rmonjaras@cinci.rr.com





Kings "Soccer Sandals"

Spring will be here before you know it and you'll want a pair of Kings sandals to wear to baseball, softball, soccer practices and games. You'll want to wear them all spring and summer! They are so comfortable!

Order a pair today!

| Size | Quantity | Price per pair | Total (Qty. x \$17.00) |
|--|----------|----------------|------------------------|
| Adult S Men's (7-8) or Women's (9-10) | | \$17.00 | |
| Adult M Men's (9-10) or Women's (11-12) | | \$17.00 | |
| Adult L Men's (11-12) or Women's (13+) | | \$17.00 | |
| Adult XL Men's (13-14) | | \$17.00 | |
| Totals | | | |

NAME _____ PH.# _____

ADDRESS _____

Please send cash or check payable to KMA with your order form to:

KMA, 2520 Ashwood Dr., Loveland, Ohio 45140

Call 677-1686 with any questions

Kings Marching Band Dates 2005

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| August 23 | 1 st day of school |
| August 26 | football @ Springboro |
| August 27 | Heritage Parade AM Tag Day PM |
| September 2 | football @ Talawanda |
| September 9 | football - home- Loveland |
| September 10 | Kings Marching Band Invitational |
| September 16 | football - home- Little Miami |
| September 17 | camp day - times TBA |
| September 23-25 | Tennessee BOA Regional |
| September 30 | football @ Wilmington |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Maumee Contest/Cedar Point |
| October 7-8 | Homecoming Weekend |
| October 14 | football @ Norwood |
| October 15 | MSBA Contest @ Mason HS |
| October 21 | football - home -Hamilton |
| October 22 | camp day - time TBA |
| October 28 | football - home - Turpin |
| October 29 | Band @ Class AAA & Open Championship KMA hosts class A Championship |
| November 4 | possible playoff game? |
| November 5 | camp day - time TBA |
| November 11-12 | BOA Grand National Championships @ Indy |



Congratulations to
Eagle Scout
David Leever!

On February 27, 2005, David was presented the Eagle Scout Badge. He is a member of Troop 617. David planted an 1100-ft. long living landscape screen for his church.

David, a senior, is in the Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Cincinnati Youth Honors Brass Band.

Everyone in KMA is proud of all your accomplishments.

Congratulations, David!



Kings Music Association

Marching Band—Concert Band—Jazz Band—Winter Guard—Indoor Drumline

Spring Flower Sale Kick Off March 18th

We are pleased to once again offer top quality plants grown by Oberer's Florist.

Flats of 36 plants — \$13.00 per flat:

Begonias in Red, White and/or Pink

Impatiens in Red, White, Pink, Salmon and/or Mixed

Petunias in Pink, Red & White, Blue & White and/or Mixed

Snapdragons in Mixed Colors

Alyssum in White and/or Lavender

4" Pots—\$2.50 per plant:

Seed Geraniums in Red, White, Pink and/or Salmon

10" Hanging Baskets—\$14.00 each:

Ivy Geraniums in Red, Pink, White and/or Lilac

Rose Fuchsia with Red Centers, White Centers and/or Purple Centers

Impatiens in Red, Pink, Salmon and/or White

Deadline for orders is April 8, 2005

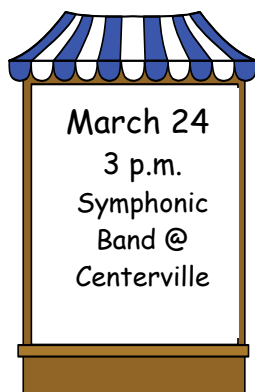
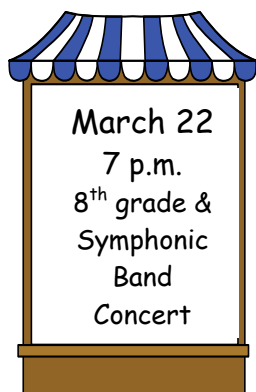
Payment is due when order is placed.

Checks made payable to KMA, no cash please!

**Plants must be picked up on Wednesday, May 11, 2005
4:00-6:00 p.m. KEC Cafeteria**

For more information please contact
Sherri Holzman at 683-6347 or Bitsy Goodwin at 494-2596

Please forward this newsletter to your son / daughter.
The information contained in each newsletter is for BOTH parents and students.



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