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The PHS Boosters Newster

The Bulletin for Band, Drum Line, and Color Guard

Oct 17-30, 2015

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Calendar

Sat Oct 17 ISSMA Regionals @ Central HS in Evansville, IN (See story)

Mon Oct 19
Fundraising Money Due

Practice
Mon Oct 19 3-5 pm
Tues Oct 20 6-9 pm

☺ **Tues, Oct 20, 7:30 PM**
Booster Meeting
Band Room ☺

Practice
Wed Oct 21 Pit orchestra 3-5 pm
Thurs Oct 22 6-9 pm

Fri-Sat Oct 23-24 BOA Indy Super Regional Contest @ Lucas Oil Stadium (details to come)

Practice
Mon Oct 26 3-5 pm
Tues Oct 27 6-9 pm
Wed Oct 28 Pit orchestra 3-5 pm
Thurs Oct 29 6-9 pm

Looking ahead:

Sat Oct 31 ISSMA Semi-State @ Pike HS

Sat Nov 7 ISSMA State @ Lucas Oil Stadium

Marching Band Dues

The marching band fee of \$450 per student is due ASAP. Make checks payable to Plainfield Band Boosters and drop them in the box outside Mr. Carpenter's door. You can also submit payment by credit card on our website [at this direct link](#). If you need to make special arrangements, please contact [Band Booster Treasurer Bill Wolfe](#) to discuss your situation.

Sat Oct 17 By now you should all have received the detailed itinerary from Teri about Sat's ISSMA contest in Evansville. If you need a new copy of the itinerary, [download it here](#). Students must arrive or be dropped off at PHS by 7 am and will return or be picked up from PHS at approx. 1:30 in the morning. Meals will be provided by the Boosters. If you intend to take the trip to cheer the band on, you can find the address and full schedule of bands on the itinerary. Freshman Boosters: This contest is the first of three ISSMA events: Semi-state and State Finals are on the calendar scheduled for Oct 31 and Nov 7. PHS Band has traditionally qualified and performed in the State Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium, so this is an exciting first step.

☺ **Tues, Oct 20, 7:30 PM**
Booster Meeting in
Band Room ☺

Topics will include upcoming "home stretch" season ending marching band contests and "band after marching season." (Spoiler: your student's life stays exciting.) We will also vote for a new VP for the Booster Board.

BOA Indy Super-Regional Contest Weekend @ Lucas Oil Stadium

Expect to see a detailed itinerary from Teri soon. This is a new contest for PHS. The event runs two days, **Fri and Sat, Oct 23 and 24**. Students will be excused from classes to perform Fri for preliminary competition at the Stadium at 3:15 pm. Rankings in the Fri performance will determine if PHS Band returns Sat to compete in the finals.

A note about contest orgs.

The ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association) and BOA (Bands of America) are two different, respected groups that each organize school marching competitions. PHS Band participates in ISSMA competition annually. This year they are competing in the Indy Regional BOA competition for the first time, which will expose students to a variety of bands they do not normally see and better prepare them for ISSMA competition later this month. The results of one have no bearing on the other.

Fundraising Updates

All order money is due Mon, Oct 19.

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Fundraising Updates (con't)

Bev Flanigan will be taking orders for a full array of Spirit Wear, including two new items she will unveil at the Booster meeting Tues Oct 20. This will be the final order before Christmas, so think about your gift list! Orders will be due on the first week of Nov. More details and an order form will be sent in an email update.

Scrip Cards can be purchased from [Amy Griffin](#) during practice every Thurs night. She has an array of \$10 gift cards on hand [or set up your account by following these directions](#). **Remember the Amazon Smile program.** Go to [plainfieldband.org](#) and click the Fundraising tab to learn how to set up accounts for Smiles, Scrip, and Kroger Plus.

President's Corner

Hello Band/Guard Family,

Wow. How is everyone doing? Since the last Booster meeting in September, we've marched in the Quaker Day Parade; held the Buick Drive Event; competed at Avon; participated in two football games; hosted an ISSMA Contest; and held numerous practices. Before our next Booster meeting, we will have had Senior Night and competed in Regionals at Evansville. No wonder I am enjoying relaxing over this Fall Break.

I know that most of you are wondering how we did on the Buick Drive Event. We don't have the final numbers yet; however, we had over 330 drivers during the day on Saturday, Sept. 19, and Buick was trying to get that number up to 400 by the end of the weekend.

We will have final numbers in a few weeks as GM has to go through their verification process.

This past Saturday, as most of you know, we hosted 28 bands for the ISSMA Scholastic Prelims and Open Class Competition. I thought our band was the best!! They sounded and looked wonderful. The competition was a success by all accounts. We will have final numbers at the Booster Meeting this Tuesday, October 20th. By the way, Mark Roath was the winner of the \$50 Scrip Gift Certificate.

The weekend of October 16th is a very busy weekend with Senior Night at the football game and the early morning departure to Evansville. The itinerary for October 17th is on the band website. Please make sure your students arrive at the school on time Saturday morning. We have a tight schedule and need to make sure we leave the school on time.

Also, please continue to encourage your student to do their very best. The ISSMA Regional Competition on Saturday begins the road to the State Competition. If we make it out of Regionals, then we go onto Semi-State. The students were really excited about their performance on Saturday. Keep encouraging them through the practices this week. They are doing a great job and need our support.

Many of you have asked about life after marching band. There is life after marching band --- lots of life and busyness. I plan to talk about that at our next Booster meeting. We also have to vote for our new Vice President at the meeting as well. So, please plan to attend this meeting. We have lots of information to share.

One final reminder: Please refer to the calendar on the band website for practice times and call times this week.

Thank you for all the hard work you have put in during this season. We really appreciate everyone working to make this program a success. We are on the home stretch. Let's cheer on and encourage our students to do their very best during the last part of this marching band season.

[Harriet Doss](#)
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