



A NOTE FROM OUR BAND DIRECTOR:

POST MARCHING SEASON TIPS

Congratulations to our band members and families for completing a successful marching season. As we move to indoor activities, the instruments used in the fall will need some TLC. Woodwind instruments should be taken to a quality repair shop (we use Taylor's Music in West Chester) for a check of their general playing condition. Woodwinds are sensitive to weather and moisture and usually are out of adjustment but the end of the season, making them difficult to play. Brass instruments should be given a thorough cleaning at home. This can be done in a tub or utility sink with dishwashing soap and a cleaning brush. Brass instruments should actually be cleaned monthly, but nobody does. Cleaning mouthpieces and switching out reeds is also a good way of preventing illness, or reacquiring an old cold. Brass can also suffer dents and dings during the season that a repair shop can usually remedy. These low-cost measures at a regular interval can save over more expenses repairs that could otherwise occur.

As the holiday season approaches, upgrades to equipment and instruments, along with private lessons, can unlock the potential of a young musician. If you see a higher level of investment from your child, this is a great way to reward their positive efforts. Please email Mr. Snyder at csnyder@rtmsd.org for help and advice in this area.

Monday's Veterans Day Parade and Fall Concert marked the end of the Fall Marching Band season. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, friends and family who supported Penncrest Band! Whether you chaperoned a football game, at a fundraiser, baked a sweet treat, donated a case(s) of water or did all of the above, your time, effort and willingness to help is GREATLY appreciated!

The 23rd Annual Craft Show is , Nov. 17th. Kick off your holiday shopping just by wandering the halls of Penncrest High School!! Lunch items will be available for purchase at the Bass Clef Cafe (a.k.a the teachers' lounge in the school cafeteria), sweet treats will be available at the bake table, Wawa hoagie coupons will be on sale (they make great stocking stuffers), Penncrest Band swag will also be on sale. We'll even have a limited number of red band hoodies for sale, so if your child doesn't have one yet...consider giving one as a holiday gift! The Craft Show hours are 10:00a.m. - 4p.m.

All band and colorguard members are required to work a shift during the Craft Show. Student sign-up sheets are hanging in the band room. Students should wear their red band shirt (or hoodie if they have one) so they can be easily identified by a crafter who may need help. Students should direct any questions re: the Craft Show to their section leaders.

It's that time to be thinking about winter and the holiday season. We have an online store open now, but it ends the day before Thanksgiving so the orders can arrive by Christmas. Unfortunately, gifts will not be available before Hanukkah due to how early it occurs this year.

The link for the store is;

<http://brothersscreen.tuosystems.com/stores/penncrest-music>

If you have any questions, feel free to text Jen Deutsch at [908-343-0274](tel:908-343-0274) or e-mail me at jldtherapy@yahoo.com.