

Patriot Notes

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 NEWSLETTER

Wow – It’s September Already!!!

August has flown by and we apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. Fortunately, your restless nights waiting on the latest edition of Patriot Notes are OVER!!! Beth has been busy wearing many hats, so her husband is her ghost writer this month. You may notice a slight change in writing style, assuming you get past this paragraph. So, get comfortable, we’ve got five or six weeks’ worth of material to cover!

Much has been going on with the PHS Marching Band already. This past weekend, the band made a very strong showing at the Wilco Exhibition with an exciting and energetic competitive show. The band has performed movements one through three so far at home football games as well, and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing movement four soon. Congratulations to the PHS Marching Band – your hard work is paying off!



Fron-semble warming up before the Wilco Exhibition



Color Guard warming up before masses of adoring fans.

REMEMBER: Homecoming Football Game for PHS is this Friday (September 16). Although the band will be playing for homecoming activities and in the stands, they will not be performing their competitive show.

Our next Competition is right around the corner (if you consider I-840 to be a corner). Come support the band at the Stones River Championship at Siegel High School in Murfreesboro on **September 24.**

THANK YOU TO OUR 2022-2023 BAND SPONSORS!!!

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 22 – MARCH-A-THON
 Plans are in the works for neighborhood parades and concerts as a community outreach & FUNdraiser.

SIGN – UP CENTRAL!

Want to have even MORE fun with the band and get to know the other band parents? Want to learn the secret handshake? Do we have opportunities for you?!!

Seriously, it takes an army to run this operation. Despite rumors to the contrary, Mr. Kollmeier is only one person and cannot possibly do all this on his own. *So, we need YOU! You need US! We need EACH OTHER!!!*

Concessions! This is a HUGE fundraiser for the band. Last year, **concessions netted us around \$32,000 after expenses** That's \$32,000 worth of matchsticks, oven mitts and sofa doilies that we didn't have to sell to our neighbors. Seriously, don't these people look like they're having fun? Of course they do. Good times indeed.



Sign up at the links below:

[Varsity Football Concessions](#)

[JV/Freshman Concession](#)

[Page Middle Championship - Concessions](#)

Chaperones! Do you miss the worry free days of your youth riding a school bus? Want to wield the power of toting a clipboard and a first aid kit? BOOM – this is IT! Remember, you must be a Level 3 Volunteer to be a chaperone. Sign up for [Football Games](#) (home and away) and for [Competitions](#).

Props, Props and more Props! Some of the more eagle-eyed spectators have noticed that the band show uses seven giant remote controls and two large solo-platforms. The band needs volunteers at each home game, plus two away games and ALL COMPETITIONS to move the props on and off the field. As a bonus, you get to be right next to the on-field action. It's a LOT more comfortable than sitting in the bleachers with someone's knees jammed into your back, and haven't you always wanted to push a seven-foot tall remote control onto a football field?

Bucket list item checked off, and you get to work with this savory bunch of characters:



Sign up to work with props below:

[Prop Crew - Competitions](#)

[Prop Crew - Football Games](#)

Band Meals. No, not Banned Meals. BAND Meals. A marching band moves on its stomach as much as its feet. And while that might seem medically impossible, it's a universal truth. And have you SEEN how much food a group of hungry teenagers can put away?!! No, you don't have to cook the meals, we just need volunteers to help serve and clean up. Thanks to Kathy Cumbie, all of the meals are already provided by sponsors. Sign up [HERE](#).

Thank you to the Band Staff for all of your help this year. We appreciate your dedication and hard work. In addition to Bethany Roth, who directs our Color Guard, our staff includes (left to right): Carolina Herrera, Sarah Potts, Drew Hammer, and Sophia Suante.



PAGE BAND SPIRIT STORE
Still Open!

Click [HERE](#) to access our Spirit Store! All proceeds benefit the Band boosters. Show shirts and hats are still available. More designs and cool weather gear coming soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MAN IN CHARGE!

Some of you may not know this, but *Mr. Kollmeier has a birthday too!* The band presented Mr. Kollmeier with a regulation-sized cupcake, balloons and various and sundry other items, along with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to celebrate the occasion this past Saturday before the Wilco Exhibition.



Happy Birthday Mr. Kollmeier!

Mark Your Calendars...

Ever wonder how the other band parents keep up to date on the latest scheduling? Mystery solved! – it's the **BAND CALENDAR**: <https://www.fredjpageband.com/calendar>

Significant upcoming dates:

September 16 – Homecoming

September 17 – Saturday Band Camp; 8-3

September 23 – Football Game: PHS @ Giles County

September 24 – Stones River Championship

September 30 – Football Game: PHS @ Columbia Central

October 1 – Sonic Boom Contest @ Franklin High School

October 7 – Football Game: PHS @ Nolensville

October 10-14 – Fall Break!

October 21 – Football Game: PHS hosts Independence;
Eighth grade Band Tailgate (8th grade joins PHS Band)

October 22 – March-a-Thon!

October 28 – Football Game: PHS hosts Lincoln County (not the whole county though). Also, Senior Night!

October 29-30 – Bands of America Regional Competition!

October 31 – Breathe a sigh of relieve and consume a metric ton of candy for Halloween!

Amazing, and Thank You!

FUNDRAISING! Thank you to Merilee Singletary for coordinating the sponsorship drive. Under your direction, the band raised \$24,500 in cash and in-kind donations! A shout-out to everyone who made calls and contacted potential sponsors.

FLAGS, FLAGS, SO MANY FLAGS! Thank you to Angela Dyer, Jason Coleman, and Brian and Kate Castro for managing the flag service and to all of the band parents and students who placed and removed flags. Again, this is a HUGE fundraiser and is much appreciated by the community.

WILCO FAIR: Many thanks to Sheri Meyerhoff and Romana Ullah for coordinating our Wilco Fair activities (with a special shout-out to Kim Miles, who filled in for both as needed). Its always hectic right at the beginning of the school year and we appreciate you and all the volunteers who worked the ticket booths!

CONCESSIONS: A HUGE Thank you to Kim Miles for coordinating the concession stand this year. In case you have been living on another planet for the past two months, *Kim is still looking for someone to help coordinate the JV games and the possible middle school championship game.* As Kim says, "it's the most rewarding thing I've ever done as a volunteer". * So there you have it.

PROPS ON THE PROPS: Thank you to the props team, managed by Holly Hintz and Gary Coin, along with Jason Coleman, Angela Dyer, Linda Holihan, Bryan and Travis Baker and Roman Kickirillo. In case you missed it, all of our remote props were adopted – check out the "Powered by..." signage at the next performance.

* Very loose interpretation of actual quote

UPCOMING TRIP TO BOA AND SIX FLAGS

Sara has created an information page for all of the weekend's activities within the member's section of our webpage. Find all of the information on tickets, hotels and itinerary at: <https://www.fredjpageband.com/members-boa-weekend>

Please note that Six Flags now has a no-cash policy for all purchases in the park, including food and souvenirs. Credit and debit cards accepted, and they do have machines to convert cash to debit cards. Like a reverse ATM.