

Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fife & Drum Corps

Newsletter

June, 2010

RECENT EVENTS

The Memorial Day Parade

Extravaganza! What a fantastic job you all did! The compliments have been pouring in right and left on how great you look, how professional you sounded and how much you all brought to the parades over this past weekend. Nice job! It was a bit sad to say good bye to Robert, but nice to be able to render a salute as we marched by him down in Simsbury. It was also nice to see Zach & Nicole stepping up to the plate, as they continue to prepare to take the reins as our new corps Majors. And Mollie is spinning that espontoon like a pro already! If the rest of the parade season is anything like this weekend we are going to have an awesome summer!



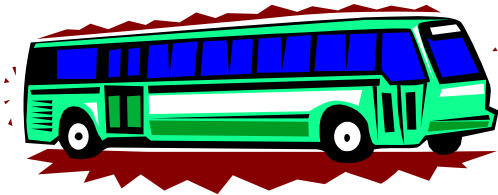
Thank you to Mrs. Puskar for coordinating our drivers over the weekend and also to Mrs. Bigus and Mrs. Wineman for coordinating all the food. Thanks to our chaperones, our drivers and all the parents to come along to lend a hand. Thanks also to Mrs. Bigus for coordinating our Lemon Shake Up booth and for making the awesome bus sign. We received \$300 in donations that day! Thanks to Mrs. LaPointe for getting water up to the Granby Cemetary and Mrs. Puskar for bringing it down to the start of the Simsbury Parade. Thanks to everyone who pitched in on the craziest weekend of the whole parade season!



Finally, please be sure to thank your instructors! They are there every week pushing and encouraging you, so that when you are out there in front of the crowds of thousands you look and sound maaarvelous!

Go check out the pictures on-line!





An Update on the Bus Situation. Plans are well underway for our Holcomb Farm Fundraiser and all families should have their tickets to sell by now. Remember, each member needs to try and sell five tickets in order for us to meet our target of 200 tickets sold. Please also keep in mind

that the closer the event date gets, the more difficult it will be to sell those tickets so don't delay! Right now Mr. Lampert is leading the charge and has sold 13 tickets. Go Mr. Lampert! Actually, Mr. Lampert went. He's in California checking on some potential bus candidates for us, so that hopefully when we reach our fundraising goal we won't have to wait any longer to hop on the new bus and get moving. We'll schedule another parent meeting to update everyone on where we stand with the fundraising and to check on the progress for the Holcomb Farm Fundraiser. Please bring your money from ticket sales to practice each week so we can track our sales progress!

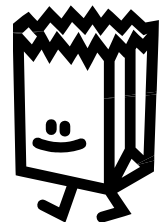
Soy Candle Fundraiser – Look for a breakdown of the amount you earned for your Enrichment Account in the next few weeks. I know we said that last month, but we sort of got distracted...we being me and the mouse in my pocket.

Upcoming Performances & Events:



Gaspee Days Parade in Warwick Rhode Island – followed by a trip to Misquamicut Beach! – Yes, we are still heading to the beach bus or no bus. Please be sure to bring your swim suit, towel and sunscreen along with a change of clothes. Hopefully Clayton will remember pants this time.

Meals on Wheels – Please be sure to let Mrs. Bigus & Mrs. Wineman know if you are planning to bring your own meal to our events. Also be sure to remember to turn in your \$5 *before* the day of the event. We are providing delicious low cost fare, but will only be able to do that as long as everyone is pitching in and letting us know what to expect. Thanks!



Marquis Summer Trip to New Hampshire – Deposits have been placed and the campsite is reserved for our summer trip! More details will be released soon, along with the preliminary itinerary, but the trip will include a week of camping, swimming, tubing on the rivers, hiking, sightseeing and a ride up the Cog railway to the top of Mount Washington. Remember, the full amount of the trip is due by July 1st

Newsletter Help Wanted! We're going to try something new here. Marquis members will be encouraged to write the monthly history lesson in the form of an essay, which should be submitted to Mrs. Lampert by the last Wednesday of the month. Topics can be suggested an approved, or you can ask for ideas (we have plenty.) In December, the Marquis Board will vote on the "best" history lesson of the previous year and the author of that essay will receive a \$100 contribution to their Enrichment Account. Please email Mrs. Lampert to let her know you would like to submit something and she'll let you know which month you can have.



Leadership Classes are underway! We'll finish up this year's Leadership Classes with the final two sessions on Public Speaking this month. If you were not able to join in this time around, the program will be offered again next winter.

Marquis Website – Is now updated! Please check out our new page on the Bus Capital Campaign!

Parents Corner –

Practice at the Lamperts – On Wednesday, June 16th we will be moving practice to the Lampert house again because the church is hosting an overnight group of cross country bikers who are raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

Update on the Bus – On Wednesday, June 23rd we will hold a meeting at 6:45 pm to update everyone on the fundraising efforts for a new bus, and also just make sure that we have all of our bases covered for the Holcomb Farm fundraiser on July 10th. We'll need people to set up and clean up afterwards, and we'll also likely need a couple of adults to tend the bar. The meal will be fully catered so no work there! Lots of little details will be given so please try to stop in. I promise we'll keep it to under an hour!

Annual Bus Drill – for our new parents, please do not be alarmed if you come to pick your child up on June 9th and find the entire Corps is missing. We will be holding our annual bus safety drill and will be back at the church by 8:30 pm.

2010 Parade Season Chaperones & Drivers – The schedule is posted on-line. If you want to chaperone a specific parade, please email Mrs. Lampert ASAP so she can fill in the slots for the season as soon as possible. If you have never chaperoned before, we'll be happy to fill you in on the process.

Marquis Board of Directors Update – Please be aware that Mrs. Lampert's two year term as the Marquis Director has come to an end (all Board positions are for two year terms which need to be either renewed or replaced at that interval.) This means the Board will need to either re-confirm her as the Director or select a new Director at the next Board Meeting. If you have comments or concerns about this, please contact a Board member to discuss.

The 2010 Preliminary Performance Schedule is here! Updates will be included each month and the schedule is also posted to our on-line calendar where you will find detailed info on departure times, what to bring, etc.

Marquis Hotline: 860-604-5070
(call for last minute updates to attendance changes)
Mrs. Lampert's email: Director@MarquisofGranby.org

<http://www.marquisofgranby.org/Calendar.html>

Date	Event	Event Type	City	State
Saturday, June 12, 2010	Gaspee Days Parade	Parade	Warwick	RI
Sunday, July 04, 2010	4th of July Parade	Parade	E. Longmeadow	MA
7/13-7/17, 2010	Fyfe & Drum Camp	Camp	Ivoryton	CT
Saturday, July 17, 2010	Deep River Ancients Muster	Muster & Parade	Deep River	CT
Saturday, July 24, 2010	Nathan Hale Muster	Muster & Parade	Coventry	CT
Sunday, July 25, 2010	Nathan Hale Muster	Muster & Parade	Coventry	CT
Sunday, August 08, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Monday, August 09, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Wednesday, August 11, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Thursday, August 12, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Friday, August 13, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Saturday, August 14, 2010	Marquis Summer Trip			
Saturday, August 28, 2010	National Muster	Muster & Parade	Westbrook	CT
Friday, September 10, 2010	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Saturday, September 11, 2010	Windsor Fife & Drum Corps	Muster & Parade	Windsor	CT
Friday, September 17, 2010	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Friday, September 24, 2010	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Saturday, September 25, 2010	Founders Day Parade	Parade	Lee	MA
Sunday, September 26, 2010	Mum Festival	Parade	Bristol	CT
Sunday, October 10, 2010	New Haven Columbus Day	Parade	N Haven	CT
Sunday, November 07, 2010	Veterans Day Parade	Parade	Enfield	CT
Thursday, November 11, 2010	Veterans Day Parade	Parade	Springfield	MA
Sunday, November 14, 2010	First Church Performance & Coffee	Other	N Granby	CT

