

# TUNES FROM THE CELINA BANDS

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2008

## Director's Notes

By Chuck Sellars,  
Band Director

As I am writing this, we are in the last week of what has been an outstanding season for the Celina High School Marching Band. Our students have performed well, and they all should be proud. Of course, this Marching Band season is about to go into overtime as we will soon begin preparing for our performance in the "Disney Dreams Come True" Parade at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Likewise, the Jazz Band is already preparing for its concert at "Cosmic Ray's Starlight Cafe." If their hard work and record this season are any indication, both of these performances should prove to be both excellent and exciting.

The high level of performance quality we've enjoyed this fall is the direct result of a group effort involving students, directors, and parents. I have noticed a definite decrease in the number of requests to be excused from rehearsals and performances this fall, and this kind "prioritization" of our group is having a direct and positive impact on the quality of our performance.

Once Marching Band season is over, the work doesn't stop. It just changes. Once we get past the Florida Trip, everyone will perform a chair placement audition for Concert Band seating. Then, we all will be preparing for Solo & Ensemble Contest, while also gearing up for OMEA Large Group (Concert Band) Contest, where our goal, of course, is to earn a SUPERIOR rating.

Another fun and exciting part of the winter months is Pep Band Season (some call it Basketball season, but what do they know!) Membership in the Pep Band is open to anyone who is enrolled in the Band program, however, due to limited space, priority is given to our most advanced players based on

instrumentation. Sign-up is underway, and after we get back from Florida, we will announce the roster.

I hope you are excited about the rest of the year. We're off to a great start. Let's keep the ball rolling!

Chuck Sellars

## INSPIRATION CORNER

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday, in your life, you will have been all of these."

*George Washington Carver*

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### Important Dates-Fall/Winter 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Nov.	11	10:30 AM	Veteran's Day Service
	11	12:00 noon	Depart for Florida
	16	6:00 PM	Arrive @ CHS from Florida
	20	7:00 PM	Marching Band Final Concert
	22	All Day	OMEA District III Honors Band Auditions
	29	11:00 AM	Reindog Parade (Jazz Band)
Dec.	2	2:30 PM	Pep Band Rehearsal (till 3:45)
	7	2-5 PM	D3 Jazz Band Rehearsal @ Elida
	11	2:30 PM	Pep Band rehearsal
	12	6:30 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. Linden McKinley
	13	1-4 PM	D3 Honors Concert Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert
	20	7:00 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. Marion Local
Jan.	9	6:30 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. St. Marys
	10	7:00 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. St. Henry
	10	9AM - 3PM	D3 Honors Concert Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert
	11	2-5 PM	D3 Jazz Rehearsal @ Bluffton
Jan.	17	7:00 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. Rogers
	22	6:30 PM	Pep Band - Girls' BB
	24	ALL DAY	HS Solo & Ensemble Contest

25	2-5 PM	D3 Jazz Rehearsal @ Elida
30	6:30 PM	Pep Band - BB vs. Kenton
30	4-6 PM	D3 Jazz Rehearsal @ Lima Civic Center
31	9AM - 3PM	D3 Honors Band Rehearsal @ Lima VMCC

### **Newsworthy Notes:**

#### Special Florida Trip Information

Detailed final information was sent home with the band students a couple of weeks ago (there is just too much of it to include here), and I will send it again with who ever needs it, however, the important highlights are below:

1. On Tuesday November 11, students should bring all luggage, instruments, pillows, etc. to the band room before school starts.
2. Because our departure day is also Veteran's Day (November 11), we will first perform at the Veteran's Day Service at the Veteran's Memorial. We will leave school at approx. 10:00, and return around 11:15.
3. Upon returning from the Memorial Service, students will eat lunch in the Cafeteria.
4. At 12:00, Motor Coaches will arrive for loading.
5. 12:30 - DEPART FOR FLORIDA!
6. Bring extra money for Meals on the road - we will eat Supper and Breakfast on the way down, and Breakfast and Lunch on the way home.
7. Students may bring **one suitcase, one carry-on bag, their instrument, and a pillow.** NO instruments not used for our performances (guitars, etc.) - there isn't room.

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- 8. Students should pack their swimsuit, medications, any desired toilet articles, etc. in their carry-on bag. No one will be able to get to their suitcases until we arrive at the hotel (i.e. **after** the beach and Kennedy Space Center - see itinerary).
- 9. Students using over-the-counter medications should bring a note from a parent authorizing use.
- 10. We will return around 5:30 or 6:00 on Sunday November 16. Students will be advised to use cell phones to call home and let parents know when we are getting close to home.



## MARKET DAY NEWS!!!!



After this school year in May 2009, my son will be graduating. This means the Band Boosters will need a new chairperson for the Market Day program. I would love to start the process of "passing the torch" to the new Market Day Chairperson as soon as possible.

Market Day has been a very "easy" and profitable fundraising program for the band boosters raising nearly \$5,000 over the last three years simply by encouraging our band parents and the community to buy some of their monthly groceries through the Market Day program.

Please consider being a part of your child's High School Band experience by taking a role in this program. I will be happy to work with you over the next few months as you prepare to lead this effort...it really is very easy!

Please give me a call or a-mail me if you're interested or if you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

*Margaret Baskett*

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**Celina Band Boosters Meeting Dates**  
**for the 2008-2009 school year:**  
*ALL meetings are held in the Celina High School Band Room at 7:00 PM*

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MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS AND  
PLAN TO ATTEND!!!  
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- Tuesday, November 18, 2008**
- December - NO MEETING**
- Tuesday, January 20, 2009**
- Tuesday, February 18, 2009**
- Tuesday, March 17, 2009**
- Tuesday, April 21, 2009**
- Tuesday, May 19, 2009**
- No meeting in June & July**
- Start back up on**
- Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

**2008-2009**  
**Celina Band Booster Officers:**

President	Carol Rison
Vice President	Jane Hole
Secretary	Teresa Burckholter
Treasurer	Connie Rose

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## 2008 Marching Band Season memories!!!

The Celina High School Marching Band  
at Bowling Green State University – October 18, 2008

