

**WELCOME TO THE WALT
WHITMAN BPA 2015/2016 SEASON
EYES WITH PRIDE!**



THE NEW BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU!!

Co-Presidents – Michele Reilly and Catherine Grey

Secretary – Sharon White

Treasurer – Geriann Clark

Historian – Karen Riha

- We are very excited!
- This will be a year of change!
- We want to make this year the best it can be for the children!!



BAND CAMP

- This year it's being held at the school.
- Thursday Aug. 13th through Sunday Aug. 16th. Check the calendar, website, or Facebook page for times.
- Cost - \$92.00 per child (This includes several fees towards the upcoming competitions).
- Check the website for a full schedule.
- Parent show Sunday 6:00 followed by a dinner. Try to attend it's really fun!!



BAND PARENT BREAKFAST

Every year we have a traditional breakfast for the parents the day before the first competition.

We have a new venue this year so we're going to try something new.

Date: Saturday, August 15th

Time:

Place:

Try and come. It's a great way to get to meet some of the new (and old) band parents , share a mimosa and to get excited for our upcoming season!



COMPETITIONS

This year is a new venue for us all!!

- Our venue this year is **US BANDS**.
- The schedule for competitions is on the eboard, webpage and will be on our Facebook page.
- There will be a fee to get into the competitions.
- Try and sit with everyone. We love to cheer and scream for our band!!!
- Try to utilize the Facebook page to arrange for carpooling if necessary.
- Full uniform for all competitions.
- **Two** overnights this year:
 1. **Annapolis** – 10/30 – 11/1 (Actual competition is 10/31)
 2. **Allentown** – 11/7 (Actual competition is 11/8. They will be returning that same night. ** Please note this is written wrong in the calendar. Make the proper correction.



PARADES

The students are expected to attend all parades.

Huntington Awareness – September 12th

Columbus Day – October 11th

St. Patrick's Day – TBD

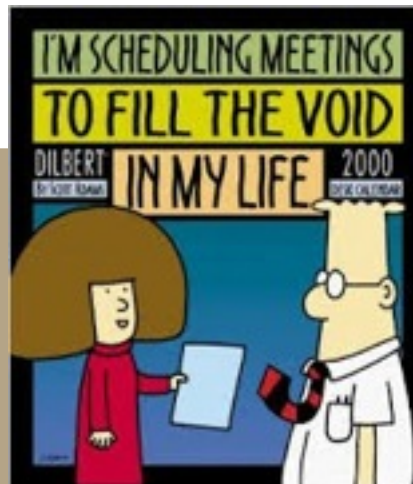
Memorial Day – TBD



BPA MEETINGS

The dates for our scheduled meetings are in the parent guide and will be on the website and the facebook page.

- We want to start all meetings on time.
- We will be trying to make the meetings relevant.
- Please try to attend and get involved. We're going to need help to make this a successful season!!



BPA MEMBERSHIP

We hope every parent will consider joining the BPA!!

- Dues - \$20.00 per family
- Dues should be paid by September 30th.
- A family must be in good standing in order
- to vote on any BPA issue.



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KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES

WEBSITE

We have a new BPA website. It's really beautiful. Don't forget to check it out:

Also, a new BPA email:

Also, don't forget to join our NEW FACEBOOK PAGE:

[Walt Whitman BPA 2015/2016 Season](#)



BANQUET

We will be having our banquet at the end of our season this year

- **Date:** Saturday, November 21st.
- **Place:** Whitman North Cafeteria – It will be decorated really nicely!
- Parents will be invited for an awards ceremony and slide show to be held in the PAC.
- Everyone will then be invited back to the cafeteria for dessert and coffee.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the BPA awards a number of scholarships to deserving seniors.

The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will depend on the amount of funds in our account.

New Scholarship Procedure:

- The students will apply for the scholarship by filling out an application.
- The application will be **anonymous**.
- We will be asking three parents or teachers to review the **anonymous applications** and award the scholarships accordingly.
- The Marching Band Scholarships will be awarded at the Walt Whitman Senior Scholarship Awards night with the rest of the high school community.



STUDENT ACCOUNTS

- Each student has their own individual account with the BPA. All the money they raise goes into that account.
- They can use that money for anything associated with the marching band
 - Ex: shoes, spirit wear, overnight hotel accommodations, etc.
- Geriann (our treasurer) can let you know at any time how much money your child has in their account.



Student Accounts

FUNDRAISING

**WE PUT THE
FUN
IN FUNDRAISING**

We have tried to give parents a choice when it comes to fundraising.

We are going to offer many ways to fundraise for your individual student.

We are also going to be holding group fundraisers to try to raise money for our general BPA fund. We hope you will support these efforts as well.

Individual Fundraisers Include:

- Candy sale
- Yankee candle sale
- Cookie dough sale
- Gift card sales
- Car Washes

Group Fundraisers Include:

Car Wash/Flea Market

Restaurant Nights

Paper Shredding

Who's Got Talent???

Giuseppe's Car Wash

Pampered Chef

Amazon Smiles



CAR WASHES



- The children will be credited a certain amount per hour, depending upon how much we make for the day.
- We ask that you commit to a **minimum of 3 hours**.
- Please be sure the children realize that they will be **expected to work, not just socialize!**



WHO'S GOT TALENT????? FUNDRAISER

This is our big group fundraiser we're planning.

We will be having a **talent show for anyone from Kindergarten - 100 .**

Choosing 20 acts by audition.

Various "local" judges.

To Crown the most talented in South Huntington.

Planning on raffles, prize baskets, etc.

Date: Friday, October 2nd

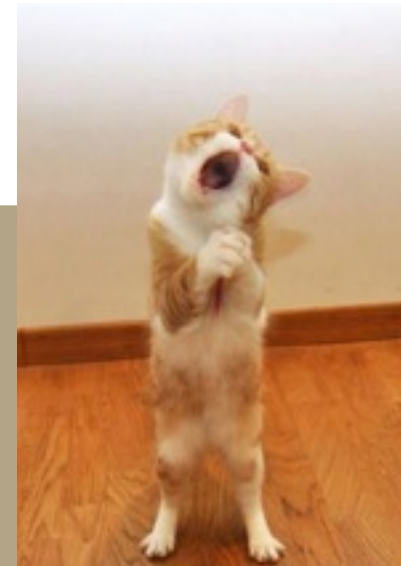
Place: Walt Whitman PAC

Time: TBD



VOLUNTEER!!!!!! PLEASE!!!!

- **There are sign up sheets here tonight.**
- **Please sign up to volunteer for one of the many things we need help with.**



SPIRIT WEAR

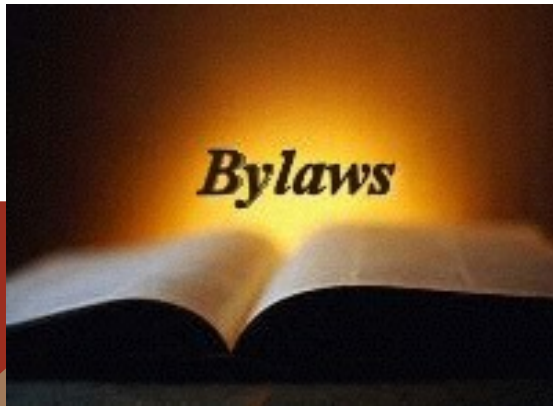
- We are looking for a volunteer to organize the spiritwear sale for this year.
- Each child will be receiving a collared polo shirt from the band to wear at parades in lieu of their uniform. This will be paid for by the district.
- They will receive a show shirt.
- The BPA will be paying for the students shirts.
- Extra shirts will be available for purchase.

**Our New
Logo!**



NEW BYLAWS

- We have reviewed and revised the bylaws for the BPA.
- Please be sure to take a copy tonight for your family.
- We are asking that any suggested amendments be emailed to the board no later than August 10th.
- We will have a vote for the new Bylaws for all current paid members at our August 13th meeting.



TREASURY REPORT

- We have current treasury reports for the BPA available for you tonight.
- Please take a copy to review if you would like.



**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are pleased to have the following
guest speakers with us tonight!!!!

Welcome Mr. Deitz and Dr. Bennardo!!!

