

## THSGEMB QuickNote: Raffle Details

*(Editor's Note: For the uninitiated, we conduct a raffle each year. The proceeds from this raffle are a significant source of income for the band. Obviously, the more families that sell 100 (or more!) tickets, the better the finances of the band will be with less reliance on other forms of fund raising.)*

We are ready to hand out raffle tickets this week. The dates/times are at the end of this note. We would like to sell all 20,000 tickets that were printed! We are asking that each FAMILY try to sell 100 tickets. Currently there are 115 families in the band. We are hoping to sell the remaining tickets at various events such as the Memorial Day Parade, The Westfield Mall and the High School Cafeteria. Your student CANNOT sell the tickets without parental supervision unless they are at least 18 years old.

There are different ways you can sell your tickets. You can sell them to friends and family or you may sell them at one of the pre-arranged selling areas around town. You must sign up to sell your tickets at one of these areas. It's very simple to do. Just pick a day from one of the various sign-up sheets made available to you when you pick up your tickets this week. We will be selling at places such as Trumbull Stop & Shop, Porcelli's, People's Bank, Old Town Restaurant, and many more places to be announced. The times available to sell are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are unable to get a shift in April there will be more dates available in May.

Because the raffle is regulated by the State of Connecticut there are certain rules which must be followed especially when handing out the tickets, selling and returning the sold/unsold tickets. By following these few simple rules the raffle can go off without a hitch and the band can have a successful fundraiser.

### **Raffle Rules:**

A parent/guardian signature is required when picking up the raffle tickets if the student is under the age of 18.

There are two portions to each ticket: the stub and the ticket itself. **All stubs must be returned to the Band.** All the stubs are then put into a container the night of the drawing in order to choose the winning entry.

The State of Connecticut requires that each ticket is filled out completely and legibly and that **NO STICKERS/LABELS** are used. These can come off the ticket which would make it impossible to contact the winner.

All stubs and any unsold tickets must be returned by June 1, 2009 along with the checks/money you have collected. If you prefer you can return one check that equals the total proceeds you have collected.

**Marketing Tips/Marching Band Rules:**

If you are selling out in public remember to bring a table, make a sign or poster or use props such as your instrument, your helmet or set up a DVD player and show one of the bands performances. Be creative.

Remember to always be polite and courteous. You are representing the Band and your High School.

Tickets can be picked up on the following days:

Tuesday, March 31st from 4:45-6:00 PM-look for Norma Zwart.

Tuesday, March 31st from 8:00-9:00 PM-look for Nancy Entwistle.

Thursday, April 2nd from 8:00-9:00 PM-look for Leah Taylor Fernandes.

We will be parked near the entrance to the band room.

If you are unable to pick up your tickets any of these/days times please contact Norma at [NormaZwart@aol.com](mailto:NormaZwart@aol.com) to arrange for a different time/place if necessary.

Good luck!

Norma, Nancy and Leah, THS 2009 Raffle Committee.