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Alumni Invited To Join The Band At Council Rock North Homecoming Game

Dust off your old instrument and play with the band – or just sit in – on Friday, Oct. 21 at Walt Snyder Stadium in Newtown.

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Council Rock alumna Christy Milliken, who was drum major in 1986, is now the assistant band director for the Council Rock North Marching Band. (Courtesy of Christy Milliken)



NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP, PA — Were you in the marching band at Council Rock, or later when it became Council Rock North? Are you looking for a great seat on the 40-yard line for this year's homecoming game on October 21? Do you have a burning desire to play “Louie Louie” ONE MORE TIME?

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The Council Rock North Band Parents Association can make those dreams come true.

For a \$25 donation, alumni can get a ticket to the game, sit in the stands with the band, and support the football team by helping to belt out stand tunes, which may include a few blasts from the past. The fundraiser will help the band meet expenses for equipment, transportation, and other costs amid a busy competition and performance season.

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A couple of alumni are directly involved in this year's band and are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces. Assistant band director Christy Milliken was drum major at Council Rock in 1986-87, and CRNBPA President George Stockburger V served as drum major in 1984-85.

"Marching band for us as students really was a community, where we developed lifelong friendships, and many of us still keep in touch 30 or 40 years later," said Stockburger, who noted that one of his sisters met her future husband in the trumpet section. "We really are the face of school spirit. We're

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out there supporting the football team, marching in parades, and winning trophies at competitions.”

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So buy a new reed, oil up that slide or those valves, and maybe practice a few paradiddles and you can say, “I’m with the band!” If you played a large instrument – like a bari sax, contra horn or quads – and don’t have one at home, the Music Department has graciously offered to make some instruments available. Color guard alumni are also welcome to sit in with current members and compare notes.

“Even if you don’t play anymore, come and join us in the fun,” Stockburger added. “Our current band members are excited to meet those who marched before them as the tradition continues.”

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The homecoming game pits Council Rock North against Hatboro-Horsham. The marching band performs its 2022 pregame show “Unbridled,” under the direction of Wayne Bishop, ahead of kickoff on Friday, October 21. The high school is located at 62 Swamp Rd., Newtown 18940.

Band alumni can register at www.crnband.org/store. Click on “Register for Alumni Band” for more information. The Council Rock Band Parents Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization; your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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