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**For committee contact  
information, see page 5**

## **NHMA NEWSLETTER: Fall 2014**

### **President's Letter**

We are back to school! Did you remember your notebooks... your sharpened pencils... your new sneakers for gym? Did you remember to join the NHMA? Did you encourage a friend or two to join as well? We hope so because we want to share this school year with all of you.

Music is filling the classrooms, the hallways... even the football field. The music department didn't miss a beat with the faculty and students already hard at work. The marching band is entertaining the football crowds with The Music of James Bond field show. Choral and instrumental students diligently are practicing new pieces. Freshman musicians showcased their talents at the September Freshman Tea. There is certainly "music in the air." The NHMA is excited to assist in these efforts and we need your help to do that!

To our musicians who graduated this past June, our Class of 2014... we remember with a smile your place in our choirs and instrumental ensembles. Your talents will be missed. And to your parents who "graduated" with you... we are grateful for the countless hours of support given to our students last year. How strange not to have you as part of this year's team. We miss you as well.

In this new year, we warmly welcome the Class of 2018 and welcome back our returning music students and parents. We can't wait to discover together the talent in each one of you.

If you have already joined the NHMA, thank you. We can only do what we do because of our membership. If you are not yet a member, it's easy to join. Get to know the NHMA better by visiting our website, contacting a committee member, or attending one of our meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month.

Take "note" of all that the NHMA accomplishes through the year. And, more importantly, see what more we can do with your help!

**Cathy Edelsberg -- President, NHMA**

## From our Band Directors

### Dear NHMA Members:

Greetings to the membership of our wonderful North Hunterdon Music Association. The 2014-15 school year is under way and the music staff and students are working diligently at the business of music performance, analysis, and creation. It is our hope that you will join us for the many concerts and events we have planned for this year. Our winter, spring and Prism concert dates are listed on our department page at [nhvweb.net/nhhs/music](http://nhvweb.net/nhhs/music). Other events not to be missed include our winter musical and the many marching band performances throughout the fall.

We also encourage you to be an active member of NHMA. Many volunteer options are available. This group works tirelessly on behalf of our music students and supports the staff in our efforts to educate and inspire. Your participation will be enthusiastically appreciated.

Finally, if you have questions about our music department don't hesitate to contact any of the dedicated staff members. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and sharing with you the joys of music.

*--Vince Angeline*



Mr Angeline conducts Concert Band



Jazz Band with Mr Andrews



Mr Angeline and the Orchestra take a bow



Mr Angeline and Orchestra



## Choir News

**Mr. Hopta and Ms Meo lead Madrigals, Concert Choir, Freshman Women's Choir, Show Choir, and Chamber Choir**

### Greetings NHMA!

I just wanted to add my hello to the Fall Newsletter. I hope summer was enjoyable for all of you, and now that the new school year has started I hope that you and your students have settled in comfortably.

For those that don't know me, my name is Mr. Hopta and I am the newest Music Teacher at NHHS. This isn't saying much, though, as I am now underway on my fourth year here (and seventh year teaching overall).

You'll see me with the Concert Band, Concert Choir, Madrigals Choir, and as an instructor for some elective courses at the High School as well.

My colleagues and I anticipate another wonderful year of performances, memories and musical growth in our students this year, and I want to add my thanks and appreciation for all of your contributions toward these goals.

Regards,

Charlie Hopta

NHHS Music



Concert Choir with Mr. Hopta



Freshman Women's Choir



Concert Choir with Ms Meo

***"Music washes away from the soul  
the dust of everyday life."***

***~ Berthold Auerbach (1812-1882)***



## Choral Groups



Madrigals with Mr. Hopta



*“Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.”*

*-- Plato*



Show Choir

## Marching Band Upcoming Events

Oct	13th	<i>Mon</i>	New York City Columbus Day Parade
Oct	17th	<i>Fri</i>	Linden HS
Oct	23rd	<i>Thurs</i>	Phillipsburg HS Phillipsburg Band Festival 6:30 PM
Oct	24th	<i>Fri</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night/Homecoming Game NHHS
Oct	31st	<i>Fri</i>	Bridgewater HS 6:00 PM
Nov	7th	<i>Fri</i>	NHHS-Voorhees ("Milk Can" game at NHHS) -- Marching Band Senior Night
Nov	14th	<i>Fri</i>	NNHHS State Game
Dec	3rd	<i>Wed</i>	Cafeteria B – 6:30 PM      Marching Band Banquet
Dec	5th	<i>Fri</i>	Clinton Christmas Parade

**For Marching Band information, visit:**

<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/music/marchingband/>

**For Game information, visit:**

<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/athletics/fall/football/>

**DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR MARCHING BAND UNIFORM  
CLEANED BEFORE RETURNING IT**

## Uniform Dry Cleaning

is discounted at all Tirpok  
Locations

**“at their cost”**

## Contact the Committee

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## Golden Lions Band Council

2014-2015

### Drum Majors:

Nathan Bishop

Celine Labelle

### Section Leaders:

Flute – Andrew Burden

Clarinet – Anelisa Fergus

Saxophones – Brett Morris

Trumpets/Horns – Zach

Pawlikowski

Low Brass – Benjamin Sharp

Percussion – Cole Herudek, Brielle

Popolla, Evan Rys

Color Guard- Emily Edelsberg,

Theresa Vitovitch

### Band Officers:

President – Tommy Fitzgerald

Vice-President – Eric Gaidos

Secretary – Isabella Helreigel

Treasurer – Nick Labelle

Equipment Manager – Ryan Garvey

Librarians – Priscilla Sanchez, Iris

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## JOE CORBI'S PICKUP RESCHEDULED!

The *new* date to pick up your Joe Corbi orders is **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**.  
Pick up is at the the band room from  
**5:15-6:30 PM.**

Phillipsburg Band Festival  
6:30 PM

## Looking Ahead....

Day/Time (2014/2015)	Event	Location/Time
Oct 30 and Nov 1 – Thurs & Sat	Fall Theatre Production—Anne of Green Gables	NH Theater//Th 7 Sat 3 & 7 pm
Dec 3—Wednesday	Marching Band Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30pm
December 11 — Thursday	Winter Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
December 18 — Thursday	Winter Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
March 5, 6, and 7 Thurs, Fri, & Sat	Spring Theatre Production	NH Theater Th//Fri 7 pm, Sat 3 & 7 PM
March 26—Thursday	Prism Concert	Gym / 8pm
May 7—Thursday	Spring Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00
May 14—Thursday	Spring Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00
May 20—Wednesday	Music Department Awards Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30

The above schedule is also on the 'music department' portion of the NHHS website.



Dr. Bergacs speaks at the 2014 Spring Music Awards Banquet



### *Freshman Tea*

The Freshman Women's Choir and the Freshman Band delighted families at the annual Freshman Tea on Monday September 29. It was standing room only as parents were introduced to the music department and to the NHMA. Our wonderful music faculty was on-hand for questions and conversation. (thank you to our music teachers for all that you do! ). From music to mingling over a glass of iced tea.... hopefully all found it to be an enjoyable and informative evening. The NHMA provided a delicious dessert buffet. Thank you to all parents who contributed. And thank you to all of the students who took time out of their busy high school schedules to fill the room with music that evening.

A special "thank you" to all who supported our raffles at band camp performance on August 22 and at the football game on 10/2!



To see the Columbus Day parade, go to <http://7online.com/society/70th-annual-columbus-day-parade/340523/>, and scroll down to the Part 12 video, the North band starts at minute 13.



## North Hunterdon Golden Lions 2014



# LET'S HEAR IT!

## North Hunterdon High School Spring Music Awards • 2014

**John Philip Sousa Award** ..... Sarah Looney  
**National School Choral Award** ..... Riley Zalewski  
**Louis Armstrong Jazz Award**..... Joe Gaidos  
**National School Orchestra Award** ..... Maya Acocella  
**North Hunterdon Band Award for Musical Excellence** ..... Taylor Knoble  
**North Hunterdon Choral Award for Musical Excellence**..... Meghna Mendu  
**North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Outstanding Service:**

Paige Greenfield                      Katherine Talian  
 Lindsay DeMarco                    Joe Gaidos  
 Lindsey Holt  
 Drew Possumatto

### North Hunterdon Choral Award for Outstanding Service:

Christina Novoa    Michelle Rozycki    Tracey Homann    Sarah Flaim  
 Emily Mulhall    Andrew Langman    Henry Paul

**Jason P. Schaible Music Award:** Matthew Radican

**Music Association Scholarships:** Sarah Looney, Giuliana Truppi, Cristina Navoa  
**David R. Lockart Scholarship:** Eli Goings

## Gary Gilbert Scholarships

The Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarship is given each spring to members of the NHHS student body (who are members of the NHMA) to pursue opportunities and experiences which encourage a lifelong involvement in music. The scholarship is open to NHHS freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in supplementing their high school musical studies with outside music programs such as college summer music programs for high school students, summer music camps, etc. The deadline for applying for summer 2015 is **April 30**. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Spring Music Banquet. For additional details and the application form, see the Music Association page of the NHHS website and can also be obtained from any North music teacher.

In 2014, scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Andrew Bambridge  
 Ben Sharp  
 Isabel Stein  
 Stacy Tanzler

**Congratulations!**





## A Word About Our Fund Raising

If you see a notice for an NHMA fundraiser, please don't toss it aside. Take a second look and consider participating. Even your smallest contribution can make a big difference.

Did your choral student participate in a Master Class presented by a Broadway performer? We sponsored that. Have you enjoyed refreshments after a concert or at the Freshman Tea? We organized that. Did you know that our marching band's drum majors and color guard captains must attend a summer workshop? We helped to pay for that. Have you been to the annual Prism Concert and witnessed the special lighting? Yep – we did that too.

We also are proud to honor student efforts by providing scholarships for music students every year. We award scholarships to several graduating seniors. For underclassmen, through our Gary Gilbert Scholarship, we supplement tuition for summer music education programs.

The NHMA uses its fundraising dollars directly for students and their activities. Because our mission is to promote and encourage students in all areas of the music program, our support varies widely. We help wherever and whenever we can.

And you can help our outstanding music students as well by supporting our fundraisers. We want to continue to do what we do... but that's only possible if we all work together.

If you have questions about fundraising or would like to help, please contact: Cathy Edelsberg at [acedels@gmail.com](mailto:acedels@gmail.com)

# THANKS!

*Many thanks to the following local businesses who have offered us donations and/ or discounts:*

**ShopRite • Pizza Como •  
Celebration Station •  
Applebee's • Country Griddle  
• Silver Oaks Learning  
Center • Tirpok's Dry Cleaning  
• The Art of Framing •  
Metropolitan Seafood**

***Please remember to patronize them!***

Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy

~Ludwig Von Beethoven

### **NHMA Homecoming Dance Coat Check – October 25**

**NHMA runs a coat check fundraiser at the Homecoming dance on Saturday, 10/25. We check coats, hats, purses, and more.**



***Remind your kids to bring \$1 if they wish to check their belongings.***

## Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser! Dec 20

8 AM ~ 10 AM

Come out and be served a delicious full breakfast by our music students at Applebee's in Flemington. Enjoy music performed by our talented music students as they play and sing! All proceeds support the NHMA! Contact Nancy Gaidos at [ngaidos@comcast.net](mailto:ngaidos@comcast.net).

**Tickets are  
\$12.00**



# JOIN THE MUSICASSOCIATION!

The NHMA is going **GREEN!**

Online membership is now available on our website at  
<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation>  
or find us under the Parents tab on the main North website.

Online membership increases accuracy, reduces paper, and allows secure payment by credit card or check. A downloadable paper form is still available, payment by checks only.

Membership is \$20 per family. And first-time members receive an NHMA car magnet, a \$5 value, for FREE!

## Meetings 2014/15

**2014: (Room 131)**  
(mostly 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays)  
September 9

Tuesday  
October 7

Tuesday  
November 11

Tuesday  
December 9

## 2015: (Room 131)

January 13

Tuesday  
February 10

Tuesday  
March 10

Tuesday  
April 14

Tuesday  
May 5

Thursday  
June 9

# JOIN



Marching Band in Hunterdon Tricentennial Parade in Flemington



Marching Band in Memorial Day Parade in Flemington

"Music to me is like  
breathing –  
I don't get tired of  
breathing,  
I don't get tired of  
music."

Ray Charles





**Don't Miss the Fall Theatre Production...**

# "Anne of Green Gables"

## North Hunterdon Theater Organization



North Hunterdon Theater Organization will perform *Anne of Green Gables* on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The show will be directed by English teacher, Mrs. Mary Meo, and assisted by Foreign Language teacher Mr. Michael Fario, English teacher Ms. Lauren Young, and Mrs. Ann Semanchik. Katie Meo is the NHTO Theater Coordinator.

Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens. In order to promote reading, NHTO will offer a discount of \$1 off the ticket price for any student who brings a copy of the novel to the show. Also, in conjunction with our fall show, the North Hunterdon Thespian Honor Society is participating in the International Thespian Society's "Tots Eat" campaign. Audience members are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the theater lobby before performances. The Thespians will deliver these items to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton.

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**To promote reading, we are having a special offer: Students who bring a copy of the book, *Anne of Green Gables* will get \$1 off the ticket price.**





# Eat Out and Help the North Hunterdon H.S. Music Association At the Same Time!



Enjoy a meal out and help the NHMA?

That's right, just eat at the Country Griddle at either of their locations (Flemington or Clinton) and 10% of your bill will be donated to the NHMA!

Please give this coupon to your server with your bill!

Thank you for your continued support! -  
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## NHMA Magnets

NHMA is proud to offer its very own Music Department car magnet.

Magnets can be purchased for a donation of \$5 each.

All proceeds go to the NHMA general fund.



Number of magnets \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NHMA

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