



Monthly E-Notes ~ December 2015

Happy December, Music Association Members!

We're surrounded by music during December – on the streets of Clinton with Santa's parade, in the school theater for winter concerts, even at Applebee's over pancakes. The sounds of the season are everywhere.

Let our music students add a special "something" to your holidays.



November News:

- Preparations are underway for the **winter musical**. Auditions were held on November 2 and 3. This year's show will be *Sweeney Todd: School Edition* (a musical thriller by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler).
- The marching band made its annual appearance at the **Phillipsburg Band Festival** on November 2.
- After a successful after-school **bake sale** on November 12, it's time for another (see below). Thanks to Linda Garvey for handling the details and thanks to all who contributed delicious baked goods so willingly. Just like our table, the baker sign-up sheet was filled (parents even requested extra sign-up slots be added)! And thanks to Ms. Meo for allowing her choir room to smell like a bakery as it filled with sale donations.
- Were you in downtown Clinton on Friday, November 27, for **Dickens' Days**? Did you catch a glimpse of our NHHS brass players filling the air with music?

December Dates:



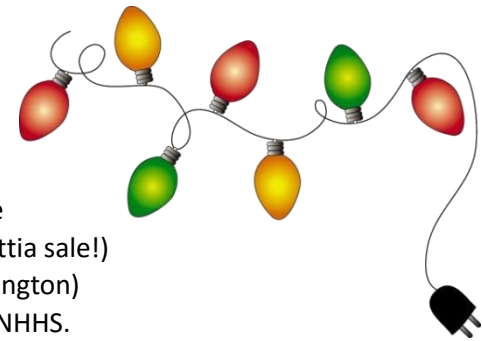
- After a busy fall season, it's time to enjoy some good food, some good laughs and some well-deserved recognitions. The **marching band banquet** will be held tonight - **Wednesday, December 2**, at 6:30 p.m., in the cafeterias. Hope you've sent your RSVP because we'd love to see you there.
- This week ~ another **NHMA bake sale** tomorrow to tempt your senses! Visit us in the mall after school on **Thursday, December 3** until 3:10. Bring a little extra cash to school that day and treat yourself!
- Get your holidays started early by joining the marching band in Clinton on **Friday, December 4**. The **Clinton Christmas Parade** begins at 7:00 PM. Festive and fun – and hopefully with dry skies this year! Cheer on the band as they lead Santa down the streets of town.

- Grab a seat in the theater for our two **winter concerts ~ Thursdays, December 10 and 17**, at 7:00 PM. Sit back and enjoy wonderful nights filled with choral and instrumental performances. Look for the NHMA's poinsettia sale in the theater lobby both nights. And make sure to enjoy refreshments in Café A following each concert, compliments of the NHMA! *See later in E-Notes which night each group performs.*
- It has become an NHMA tradition...back by popular demand! Let our 4th annual **Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser** fill you with the holiday spirit. Visit Applebee's in Flemington on **Saturday, December 19 (8:00-10:00 AM)**. Enjoy a delicious breakfast served by our NHHS musicians. Be treated to seasonal songs performed by our students. Stop by for a bite to eat, and then finish your holiday shopping! For tickets and information, click [HERE](#) or visit our website.
- NHHS students and faculty will be treated to a **holiday assembly** on December 22 during the school day.

Mark Your Calendars

The holidays get busy. Stay plugged in!

- **Wednesday, Dec. 2** at 6:30 PM - Marching Band Banquet Cafe A & B
- **Thursday, Dec. 3** – NHMA bake sale after school in the mall
- **Friday, Dec. 4** at 7:00 PM - Marching Band in the Clinton Christmas Parade
- **Thursdays, Dec. 10 and 17** at 7:00 PM - Winter Concerts I & II (and poinsettia sale!)
- **Saturday, Dec. 19** from 8 – 10 AM – Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser (Flemington)
- **Saturday, Jan. 30** – NHMA Concessions Table at the College Workshop at NHHS.



Brass players from the NHHS "Golden Lions" Marching Band once again serenaded shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving as part of the Clinton Dickens' Days festivities. The ensemble performed in front of the Towne Restaurant from 11:00 to noon.



The music department will perform a holiday assembly for the entire North Hunterdon High School staff and student body on Tuesday, December 22 at 1:45 PM.

23 music department instrumentalists have been selected to perform as the pit orchestra for the forthcoming NHTO production of "Sweeney Todd".

FUNDRAISING NOTES



Thank you from NHMA Fundraising:

To all who have a heart for our music students, who support our fundraisers through the year ~
We couldn't do it without you!



Oh yum!
BAKE SALE
tomorrow!

Grab a treat before you head home!

In the mall
after school
2:30-3:10

Thursday, December 3


Applebee's

Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.



Just \$12

You've waited all year!



- * Full breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs & beverage
- * Music students will host, seat and serve you
- * Live, seasonal music performed by our talented North Hunterdon High School musicians and singers

Saturday, December 19
8:00 – 10:00 AM
244 US Highway 202
Flemington, NJ 08822

To order tickets or for more information, click [HERE](#).



We have the perfect stocking stuffer!

Our Gertrude Hawk Chocolates fundraiser is off and running. We placed our first order in November. We appreciate all families who purchased a carrier of chocolate bars to sell. You have made us money already! Thank you for selling for the good of the entire group. While it doesn't put money directly into your pocket, this fundraiser allows us to give back to our kids - your kids- through scholarships, programs and activities.

We plan to have our chocolate bars available for purchase at our bake sales, concessions tables etc. for \$1.00 per bar. It's always a good time for chocolate. So look for us through the year.

Our ordering link is always open. Place an order at your convenience. If we don't have that particular box on hand, we will place a bulk order periodically (we want to accumulate the minimum carrier order to avoid shipping costs). It's \$48 for 48 candy bars.

TO ORDER at any time: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/gertrude-hawk-fundraiser



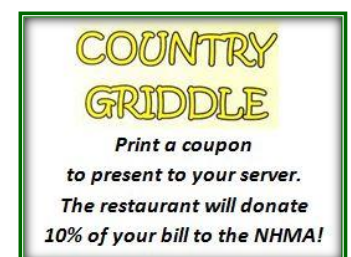
If we all sell just a little, we together can do a LOT!



Need a break from holiday cooking?

There's a table for you at **Country Griddle**.
Don't forget your coupon!

To print coupon, click





Winter Concerts

Take a Little Music Home!

Sit back and enjoy as the students perform.
Then visit the theater lobby and support those talented musicians.
Take home a little treat for yourself or for someone else.

December
10 and 17

- ❖ Poinsettias (limited supply)
- ❖ Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bars
- ❖ Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Tickets
- ❖ Delicious Baked Goods



All proceeds will help the NHMA's support of our school's music students and programs.



Pick up your poinsettias!

**Our online pre-orders ended November 30.
Thanks to all who supported our sale.**

If you have ordered a poinsettia, remember...

PICK-UP DATES:

Thursday, December 10

Thursday, December 17

in the NHHS theater lobby

throughout the evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Please pick up on the date specified on your order form as we are having two separate deliveries.

Although we cannot guarantee our supply, there may be extra plants available for sale at the winter concerts. Cost is \$10.00 per plant.



Winter Concert Dates:

Concert I (Dec.10): Orchestra, Madrigal Singers, Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble

Concert II (Dec.17): Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Freshman Choir, Concert Band

CONGRATULATIONS!

to our **NOVEMBER** Principal's Music Students of the Month!

Department Students of the Month – Music: Marissa Mugnano and Eric Gaidos
Citizens of the Month – Music: Hannah Ferenci and Glenn Smith



From the December Principal's Newsletter:

Congratulations Thomas B. Flynn!

Thomas won first prize in the Russian Music Festival Competition.



Alexander Braun—Rising Star!

Xander Braun started learning to play the violin at the age of four. He continues to share his talents and perform in various concert venues. Recently he was honored to share the stage with his teacher, Mialtin Zehzha. Xander studies at the YOUiversity of Music and Arts in Flemington.



Click [HERE](#) to read more.

November Student of the Month—Alyssa Schwartz



NHHS Senior, Alyssa Schwartz's favorite classes at North have been guitar class with Mr. Andrews and Biology/Anatomy with Mr. Owdij. Mr. Andrews has always made Alyssa feel comfortable and is one of her favorite people in the world. Mr. Owdij pushes Alyssa to learn more about a subject she already loves. She thinks both are great teachers that make class fun and she has learned a lot from each of them. Alyssa is one of the Presidents of Habitat for Humanity, is in National Honor Society, a member of marching band, is in S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions), Spanish Club, and Academic Achievement Society. She has previously been involved in the following clubs and activities; stage crew for the Fall show junior year, acted in the musical Oliver!, acted and sang in Cabaret junior year, Girl Up, Powder Puff junior year, and concert choir. Alyssa also attends Polytech, where she is in the Small Animals class. She loves learning about animals and the atmosphere at Polytech is great. Outside of North, Alyssa volunteers at the Common Sense for Animals animal shelter as well as the Hunterdon Art Museum. Her favorite memories at North were from marching band, where she met some amazing people and made some hilarious memories. Alyssa plans on becoming a veterinarian or pursuing a similar career in the animal field.

In this season of giving, we recognize all of you who have given time to the NHMA this fall. You are a gift not only to us, but also to our music students.

Wishing you a joyous holiday.

Our next meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

We will meet in the choir room (Room 131) at 7:00 PM.

There will be no meeting in December.



We can only do what we do because of you.