



## North Hunterdon Music Association Newsletter – Fall 2015

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## President's Letter

### Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

The wind swishes... the leaves rustle... the rakes scratch... the crows caw... the fires crackle. Fall is here, full of music all its own. Outside there is music; stop and listen. And inside there is music, especially here at North.

To be a part of the music experience here is to be a part of something great. We are fortunate to have our students under the direction of such dedicated and talented faculty. We feel honored, as parents, to be given the chance to walk alongside. We have gotten glimpses of the marching band's "4 Stars" field show. We had a peek at our freshman talent at the September Freshman Tea. We can't wait for our choral and instrumental students to "wow" us at the winter concerts.

A new school year elicits mixed feelings. Our 2015 graduates are absent from our ensembles. Their parents have moved on as well. We will miss you all for sure. You are a talented bunch and we know you will do great things. Now, our choirs and instrumental groups present new faces. Welcome, Class of 2019! And welcome back to our returning music students and parents. We can't wait to discover what this year has in store.

Share these music moments with us. Grab a friend and join the NHMA. If you're already a member, thank you! If not, register online through our website at [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation). Get to know the NHMA better by visiting our website, contacting a committee member, or attending one of our meetings. We meet on 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 Director*

Hello to all the members of the NHMA for the 2015-16 school year! In choosing to be a member of this important parent organization, you demonstrate your support of the music department, its staff, and most importantly, its talented students. As I reflect on the last 25 years, the NHMA has been integral in building and maintaining the quality of the musical offerings and in promoting the department within the community at large. I look forward to another great year of collaboration on behalf of our worthy music students.

The 2015-16 year will be marked by not only our annual performances, but by a number of special events. Coming up in October, the “Golden Lions” marching band will welcome back alumni spanning the last 25 years and beyond at our Alumni Band Reunion Performance. This historic event will take place at halftime of the North Hunterdon/Linden football game on October 16, and will be preceded by a gala banquet. This is an event not to be missed!

In April, the “Golden Lions” Marching Band will once again travel to the Magic Kingdom and will be a featured performer in one of the daily parades as part of a whirlwind four day trip. This is the band’s fourth sojourn to Disney World and promises to create wonderful memories for our band members.

All of our concerts are listed on the music department home page which can be accessed at [nhvweb.net/nhhs/music](http://nhvweb.net/nhhs/music).

Finally, let me encourage you to be an active member of the organization. You’ll find that volunteering for the group is not only rewarding, but fun too!

*--Vince Angeline*



### **Columbus Day Parade**

North Hunterdon High School was represented once again in this year’s NYC Columbus Day parade. Our Golden Lions Marching Band marched down Fifth Avenue, a part of the parade for 15 consecutive years.

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### From Ms Meo—Welcome music students!

Freshman Women’s Ensemble, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Show Choir are all running smoothly, and Rehearsals are well underway for our Winter Concert repertoire!

Freshman Women’s Ensemble is preparing for its first high school performance at the Freshman Tea on 9/28.

Chamber Choir is having Leadership Position Elections for Choir President and Vice President on Thurs., 9/17.

### From Mr. Hopta – Welcome music students!

Looking forward to another great year of music. Thank you to all our volunteers, and welcome new members.

--Ms Meo and Mr Hopta



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

## From Perry Andrews, Jazz Ensemble Director:

Greetings and welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. I am excited to be working with my twenty-ninth version of the NHHS Jazz Ensemble. I began working with the group mid-year, in January of 1988. Our constant goal is to bring to you quality performances of significant jazz composers and arrangers. The group has established themselves as a consistent source of fun and good music over the years. I hope you will come out and support us at some of the many fine performances brought to you by the North Hunterdon High School Music Department. Check the school calendar for dates and performance times.--Perry Andrews

## **North Hunterdon Alumni Band Performance and Reunion Night – We celebrated 25 years with Mr Angeline!**

A great night of celebration and reunion happened on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Following an afternoon rehearsal, festivities began at 4:30 PM with a gala dinner for current and past Golden Lion Marching Band members, and ending with performing with the current band members at half time!

Mr. Vincent Angeline celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> year as a band director and helped to make it special by opening up the night to his past students and other North alumni.

It was a wonderful night and a great performance October 16<sup>th</sup> during the football game! More about this in our NHMA Spring newsletter!

Click [here](#) to read Mr. Angeline's speech and [here](#) for the video.



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### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

**Marching Band Banquet – December 2, 6:30 PM**

**Clinton Christmas Parade – December 4**

**Winter Concerts – December 10 and 17, 7:00 PM**

**Prism Concert – March 17, 8:00 PM**

**Spring Concerts – May 12 and 19, 7:00 PM**

**Music Department Banquet – May 25, 6:30 PM**



## Golden Lions Band Council

2015 -- 2016

### **Drum Majors:**

Celine LaBelle  
Evan Rys

### **Section Leaders:**

**Flute** – Stephanie Sharp

**Clarinet** – Julia Lombardo

**Saxophones** – Steven Slack

**Trumpets/Horns** – Olivia Adams

**Trombones** – Troy DeSavino

**Low Brass** – Eric Gaidos

**Percussion** – Jake Zalewski, Marissa Mugnano

**Color Guard** - Grace Leffler, Maggie O'Connell

### **Band Officers:**

**President** – Eric Gaidos

**Vice-President** – Nicholas LaBelle

**Secretary** – Iris Ahmed

**Treasurer** – Jordan Sinoway

**Equipment Manager** – Ryan Garvey

**Librarians** – Leah Gaidos, Kayla Boyle, Lawrence Luo, Fabiana Popolla

## *Congratulations!!!*

### **Gary Gilbert Scholarship Winners - May 2015**

- 1). Gianna Porfano    2). Emily Decker
- 3). Jessica Dau

### 2015 Honors Music Institute at Penn State University

**Congratulations, William Kubas!** This past summer, Will was selected to participate in the Honors Music Institute at the Penn State School of Music, a highly selective program for high-school-aged musicians. He received great compliments from the school's Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Christopher Kiver. In an e-mail to Mr. Hopta, Dr. Kiver stated:

The week-long program for high school students (choir, wind ensemble and piano) was a great success, and the singers did a terrific job in the Chamber Choir and operetta scenes class. As well as rehearsals, the students were able to participate in daily vocal master classes, participate in institute-wide "Uncommon Hour" presentations, and listen to faculty and student recitals. It was a great pleasure to work with Will. He has a lovely voice and shows a lot of potential. Will worked hard in choir and did particularly well as we had some late cancellations leaving us with just two tenors. He also did a very nice job with a small role in the operetta scene, as well as singing the tenor solo line in the Purcell.

**Will ~ we are proud of you!**

*As an FYI... Information regarding next year's Honors Music Institute will be posted on the Penn State School of Music website in early 2016:*

[www.music.psu.edu](http://www.music.psu.edu).

### **North Hunterdon High School Spring Music Awards -- May 20, 2015**

John Philip Sousa Band Award – **Benjamin Sharp**

National School Choral Award – **Heather Birmingham**

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award – **Anelisa Fergus**

National School Orchestra Award- **Nathan Bishop**

North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Musical Excellence –  
**Andrew Burden**

North Hunterdon Choral Award for Musical Excellence –  
**Andrew Bambridge**

North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Outstanding Service –  
**Joe Rothstein, Priscilla Sanchez, Cole Herudek, Brielle Popolla, Zach Pawlikowski, Nathan Bishop**

North Hunterdon Choral Award for Outstanding Service--

**Janna Collins**

**Andy Kapetanakis**

**Ian Porter**

**Kelsey Shelofsky**

**Isabel Stein**

**Victoria Coletti**

Jason P. Schaible Music Award – **Tommy Fitzgerald**

**Music Association Scholarships:** Andrew Bambridge – (David R. Lockart). Anelisa Fergus, Nathan Bishop, Cole Herudek. Luke Davis. Isabel Stein, Heather Birmingham, Janna Collins

**Theatre Scholarship** – **Ethan Anidjar**

**Semper Fidelis Award** – **Nathan Bishop**

**NHMA Meetings: Room 131, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays—2015: Nov 10, Dec 8. 2016: Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, June 7**

Please consider joining the Music Association!

You can now become a member by using the link: [Online Membership](#)

Membership is just \$20 per family, and first-time members receive an NHMA car magnet (a \$5 value) for FREE

A  NOTE about Our Fundraising



The NHMA prides itself on assisting the music department financially through the year. To do so, we must raise money.

Our newly-formed fundraising committee has been brainstorming and getting plans in place. You'll see the return of some "oldies" (Applebee's Flapjacks are back in December!) and you'll see some new ideas making their appearance. Please consider participating in our fundraisers. Even your smallest contribution can make a **BIG** difference.

Did your choral student participate in a Master Class presented by a professional 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.

What else? We proudly honor music student efforts each year. We award scholarships to graduating seniors. We offer Gary Gilbert Scholarships to underclassmen, supplementing tuition for summer music education programs.

The NHMA mission is to promote and encourage students in all areas of the music program, so 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: Andrew Edelsberg (Fundraising Chair) at [nhmafr@gmail.com](mailto:nhmafr@gmail.com).

# COUNTRY GRIDDLE

*Print a coupon  
to present to your server.  
The restaurant will donate  
10% of your bill to the NHMA!*

## Your food earns us funds!

The easiest fundraiser yet at  
**The Country Griddle Restaurants**  
(Clinton and Flemington)

Enjoy a meal at either location and present our NHMA coupon with  
your bill. Country Griddle will **donate 10% of your bill to the NHMA!**  
No extra money out of your pocket!

**Enjoy a great meal and help the NHMA!**

Just eat at the Country Griddle Restaurant &  
10% of your bill will be donated to the NHMA!

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Thank you for your support!

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# Marching Band



Band Camp 2015



St Patrick's Day and Memorial Day Parades



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night



North Hunterdon High School  
Theater Organization  
presents

# *The Man Who Came to Dinner*

A comedy by

George S. Kaufman  
& Moss Hart

Thursday, October 22  
Friday, October 23  
Saturday, October 24

All shows at 7:00 p.m.  
In the North Hunterdon  
High School theatre  
Route 31, Annandale, NJ

General admission - \$10  
Senior citizens and students - \$6  
Tickets available at the door,  
45 minutes before curtain

By special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service

**Congratulations to all cast members,  
crew and directors on a job well done!**

The North Hunterdon Theater Organization presented George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, on October 22 through 24 in the school's theater. There were some of our own music students who played a part in the show. Our NHMA parent volunteers assisted with the ticket sales. Thank you all!

Audience members were asked to bring food donations to be share with the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, as part of the NHHS Thespian Honor Society's "Trick-or-Treat So Kids Can Eat" food drive. It was a theatrical treat with a very worthwhile cause.



# THANK YOU!



Maximizing Potential. Realizing Success.

Thank you to Silver Oak Learning Centers

The NHMA is provided the opportunity to offer a concessions table at each of Silver Oak's College Workshop/Practice SAT-ACT sessions held at North Hunterdon High School. Look for us on January 30, 2016. We will be selling coffee, water and snacks to get you through the morning. Bring extra change!

## THANK YOU

to Tirpok's for dry cleaning our  
Marching band uniforms all season long!

Please Patronize them!



## STADIUM SEAT CUSHIONS

Available soon!

Sit in the football stands or on the gym bleachers for a couple of hours and you'll appreciate this fundraiser even more! From sporting events, to the Prism Concert... even graduation... the cushions were a hit!

*We'd like to thank those businesses who sponsored our last order:*

- Hunterdon Family Eye Care
- Sorella's Pizzeria
- Legend Landscaping and Maintenance
- Window Expressions
- Carini's Pizza & Pasta
- Spinning Wheel Diner
- The Lawn Ranger

Our current stock of cushions is almost gone. We will be placing a new order shortly. Look for the cushions at upcoming events.

## THANK YOU ALSO TO:

Carini's Pizza & Pasta

Metropolitan Seafood

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For your help  
with our  
Banquets and  
Hospitality!



Choir Master Class with Tim Hackney, arranged by Ms Meo and proudly sponsored by the NHMA– Gianna Porfano performs.



## SPRING CONCERT 2015





# Coming UP!!!

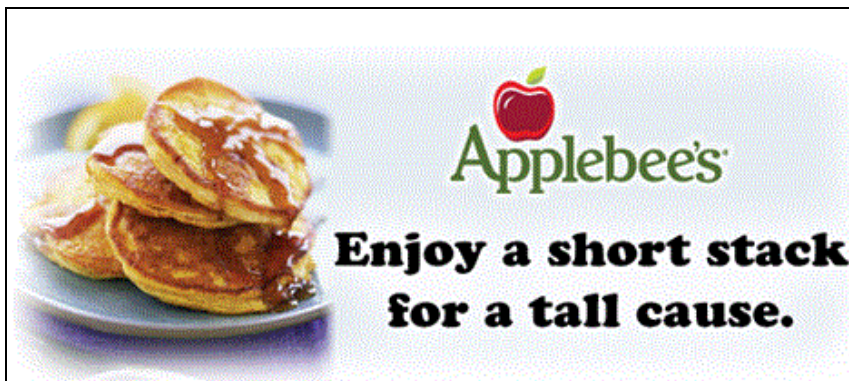
## We have exciting things ahead!

Two NHMA Bake Sales are coming up – after school, outside the cafeterias

Lots of yummy treats to choose from, all proceeds support the NHMA!

DATES: Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>

Look for NHMA email about how you can contribute baked goods and encourage your students to buy a treat! THANK YOU for your support!



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).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER**

**19<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 AM**





Stressed by tests, by homework, by the SAT?  
Tired of all of the questions?  
Put down your pencils.  
The NHMA has the answer!

The NHMA's newest fundraiser!

## Gertrude Hawk Chocolates



The NHMA will be selling candy bars throughout the year to benefit your sweet tooth & to benefit our association. Funds raised will support the music endeavors of our students. Milk chocolate... dark chocolate... peanut butter... mint... Is your mouth watering yet?

**Will you help us? It's simple.**

We ask that you buy a carrier of chocolate bars (48 bars for \$48) which will generate immediate funds for the Association. Then, share the candy with family, friends, and co-workers for \$1 per bar. In the end - no cost to you (just the time you put in to sell) and the NHMA will have money to support our music students.

**Orders will be ongoing. You may request chocolate carriers at any time through the year via this flyer and ordering link - [NHMA Gertrude Hawk fundraiser.pdf](#).**

**The NHMA's first order will be placed with Gertrude Hawk around November 2 (very soon!). If you miss that deadline, no problem. We will put in bulk orders periodically.**

**Questions:** NHMA Fundraising Committee: [nhmaFR@gmail.com](mailto:nhmaFR@gmail.com)

*All music families should have received an e-mail from Maren regarding details of the sale.*

**NOTE** - Having a chocolate craving right now? Find a choir student! Some have been selling Gertrude Hawk chocolates to help with the cost of choir attire. Thanks, Ms. Meo, for allowing the NHMA to benefit from a chocolate fundraiser now that the choir sale has ended.

**Order chocolate carriers at any time through the year using this link:**

**[NHMA Gertrude Hawk fundraiser.pdf](#)**



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Blind Choice (Pen Argyl HS) • Counting Clockwise (Liberty HS)  
Alyssa Garcia (Pope John Paul II HS) • Julia Gross (Belvidere HS)  
Abby Illingworth (Saucon Valley HS) • Jameek Jones (William Allen HS)  
Rhys Williams (American Boychoir School) • North Hunterdon HS Choir

Pre-Show with Easton School of Rock in Easton Hospital Gallery at 5:30 pm

State Theatre

viamedia



Tickets at [www.statetheatre.org](http://www.statetheatre.org) • For more info visit [flintface.com](http://flintface.com)

In case you missed it...

**WHO:** Our NHHS Concert Choir students

**WHEN:** October 17

**WHERE:** On stage - the State Theatre in Easton, PA.

**WHAT:** Appearance with national recording artist FlintFace, a band that focuses on messages of positivity, acceptance, creativity, and anti-bullying. Students from local schools performed opening acts, while our students rocked the stage with the band as part of the evening's main event!

Congratulations! We heard that our students "stole the show."



## 50/50 Raffles



We've held three raffles so far this year.

Thanks to all who have supported us by buying tickets. Thanks to all volunteers as well. A big "thanks" to our raffle coordinator, Jen Fasciano.

Our next raffle:

Look for us in the theater lobby during the Winter Musical in March.