



Monthly E-Notes ~ November 2015

Happy November, Music Association Members!

Some days the marching band performs in the rain. Some days, the choir rehearsals may not go quite as planned. It's easy to be thankful in the sunshine. We need also to be thankful when days are gray. With Thanksgiving just around the bend, we are reminded to be grateful for even the little things. The NHMA is so grateful for the opportunity to give back to our kids. We are so grateful for our dedicated music directors and supportive administration. And we are so appreciative of our awesome volunteers. To all of our members, we are thankful for you!
Now... what are you thankful for?



October Was a Busy Month ~ from workshops, to parades, to performances:

- **Friday, October 9** – Amazing **Master Class!** Choral students learned from a professional actor, singer and dancer right here at school. Ms. Meo invited Tim Hackney to work with students on monologues and songs. View Tim's website at <http://www.timhackney.com/#>! This was an NHMA-sponsored event.
 - **Saturday, October 10** - NHMA's **Homecoming Dance Coat Check**. All proceeds support NHMA programs and scholarships. Thank you, Claire Rothstein and volunteers, for organizing and being present that night.
 - **Monday, October 12** - The Golden Lions Marching Band marched for its 15th year in the NYC **Columbus Day Parade**. See below for more details of the day. And thanks to our band parents who were packing snacks in the choir room on the night of the Homecoming Dance in preparation for the bus trip to NYC.
 - **Friday, October 16** – **Alumni Band Performance and Reunion**. It was a special celebration of Mr. Angeline's 25th year as marching band director. Singley Field was filled with past and present Golden Lions. Thank you to Michelle Smith for arranging a lovely banquet to honor all. More details of the event below.
 - **Friday, October 16** – It was another **NHMA 50/50 raffle!** Thanks to the generosity of those at the Alumni Reunion Performance and football game, the raffle earned a total of \$705, split between the winning ticket and the NHMA. Though we wish you all could win, we do thank you for supporting this fundraiser.
 - **October 22 – October 24 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)** – NHTO's fall production of **The Man Who Came to Dinner**. NHMA volunteers manned the ticket tables in the theater lobby each evening. Thank you all!
 - **Friday, October 30** – The marching band participated once again in the **Halloween Parade** at the Hunterdon Developmental Center.
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Looking Ahead to November:

- **Monday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 3** – Auditions for Winter Musical (*Sweeney Todd*) 3:15 PM
- **Monday, November 2** – Marching Band performs at the Phillipsburg Band Festival (Neil Boyer American Heritage Festival of Bands at Phillipsburg High School)
- **Thursday, November 12** – NHMA bake sale! There will be yummy treats for sale in the mall after school from 2:30 – 3:10 pm. Delicious baked goods and Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars.... Follow your nose!

And Then to December:

- **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 - Golden Lions Marching Band in the Clinton Christmas Parade
- **Thursdays, Dec. 10 and 17** at 7:00 PM - Winter Concerts I & II
- **Saturday, Dec. 19** from 8 – 10 AM – Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser (Flemington)



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*



HALLOWEEN

HAPPENINGS!

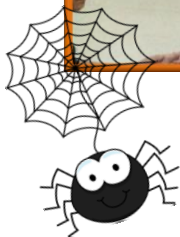


Concert Choir Halloween Open Mic ~ October 30.

Approximately ten students performed in front of the Mods 7-8 Concert Choir class in a casual, “coffee shop-esque” setting.

Hunterdon Developmental Center Halloween Parade ~ October 30

Our Golden Lions Marching Band celebrated Halloween with their annual march in the HDC’s parade.



#TAKEBACKYOURVOICE CONCERT
Starring
FLINTFACE
Proceeds benefit the **FREDDY** Awards Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7 PM
\$21 / \$11 FOR STUDENTS

The **#TAKEBACKYOURVOICE** movement encourages and empowers students to embrace what makes them who they are!

Local Teen Performers Include:
Beautiful Oblivion (Northern Lehigh HS, Parkland HS, Nazareth HS)
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

Sponsors: State Theatre, viamedia, The WorkSpace, SPIN RADIO 107.1

Tickets at www.statetheatre.org • For more info visit flintface.com

NHHS Concert Choir

LIVE ON STAGE!

North Music grants
amazing
opportunities!

Saturday, October 17 State Theatre-Easton, PA

First annual Take Back Your Voice Concert

Thank you to Katie Meo and Charlie Hopta for opening up this opportunity for our choir students. The NHHS Concert Choir students performed in a concert 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!

Our students had a marvelous time.
We hope to make it a regular event!

To learn more about this band, visit <http://www.flintface.com/#hope-tour>
To read a review of the event, click [HERE](#).

The Golden Lions Marching Band



THE 71ST ANNUAL NYC COLUMBUS DAY PARADE!

Were you in the parade crowd watching our band pass by? Did you catch the coverage on TV and notice

our band proudly marching down Fifth Avenue? With band directors and band parents alongside, our Golden Lions boarded buses to NYC to march for the band's 15th consecutive year in this parade. If you missed the event, you may catch their appearance here: <http://abc7ny.com/society/71st-annual-columbus-day-parade-part-9/1029622/>. You'll get an initial glimpse in the background around the 2:30 mark, followed by terrific coverage beginning at the 7:57 mark. Joe Piscopo described our kids not only as students excelling academically but also as "brilliant musicians." He gave special mention to Hunterdon County, to North Hunterdon High School --- and he said "hi" to our dedicated band parents "working so hard!"



Parade photos taken from abc7 video.

The Golden Lions Marching Band

Alumni Band Performance and Reunion



October 16, 2015 ~ a special evening in the history of our band. Current and alumni band members came together to celebrate Mr. Angeline's 25 years as band director and to honor all involved with this band over the years. Over 100 alumni attended the event, with graduation dates back to 1977. And there may have been more alumni hiding in the stands. The afternoon rehearsal was followed by a banquet where all relived memories during a video retrospective, faculty and administration speeches, and fun awards presentations. And then... off to Singley Field to enjoy the game and to perform at half time. The football team honored Mr. Angeline by raising helmets during the Alma Mater. The weather cooperated. The moon glistened off of balloons that lined the bleachers. Strands of lights illuminated the band in the stands.



The Alumni Band Reunion... *an unforgettable event.*



*Thank you to our awesome NHMA volunteers
who assisted with many aspects of the night ~
from alumni registration to the banquet,
from outdoor decorations
to instrument moving & 3rd Quarter Snack.*

How nice to see alumni parents back in the kitchen for "old times' sake."

It's not easy making sure instruments are tagged and ready so all will have one.

It's not easy signing in over 100 alumni in time for rehearsal to begin.

It's not easy preparing hot cocoa for a band double its normal size.

It's not easy setting up, serving and cleaning up a banquet all in 3 hours!

We were proud to play a part.

THANK YOU FOR 25 YEARS OF MEMORIES!

Mr. Angeline ~

You organized this special event to honor all Golden Lions Marching Band members over the years. And now we wish to honor you. A band is only as good as its leader and we have been led by the best.

Thank you for teaching us,
for directing us,
for guiding us,
for challenging us...

not only as high school musicians and band parents
but also as people stepping out into the world
(LEFT FOOT FIRST, OF COURSE!).



To view the nj.com article, click [HERE](#).

To view Mr. Angeline's speech, click [HERE](#).

To view the video retrospective (the band through the years), click [HERE](#).



FUNDRAISING NOTES

50/50 Raffles

We were thankful for the chance to hold three raffles this football season – during August band camp, at 7th & 8th Grade Band Night and at the Alumni Band Performance and Reunion game on October 16. To our volunteers who donned aprons and rolls of tickets and headed into the crowd, thank you! We had a great team of ticket sellers. And we had one terrific raffle coordinator. Jen Fasciano, thank you for organizing and for tending to all of the details. You and your team did a fantastic job! Thanks also to those who bought tickets in support of our raffle. Our next raffle will be during the Winter Musical in March. Look for us then in the theater lobby!



BAKE SALE



Thursday, November 12
and
Thursday, December 3

Thanks to all who have signed up to bake!
We had a tremendous and quick response.

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

You've waited all year!
Our annual Flapjack Fundraiser is back!

Saturday, December 19
8:00 – 10:00 AM



244 US Highway 202 Flemington, NJ 08822

Just \$12

- * 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.

More info to come as the event gets closer!



The NHMA's newest fundraiser!

The NHMA will be selling candy bars through the year to satisfy 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.

Buy a carrier of chocolate bars (48 bars for \$48) and you 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.

Request chocolate any time during the year via this link - [NHMA Gertrude Hawk fundraiser.pdf](#).

Reminder: The NHMA's first order deadline is **November 2 (today!)**.

If you miss today's deadline, no problem. We will put in bulk orders periodically.

Questions: NHMA Fundraising Committee: nhmaFR@gmail.com

NOTE - Choir students have been selling Gertrude Hawk to help with the cost of choir attire. Soon, other music students may be selling these chocolate bars for the NHMA. Thanks, Ms. Meo, for allowing the NHMA to benefit from this fundraiser now that the choir sale has ended.



To print coupon, click here
or...

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation>

congratulations

to our Principal's Music Students of the Month!

SEPTEMBER

Department Students of the Month – Music: *Celine LaBelle and Evan Rys*

Citizens of the Month – Music: *Iris Ahmed and Eric Gaidos*

OCTOBER

Department Students of the Month – Music: *Gianna Porfano and Jake Zalewski*

Citizens of the Month – Music: *Julianne Grillo and Ryan Garvey*



IF YOU MISSED IT, HERE'S THE LINK: [NHMA NEWSLETTER FALL 2015](#)

The NHMA is thankful for the accomplishments of our students. We are thankful for the amazing opportunities they are given. We are thankful for all that lies ahead this school year.



Our next meeting: Tuesday, November 10.
We will meet in the choir room (Room 131) at 7:00 PM.
Hope to see you there!

We can only do what we do because of you.
