



Monthly E-Notes ~ October 2015

Happy October, Music Association Members!

Fall is officially here. Our school year is well under way. The music department and students are practicing and performing and the NHMA is in the midst of it all. We thank you, our members, for joining us this year. We hope that you spread the word and get your friends to join us as well. In this season of pumpkins, we hope you “carve” out some time to get to know us. We can do so much more with your help!

**We try our best to keep you informed of our music happenings.
Here’s a look at what we’ve been up to and what lies ahead.**

Even Before the School Year Began:

- The Golden Lions Marching Band reported for mid-August band camp. The NHMA was there. A parent volunteer attended every rehearsal, assisting students with relief from the heat, minor first aid ~whatever was needed. Thanks to our parent 'Band-Aides'! There were cool refreshments on the last two days of practice and an end-of-week pizza party, compliments of the NHMA. The music directors appreciated our support, and we all were treated to an early glimpse of this year’s field show.
- Band uniform distribution followed one week later, with our volunteers fitting every band member from head to toe. Hems were made and buttons were replaced. Thanks to Nancy Gaidos and her team, all went smoothly. It’s not easy fitting 80 band members in just two hours!

The Past Month:

- Are you seeing stars? The Golden Lions Marching Band has performed its “4 Stars” field show at every football game - home and away. Check the North website for game dates. We’d love to see you in the stands! The NHMA is there ~ moving instruments, providing 3rd quarter snack, and collecting flags and equipment from the field. Thank you to Terri Mugnano and Terese Acocella for seeing that all gets done in the short time allotted. ★
- At our home football games, you’ll find our NHMA information table near the stands. We provide NHMA membership info, sell our magnets and stadium seat cushions and, on October 16, we’ll host a raffle!
- Choir Attire Measuring Day – Many thanks to the parent volunteers who assisted with this important task. You helped to ensure that our singers will look as good as they sound!
- The NHMA had representatives available at the Meet the Teachers Nights on September 3 and 9. We could be found in the mall or in the choir and band rooms, giving out information and answering questions. Thank you to our faithful NHMA volunteers for taking time out of your nights to help.

- Our 50/50 raffle at the September 25 home football game was a success! We had amazing raffle ticket sellers (thank you all for a great job!) and we had a very supportive crowd – both on the home and visitor sides. If you were at the game and supported our efforts, we thank you so much! Look for our next raffle: Friday, October 16 at the home football game!
 - 7th and 8th Grade Band Night - Future Golden Lions from area middle schools joined our marching band at the September 25 football game, performing with our marching band on the field during halftime. The NHMA provided a pizza dinner for our visiting students.
 - The Freshman Women's Ensemble and Freshman Band filled the cafeterias with music at the annual Freshman Tea on Monday, September 28. Parents were introduced to the music department and to the NHMA. Our wonderful music faculty were on hand for questions and conversation. From music to mingling, hopefully all found it to be an enjoyable and informative evening. The NHMA provided a delicious dessert buffet. Thanks to all who contributed. A special thanks to Linda Garvey, our Hospitality Coordinator, for your hours of preparation and for your decorative touch. And to the Concert Choir freshman boys who showed up to help us – what a nice surprise (thank you!).
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Looking Ahead:

- **Friday, October 9** – Ms. Meo is offering an amazing opportunity for choir students – the chance to learn from a professional performer. The NHMA is sponsoring this **Master Class**, presented by Timothy Hackney - a professional actor, singer and dancer (and North alum!). Students should have received information via e-mail from Ms. Meo. **All choir students are invited to attend the class as audience members.** In addition, Tim will work one-on-one with several students who will perform a song or monologue. If you are interested in performing, please inform Ms. Meo **IN WRITING by October 5**. You can view Tim's website at <http://www.timhackney.com/#!>
- **Saturday, October 10** - The NHMA will provide a **\$1.00 coat check at the Homecoming Dance**. All proceeds support NHMA programs and scholarships. Please send cash to the dance with your students if they wish to check any belongings. If you would like to volunteer for this event, contact Claire at csrothstein@yahoo.com.
- **Monday, October 12** - The Golden Lions Marching Band will be marching down 5th Avenue in NYC during the **Columbus Day Parade**. Take a trip into the city and cheer on the band! If you're unable to travel to the NYC, the parade will air on WABC-TV New York from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in a live broadcast.
- **Friday, October 16 – Alumni Band Performance and Reunion**. Come celebrate Mr. Angeline's 25 years as director of The Golden Lions Marching Band. Alumni band members will join current Golden Lions on Singley Field for the halftime field show. Alumni and marching band members will attend a banquet prior to the football game, hosted by the NHMA. Many thanks to Michelle Smith and team for organizing a delicious dinner.
- **October 22 – October 24 (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)** – NHTO's fall production of **The Man Who Came to Dinner**. The NHMA will assist with ticket sales at each performance.
- **Wednesday, October 28** – The Golden Lions Marching Band will participate once again in the annual **Phillipsburg Band Festival** (Neil Boyer American Heritage Festival of Bands at Phillipsburg High School).

Mark Your Calendars:

- **Monday, Oct. 12** – Golden Lions Marching Band in the NYC Columbus Day Parade
 - **Friday, Oct. 16** – Alumni Band Reunion and Performance
 - **Wednesday, Oct. 28** at 6:30 PM - Phillipsburg Marching Band Festival
 - **Wednesday, Dec. 2** at 6:30 PM - Marching Band Banquet Cafe A & B
 - **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
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- Freshman Women's Ensemble, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, and Show Choir are all running smoothly, and rehearsals are well underway for their Winter Concert repertoire!
- Freshman Women's Ensemble prepared for its first high school performance at the Freshman Tea on September 28.
- Chamber Choir held leadership position elections for Choir President and Vice President on September 17.
- Measuring Day for students in Chamber Choir, Madrigal Singers, Concert Choir, and Show Choir was on September 16.
- Master Class with Tim Hackney coming up on October 9. See details above in the "Looking Ahead" section of E-Notes.

Congratulations, Will Kubas! Will was selected to participate this summer in the 2015 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.



The second payment and medical forms for the Disney trip are due Friday, October 16.

Come out and see over 100 "Golden Lions" alumni perform on Singley Field at halftime on Friday, October 16.

The "Golden Lions" Marching Band will make its annual trek up Fifth Avenue as part of the 71st New York City Columbus Day Parade on Monday, October 12.

THANK YOU to Rita Palrecha and Silver Oak Learning Centers for donating water bottles for use at our NHMA events through the year. We appreciate your generosity.



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FUNDRAISING NOTES

We have a newly-formed fundraising committee already brainstorming and planning for the year ahead. If you'd like to join the team or if you have any questions, please contact our Fundraising Chairperson, Andrew Edelsberg, at nhmafr@gmail.com.

You'll see a return of some "oldies" like

Applebee's
Flapjacks

Bake
Sales

50/50
Raffles

And you'll find some new ideas popping up. We'll keep you posted!

Our next 50/50 will be at the October 16 football game.

**The winner of our September raffle took home \$458.50.

Are you our next winner? **



We are always in need of raffle ticket sellers. We wrap up the sale at the end of the 2nd quarter, so you're able to watch the band's halftime show. If you plan to attend the game and would like to help, please let us know: [**nhmusicassociation@gmail.com**](mailto:nhmusicassociation@gmail.com).

Chocolate is coming to the NHMA!



Look for information soon.

In the meantime, find a choir student! Some have been selling Gertrude Hawk chocolates to help with the cost of their choir attire.




Stadium Seat Cushions help you to enjoy the game in comfort! Although we have sold out of our current supply, we plan to place another order. We are looking for a couple of businesses each to sponsor an ad box on the reverse side of the cushion. If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this advertising opportunity, just send us an e-mail: nhmusicassociation@gmail.com.



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**Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM.
We will meet in the choir room (Room 131). Hope to see you there!**

Thank you for your support of the North Hunterdon Music Association.

We can only do what we do because of you.

As parents of high school children, we can only imagine the pain felt by the family of Evan Murray. Our prayers go out to them and to the entire Warren Hills High School community. May this be a reminder to us all to embrace each day with gratitude and to let our kids know how much we love them.