



Monthly E-Notes ~ February 2016



Happy February, Music Association Members!

Love is all around us. When a music director gives a student an encouraging word – that’s love. When a band member helps another to find his place in the music – that’s love. When pages fall to the floor and someone else picks them up and puts them on the music stand – that’s love. When a choir member smiles at a friend across the risers – that’s love. When a student is challenged because the teacher knows she can do it – that’s love. And when a group of parents volunteer their time at parades, banquets, fundraisers, and concerts all year long – that’s love.

All we do is for the love of music, for the love of our kids. Share the love!

January Happenings

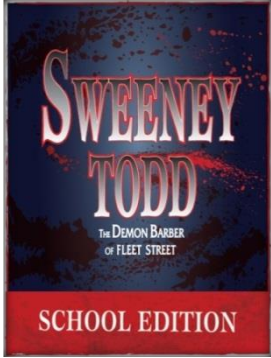
- The cast, crew and pit were busy with rehearsals for their winter musical performance of ***Sweeney Todd***. What a talented group of students directed by very dedicated staff. See more in the *March "Musts"* below.
- The cafeteria was the place to be on January 29 at the PTSA-sponsored ***Battle of the Bands***. There was friendly competition and lots of music in the air. Congratulations to all participants and to the evening’s winner: Ross Monteith.
- Several students performed with the **Central Jersey Music Educators Association (CJMEA)** instrumental groups in January. See *Music Notes* section below.
- The **Show Choir and Jazz Ensemble** visited several of our district’s sending schools this January. See more in *Music Notes* below.
- Six talented NHHS students performed in the **NJ Region II Choir Concert** at Monroe Township High School in January. See *Music Notes* below.

February Happenings

- The NHMA, along with the Booster Club and Silver Oak Learning Center, is sponsoring the **College Workshop/Practice SAT-ACT** at North this Saturday, February 6. We will be selling snacks in the mall for anyone in need of an energy boost during the morning. Bring a few dollars and grab a snack!
- **NJ All State Choir audition materials** due to Ms. Meo by Friday, February 26. See *Music Notes* below.
- **Marching Band uniforms** will be sent to Tirpok Cleaners next week in preparation for the April performance in Disney World. Most don’t realize the “behind the scenes” effort, moving uniforms on and off hangers, on and off racks and on and off the dry cleaning van. If you’d like to lend a hand, sign up here: [Uniform Cleaning Help](#) or contact Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net.



March “Musts” ~ Don’t miss these spectacular music events!



March 3, 4 & 5: Sweeney Todd: School Edition. Look for ticket information soon and look for the NHMA at each performance. We will be providing concessions, flowers, personalized Candygrams, and a 50/50 raffle! So, bring a little extra cash to support the programs and scholarships of the Music Association... and, in turn, to support our music students!



March 13: Clinton St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Share the “luck of the Irish” with our Golden Lions Marching Band as they march in the 3rd annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade in downtown Clinton.

March 17: The 14th Annual Prism Concert



It’s back! For the 14th year in a row... Don’t miss this amazing event - a combined effort of instrumental and choral talents, highlighted by professional lighting, visual effects and sound system (paid for by the NHMA!).

**Thursday, March 17 at 8:00 PM
in the NHHS gym.**

\$12.00 Adults /\$7.00 Students and Seniors



*Avoid waiting in line to buy tickets on the night of the show.
Purchase tickets [online](#) instead!*

Click here: [PRISM TICKET ORDERS](#)

or visit our website at <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/>

Looking Ahead:

- **April 1 – 4:** Disney World Trip / Performance (Golden Lions Marching Band)
- **April 9 & 16:** NJ All State Choir Auditions
- **April 21, 22 & 23:** *A Scenes and Songs Cabaret* (NHHS spring theater production)
- **May 12 & 19:** Spring Concerts
- **May 25:** Music Department Awards Banquet
- **May 30:** Memorial Day Parade in Flemington (Golden Lions Marching Band)





Instrumental Notes from Mr. Angeline:



- ❖ Freshman **Sean Lee**, cello, performed with the CJMEA Orchestra on Sunday, January 10 at Montgomery High School.
- ❖ Junior **Julia Lombardo**, clarinet, performed with the CJMEA Symphonic Band on Sunday, January 17 at Montgomery High School.
- ❖ Four senior instrumentalists performed with the CJMEA Honors Symphonic Band on Thursday, January 28 at Sayreville War Memorial High School. The four band members are **Celine LaBelle**, clarinet; **Brady Bean**, clarinet; **Steven Slack**, bassoon; **Eric Gaidos**, Tuba.



Choral Notes from Ms. Meo:

- ❖ On Tuesday, January 12 and Friday, January 15, the **Show Choir** and **Jazz Ensemble** traveled to Clinton Public School, Clinton Township Middle School, Union Township Middle School, and Ethel Hoppock School to present concerts for the students there. All four concerts were very well received, and hopefully many prospective students at both schools were inspired to continue their musical journey into high school!
 - ❖ On Sunday, January 31, **Rebecca Beswick**, **Ali Cafaro**, **Sophia Scala**, **Juliette Shore**, **Harley Varga**, and **Alisha Vekaria** performed in the NJ Region II Choir Concert at Monroe Township High School. These students were placed in the choir after an audition in December, and have been rehearsing at various high schools throughout New Jersey since then.
 - ❖ ***Auditions for NJ All State Choir are fast approaching!***
Audition dates are Saturday, April 9 and Saturday, April 16.
Audition materials are due to Ms. Meo by Friday, February 26.
Please refer to Ms. Meo for all other instructions.
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FUND RAISING



Available all year!
Chocolate - Two ways

♥ Enjoy a chocolate bar! Put a smile on your face for only \$1.00 each at our bake sales and concessions tables.

♥ Sell a chocolate bar! To purchase 48-bar carriers, our ordering link is always open. NOTE: If we don't have a particular carrier on hand, we will place bulk orders periodically through the year (we want to accumulate the minimum order to avoid shipping costs).

FYI – Our latest order has just arrived!

Thanks to all who supported us and ordered a carrier.

If anyone wishes to purchase chocolate, we have extra Variety Carriers immediately available!

Just place your order via the below link.

To order at any time: <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/gertrude-hawk-fundraiser/>.

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

COUNTRY GRIDDLE

Support the NHMA with no extra cash from your pocket!! Print the Country Griddle coupon (click on the banner at the left or visit our NHMA website) and present it to your server with your bill. The restaurant will donate 10% of your bill back to the NHMA!

Principal's Music Students of the Month



Department Students of the Month – Music:
Anthony Vacca & Madeleine Andreas

Citizens of the Month – Music:
Chinua Jones & Marissa Mugnano

Congratulations also to the school's **January Students of the Month** –
both of whom are involved in our music department:
Cecelia Higgins & Blake Horun



Congratulations to the
1st place winner: Ross Monteith
(acoustic guitar and vocals)

Congratulations to all who filled the cafeteria with awesome music that night:

Sarah Kim

Ross Monteith

Chaz Darby

Rebecca Canwright

The Tritones (Jessen Haug, Paul Goral, & Alex Wong)

Josh Zaleha

A Dragon Named Cuddlex (Guide Hubbard)

Victoria Valendo

The NHMA thanks our NHHS PTSA for coordinating this fun night of music!
We appreciate all you do for our students!

Join our next meeting!
Get in on the conversation!



Tuesday, February 9, 2016

*Join us in the choir room (Room 131)
at 7:00 PM.*

WE CAN ONLY DO WHAT WE DO



REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation
