



Monthly E-Notes ~ January 2016



Happy January, Music Association Members!

January finds many of us making those lists of New Year's resolutions. What's on yours? Does it include staying involved with the Music Association? Maybe it includes getting involved for the first time. We hope to see you through the remaining months of school and we certainly welcome you to volunteer when you can. It's never too late to support your children's music endeavors. The NHMA gives you the chance to share a bit of these high school music experiences.

Remember December:

- Marching band families gathered for the annual **Marching Band Banquet** on **Wednesday, December 2**. What a fantastic way to honor the hard work of band members and directors and to celebrate the band's season. Just like the field show, the banquet was a "4 Stars" evening and all were treated to good food and conversation. Congratulations to the entire band on a job well done. Congratulations to all who were honored that night. **See later in E-Notes for a listing of award recipients.** Michelle Smith, Linda Garvey and Sue Adams – our banquet team – thank you for yet another memorable event. And extra thanks to the Brenckle family for the donation of many of our delicious desserts.
- The NHMA hosted our second **bake sale** on **Thursday, December 3**. Thanks to our generous bakers, we had plenty of treats to offer in the mall after school. Thank you to Linda Garvey for running the sale and to all volunteers who made this possible.
- It was a double treat on **Friday, December 4**, as we got to see both Santa and our Golden Lions Marching Band in the **Clinton Christmas Parade**. Festive and fun, it was a terrific way to begin the holiday season. The band members also celebrated with a post-parade party back at school.

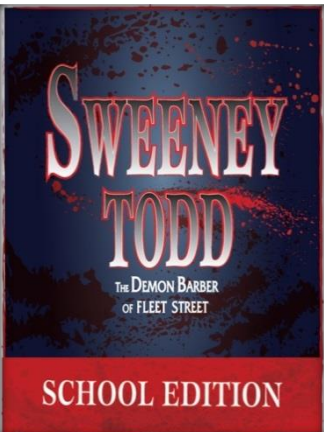
- The holiday atmosphere continued with our two **winter concerts** on Thursdays, **December 10 and 17**. The student performances again exceeded expectations. All audience members were treated to special evenings filled with choral and instrumental arrangements. We hope all enjoyed the NHMA-sponsored dessert receptions which followed each concert. Linda Garvey, we thank you for organizing these lovely events. And to all who supported our NHMA fundraisers in the lobby – thank you! We hope you got to “take a little music home.”
- We offered pancakes and performances at our annual **Applebee’s Flapjack Fundraiser**. On **Saturday, December 19**, we had our music students working early – hosting and serving breakfast, and performing live seasonal songs to our customers. Thank you, Nancy Gaidos, for keeping this fun tradition going. Thanks to all students who gave up their Saturday morning to share their talents and helping hands.

Join Us in January:

- **Friday, January 29:** The PTSA-sponsored **Battle of the Bands**. You may find some of our music students rocking the stage! *See flyer on next page.*
- **Saturday, January 30:** NHMA Concessions Table at the **College Workshop** at NHHS. Bring a little loose change to the workshop and **SAT/ACT Practice**. We’ll be selling snacks to keep you going through the morning.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **January 29:** Battle of the Bands
- **January 30:** College Workshop and Practice SAT-ACT
- **March 3, 4 & 5:** NHTO Winter Musical (*Sweeney Todd*)
- **March 17:** Prism Concert 8:00 PM



Winter Musical:
 Thursday March 3
 Friday March 4
 Saturday March 5

7:00 PM

SWEENEY TODD
 THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET
 SCHOOL EDITION



PRISM
 Concert

Thursday, March 17

The Class of 2017
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
NHHS PTSA
BRING YOU...



Fri. January 29th from 6:30-8:30 pm

COME HEAR TALENTED NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL
MUSICIANS ROCK THE CAFETERIAS IN AN EVENING
FILLED WITH GREAT MUSIC AND FUN!

\$10 at the door • Bring your Student ID • Refreshments will be sold

TO REGISTER YOUR BAND TO PERFORM CONTACT A JUNIOR CLASS
OFFICER OR JOHN MATTES OR JESSICA ALLORA

For more information email nhhsptsa@yahoo.com

Students – To register your band for the event, please complete this application form:
[NHHS Battle of the Bands 2016 Application.pdf.](#)

*Application is also available in the Athletics office.
Form is due by January 19 to Ms. Allora or Mr. Mattes.*

FUND RAISING for



AVAILABLE ALL YEAR!

Look for our chocolate bars at our bake sales and concessions tables. Put a smile on your face for only \$1.00 per bar. PLUS – if you'd like to sell to people you know, our ordering link is always open. Place an order for 48-bar carriers at your convenience. If we don't have a particular box on hand, we will place a bulk order periodically (we want to accumulate the minimum order to avoid shipping costs).

Please remind your students of NHHS's policy:
We may NOT sell candy in the cafeterias during lunch hours.

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!



HEADING TO COUNTRY GRIDDLE?

Click banner at right for coupon:



Congratulations!

to all who auditioned for the New Jersey Region 2 Chorus in December and were accepted into Regions Chorus this year:

Soprano 1

Rebecca Beswick

Juliette Shore

Soprano 2

Sophia Scala

Alto 1

Harley Varga

Alisha Vekaria

Alto 2

Ali Cafaro

A special congratulations to

***Alisha Vekaria**

who placed 6th in her section

***Juliette Shore**

for scoring the best out of all of the North Hunterdon singers!



Congratulations

CJMEA Region II Instrumental Ensembles

Julia Lombardo - accepted on clarinet for the Symphonic Band

Sanghyun Lee - accepted on cello for the Orchestra

Student Performs at Carnegie Hall

article from the January Principal's Newsletter



Congratulations to sophomore Tom Flynn who recently had the opportunity to perform in the Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall on December 5. Tom earned this opportunity by taking first prize at the TYMA's 12th Annual Russian Music Competition, held on November 1.

In addition, on December 6, Tom performed at the Piano Teacher's Congress of New York's Incentive Program, at Shetler Studios on 54th Street. As a result of his solid performance, he was selected by the judges to return the following weekend to perform in their Encore Recital at the same location, along with students of the same caliber from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Tom has also been invited by the PTC of NY to attend their Master Class in January in New York City, taught by famous Russian Pianist, Dr. Dmitry Rachmanov, Professor of Piano at California State University, Northridge and Chair of Keyboard Studies.

Tom has been playing piano for a little less than two and a half years under the tutelage of Walter Aparicio at Hunterdon Academy of the Arts in Flemington. "I enjoy learning piano because it allows me to create some of my favorite music. I never get bored of it because it is a great combination of mental, physical, and emotional tasks," says Tom. Though he doesn't think he'll choose music as a career, Tom says he will appreciate music all his life.





Golden Lions Marching Band |2015 Awards

Golden Lions Marching Band Honors

(from the January
Principal's Newsletter)



The following students were recognized at the December 2015 "Golden Lions" Marching Band banquet:

Top Freshman Marchers—Rebecca Beswick '19 and Adrian Krowicki '19

Top Sophomore Marchers—Stephanie Sharp '18 and Kayla Boyle '18

Top Junior Marcher—Julia Lombardo '17 and Olivia Adams '17

Top Senior Marcher—Brady Bean '16

Most Improved Band Member—Alyssa Schwartz '16

Spirit Award—Lawrence Luo '18

Sabre Award—Kelly Landers '16

Director's Award—Eric Gaidos '16, Evan Rys '16, Grace Leffler '16, Maggie O'Connell '16 and Jake Zalewski '16

Section of the Year Award—Trombones—Troy DeSavino '17, Section Leader

Pride of the Lions Award—Celine LaBelle '16

Service Award—Iris Ahmed '16, Ryan Garvey '16 and Steven Slack '16

Congratulations to all on a job well done!



Marching Band Officers (left to right): Eric Gaidos '16—president, Nick LaBelle '17—vice-president, Iris Ahmed '16—secretary, Jordan Sinoway '17—treasurer, Ryan Garvey '16—equipment manager, Kayla Boyle '18—librarian, Leah Gaidos '18—librarian, Lawrence Luo '18—librarian, Fabiana Popolla '18—librarian



Pictured left to right: Drum Majors—Seniors, Celine LaBelle and Evan Rys, with Mr. Angeline for receiving the Outstanding Drum Major at the Phillipsburg Band Festival. The band received this award for the second year in a row.



Drum Major—Senior, Celine LaBelle (pictured with her family) received the top award "Golden Lions Band Pride of the Lions Award" (outstanding service, dedication, etc.)



Pictured left to right: Seniors Eric Gaidos, Evan Rys, Grace Leffler, Jake Zalewski, and Maggie O'Connell received the "Golden Lions Directors Award"



Pictured left to right: Seniors—Marissa Mugnano, Stephen Slack, Iris Ahmed and Ryan Garvey received the "Golden Lions Service Award"



Music Students of the Month

DECEMBER

Department Students of the Month – Music:

Leah Gaidos & Sam Szych

Citizens of the Month – Music:

Kathryn Berger & Evan Rys

Our next meeting will be

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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

Hope to see you there!

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We can only do what we do because of you.