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President's Letter

With a chill in the air and snow on the ground... and the hope of warmer days ahead... ***the music continues.*** Where there is music, there are parent volunteers "behind the scenes." To recognize every one of you would be difficult. So, please accept a general "thank you" and know you are appreciated! We parents were part of the marching band's successful season, from August band camp and football games to the Clinton Christmas Parade. We'll be present again at the Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade this month and at the Flemington Memorial Day Parade in May. Some will be cheering on the band in Disney World in April. Others will be at the winter musical – selling tickets or helping with concessions, flower sales and raffles. Parents will be hard at work at the March Prism Concert and we'll be at the school for the spring concerts. We'll be organizing the end-of-year Music Department Awards Banquet to celebrate our students. You name it; we do it. We move instruments to the football field, provide snacks to hungry band members and sew buttons on uniforms. We make possible Master Classes for our choir students and cover the cost of professional lighting and sound for the amazing Prism Concert. We spend hours organizing fundraisers so we have a means to give back to our music department. We have volunteers handling money and others delivering poinsettias. We have stadium seat cushions in our basement and chocolate bars in the trunks of our cars. We have delicious desserts for receptions stocked in our freezers. And e-mails, helper sign ups, and spreadsheets....

Is your heading spinning? Our "to do" list is endless and that's why we are so grateful for our volunteers. We work hard. But when we realize our efforts are all for our kids... well, it really doesn't feel like work at all. We tackle the tasks with a smile and even a few laughs. We have a need for new "faces" as senior parents graduate, leaving us with positions to fill. Will you be the one to say "yes"? Come to a meeting and see what we're about. You may find your special place among us.

We can only do what we do because of you. And we thank you, our wonderful volunteers!

Cathy Edelsberg

~ President, NHMA

From our Band Director

The “Golden Lions” marching band will perform in three important events during the spring of 2016.

Following our performance in Clinton at the 3rd annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, the band will travel to Orlando, Florida for a performance at the Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World. The band’s performance will take place in the afternoon of April 2 as part of the daily “Disney Festival of Fantasy” pre-parade. In May, the band will march up Main Street in Flemington for our 25th consecutive performance in the Flemington Memorial Day Parade. This will certainly be a memorable few months for our band members!

The dates for our 2016 summer rehearsals are now set. They are:

August 8-11; 6:00 – 9:00 PM

August 15-17; 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

August 18; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

August 19; 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

As always, the band staff requests that all potential 2016-17 band members be available to attend all summer rehearsals.

--Vince Angeline

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 Eric Gaidos, Tuba, Brady Bean, Clarinet, Celine LaBelle, Clarinet, Steven Slack, Bassoon

Congrats!



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Mr. Angeline, Mr. Andrews, Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta: Thanks for making music matter for our students!

- Chamber Choir
- Concert Choir
- Freshman Women's Ensemble
- Madrigal Singers
- Show Choir
- Concert Band
- String Orchestra
- Jazz Ensemble
- Wind Ensemble

From Ms. Meo — Music Teacher

Here we are, just past the midpoint of another busy and hectic year, and there is no end in sight! Some of the biggest musical events and moments of the year are yet to come, and we look forward to seeing you at every one! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the Music Parents for volunteering, running and helping at events, providing food at Musical rehearsals, shuttling children everywhere, and just being the ultimate supportive presence in our students’ lives. We know they could not achieve what they do every day without your approval and support, so we thank you very much!

So far this year on the vocal side, we have had the Freshman Tea, a Master Class with Tim Hackney, Concert Choir performance at the first annual Take Back Your Voice Concert at the Easton State Theatre, Freshman and Concert Choir “Open Mic”s, Winter Concerts (and an in-school performance assembly), Chamber Choir Christmas Caroling around the school, Show Choir performance trips to district middle schools, student performances of “The National Anthem” at various pep rallies and sporting events, NJ Region II Chorus performance at Monroe Township HS, and a *Sweeney Todd* opening scene performance at the February Faculty Meeting. WOW. Currently, of course, the two events that are right on our heels are the biggest theatrical event of the year, our Winter Musical, *Sweeney Todd*, and the 14th annual Prism Concert. We thank the NHMA for agreeing to sponsor both the lighting and sound yet again for the Prism Concert, the biggest night of the year! Next year, we hope to have acquired our very own sound system to help cut the cost of this event. This year, we look forward to another night of wonderful student performances, complete with a big finale finish and Mr. Hopta’s solo!

There are so many other things to also look forward to this year: All State Chorus auditions in April, the Spring Cabaret, more Choir Open Mics, Spring Concerts, After-School Choir Auditions, and so much more. Just the day-to-day learning and sharing of music with these students is a great joy in my life. Thank you for all your help in fostering character, confidence, and hard work in the adolescents of today!

Best to you and your families,
Katie Meo

CONGRATS!!!! To our 2015-2016 All State Mixed Chorus and Orchestra/Band Members!

2015-16 All State Treble Chorus:
Brielle Burns, ‘17 (soloist)
Zoe Chang, ‘17
Laura DelPiano, ‘18
Juliette Shore, ‘18
Alisha Vekaria, ‘18

2015 All State Mixed Chorus:
Will Kubas, ‘16
Lauren Medina, ‘17
Francesca Tangreti, ‘18

October 16, 2015 Alumni Band Performance and Reunion -- Celebrating 25 years with Mr. Angeline



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LOOKING AHEAD...

Sweeney Todd – March 3-5, 7 PM

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 13, 3 PM

Prism Concert – March 17, 8:00 PM

Marching Band Disney World Trip – April 1-4

NJ All-State Choir Auditions April 9 and 16

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

Music Department Banquet – May 25, 6:30 PM

Flemington Memorial Day Parade, May 30



Congratulations

CJMEA Region II Instrumental Ensembles

Julia Lombardo - accepted on clarinet for the Symphonic Band

Sanghyun Lee - accepted on cello for the Orchestra

We're Everywhere!

Clinton -- Dickens Days



Brass players from the NHHS "Golden Lions" Marching Band once again serenaded shoppers on the day after Thanksgiving as part of the Clinton Dickens' Days festivities. The ensemble performed in front of the Towne Restaurant from 11:00 to noon.

More news...

The Music Department performed a Holiday Assembly for the entire North Hunterdon staff and student body December 22.

Twenty-three music department instrumentalists have been selected to perform in the pit orchestra for the upcoming NHTO production of "Sweeney Todd".

NHMA Meetings: Room 131, 2nd Tuesdays— Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, June 7



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!

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.

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 Marchers—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!



A NOTE about Our Fundraising



Stadium Seat Cushions • 50/50 Raffles • Applebee's Flapjacks
Gertrude Hawk Chocolates • Bake Sales • Poinsettias

If you have participated in any of our fundraisers this year, the NHMA thanks you! Through these efforts, we are able to support our high school's music endeavors. In the end, our music students – our children – reap the benefits.

Thank you, Andrew Edelsberg, for chairing our fundraising committee. You and your team have introduced new ideas along with continuing a few favorites. To you, to your team, to anyone who organized a fundraiser, and to anyone who volunteered time to make it happen – thank you!

To our NHMA members:

Even your smallest contribution can make a **BIG** difference in the few months left.

Prism Concert: *We'll be covering the cost of the professional lighting, sound system and visual effects.*

Concert Receptions and Music Awards Banquet: *We'll be hosting several dessert receptions this spring and sponsoring the May end-of-year banquet.*

Scholarships: *We'll be proudly honoring music student efforts at the end of the year through senior scholarships and our Gary Gilbert Scholarships for underclassmen.*

Still going.....

Gertrude Hawk: *The candy bar fundraiser continues through the end of the school year.*

****Students who sell for the benefit of the NHMA may submit community service hours.****

Please help the cause by ordering a box using the following link:

<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/gertrude-hawk-fundraiser/>

If you have questions about fundraising or would like to help, please contact:

Andrew Edelsberg (Fundraising Chair) at nhmafr@gmail.com

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North Hunterdon Music Association

Marching Band



Golden Lions at the Milk Can Game



Band at Pep Rally



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—Marissa Mugnano, Stephen Slack, Iris Ahmed and Ryan Garvey received the "Golden Lions Service Award"

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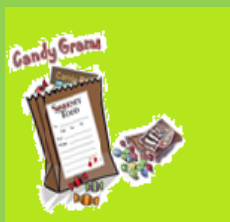
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North Hunterdon



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- Your Easter basket needs more than jellybeans.
- Administrative Professionals Day is April 27.
- Bring a little “sunshine” to April’s rainy days.
- You’ll be prepared with great end-of-year teacher gifts.
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Looking ahead...



We are still enjoying the talents of our senior students, but their high school days are passing. As they move on in a few months, so do our senior parents. Our 2016-2017 NHMA Board will have open positions. Now is the time to think if YOU could fill a spot. Spring is the perfect time to attend an NHMA meeting, to get to know us, and to check out upcoming opportunities.

Would you consider joining our Board?

Do you like to...

- oversee a great group of dedicated people? We're looking for a **PRESIDENT**.
- keep detailed notes? We're looking for a **RECORDING SECRETARY**.
- build muscle moving instruments? We need a **MARCHING BAND OPERATIONS** chair.
- raise money for a good cause? We need a **FUNDRAISING** chair.

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

Gary Gilbert Scholarships

The Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarship is given each spring to members of the NHHS student body who wish to pursue opportunities and experiences which encourage a life-long involvement in music. **The scholarship is open to NHHS freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in supplementing their high school musical studies with outside music programs, such as college summer music programs for high school students, summer music camps, etc.**

The deadline for applying for summer 2016 is April 30. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Spring Music Awards Banquet. For additional details and the application form, visit the NHMA webpage on the NHHS website. The application can also be obtained from any North Hunterdon music teacher.

Note: Students must be members of the NHMA to be eligible for this scholarship.



2015-16 Choir T-Shirt Order Form



Show your love of NHHS Choirs! If you would like to purchase one of our Choir Department t-shirts (designed by our very own Cadence Braddock!), then please fill out this form and bring it with payment to either Ms. Meo or Gianna Porfano by **Friday, March 4th!**

Youth Sizes:

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___Small ___X-Large

___Medium ___2X-Large

___Large ___3X-Large

The cost of the t-shirt will be **\$15.**

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Thank you so much!

The next NHMA

50/50

March 3, 4 & 5

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1	ticket=\$1
10	tickets=\$5
30	tickets=\$10

A huge "thanks" to our terrific raffle volunteers - those who have donned aprons and rolls of tickets and stepped foot into the crowd! We couldn't have done it without you this year.

Jen Fasciano – Thank you for coordinating our raffles all year long
and for handling all of the details with a constant smile!