



North Hunterdon Music Association Newsletter – Fall 2016

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President's Letter

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year!

As fall arrives, we also have some new arrivals in the NHMA community. I am excited to say that I will be taking over as NHMA President for the next two years. We have so much to do, but we also have so many hands to help accomplish our mission. To be a part of the music experience here is to be a part of something great. We are fortunate to have our students under the direction of such dedicated and talented faculty.

We have gotten glimpses of the marching band's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" field show. We had a peek at our freshman talent at the September Freshman Tea. We can't wait for our choral and instrumental students to "wow" us at the winter concerts.

A new school year elicits mixed feelings. Our 2016 graduates are absent from our ensembles. Their parents have moved on as well. We will miss you all for sure. You are a talented bunch and we know you will do great things. Now, our choirs and instrumental groups present new faces. Welcome, Class of 2020! And welcome back to our returning music students and parents. We can't wait to discover what this year has in store.

Share these music moments with us. Grab a friend and join the NHMA. If you're already a member, thank you! If not, please register online through our website at www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation. Get to know the NHMA better by visiting our website, contacting a committee member, or attending one of our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Take "note" of all that the NHMA accomplishes through the year. And, more importantly, see what more we can do with your help!

Connie Rys

~ President, NHMA

From our Band Director

With the new school year underway, it is a pleasure to greet you as a registered member of our fabulous North Hunterdon Music Association. Over the years, this organization has proven to be a critical source of support for the staff and students of the music department. The music faculty is grateful for the many ways that the NHMA makes our jobs easier, and for the time and resources dedicated towards the betterment of the students' experience.

During the school year you will have many opportunities to see our ensembles in performance. Our Winter, Prism, and Spring concerts are a showcase for the groups and represent the culmination of many hours of rehearsal. Our student performers will also distinguish themselves in solo and small ensemble performances and as members of honors ensembles sponsored by the New Jersey Music Educators Association. We anticipate a stellar year for all of our ensembles and many memorable performances.

Less obvious but no less important is the work being accomplished in our non-performance courses. The North Hunterdon Music Department offers something for every NHHS student and the vast array of classes allow any student to explore the many facets of our musical world. Students can hone their guitar skills, create music using today's newest technology, and analyze the works of the great classical composers. As part of a comprehensive high school, the music department prides itself on the scope and depth of its offerings, and, with your support, will continue to be a vital and integral part of North Hunterdon High School.

Yours Musically,

--Vince Angeline



Mr Angeline and group of band members who played the National Anthem for the Skylands Triathlon at Spruce Run Reservoir on Sunday, Sept. 18.

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From Ms Meo— Welcome music students!

I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make Meet the Teachers Night and the Freshman Tea so successful! It is always so wonderful to be able to meet and speak with new parents on the evening of their child's very first high school performance. The Freshman Choir members were very excited to "get their feet wet" in this way, and they came away from the performance confident and ready to work hard preparing for the next one!

The choir attire will be ordered early this month, and we expect it to be delivered by late in the month. A big "thank you" to all the volunteers who helped measure the students! We are also expecting our Gertrude Hawk chocolate order any day now, so parents have the opportunity to earn back what they spent on the attire.

If your child is interested in being part of a select choir that includes some of the best high school voices in the region, they should be on the lookout for information regarding the NJ Region II Chorus, sponsored by the Central Jersey Music Educators Association! Audition materials will be available shortly, and auditions are in December.

On October 11th, we had a very successful Vocal Master Class, run by internationally acclaimed tenor James Valenti (NHHS alum '95)! Photos of this event are later in this newsletter.

All NHHS Choir and Theater students are invited to attend the Improv Comedy Master Class, sponsored by the NHMA! The Class will be run by improv teacher and performer Alan Starzinski, who is affiliated with the Upright Citizens Brigade in NYC. Alan has been teaching and performing in the city for the past decade, and is very excited to work with our students! We hope to have many of them perform in the Class, and they may also observe. Performers will be chosen the day of (in true "improv" fashion)! The Class takes place Monday, October 24th, (mods 7-12) in the Theater.

The Fall Play this year is "All My Sons", a tragically powerful piece about family dynamics and the impact of war. Even though the plot takes place during World War II, the themes are timeless. Come out and see this wonderfully-acted classic! Performances are Thursday and Saturday, October 27th and 29th, at 7PM, and Sunday, October 30th at 2PM (there is no Friday performance due to the football game).

This is all the news on my end at the moment. Thank you to all of you, who have continued to reinforce the importance of music education in your child's life! You have a profound impact on this Department.

*Many Thanks and Happy Autumn,
Katie Meo*



More Faculty News

Mr. Hopta and Ms Meo lead Madrigals, Concert Choir, Freshman Women's Choir, Show Choir, and Chamber Choir

Mr. Perry Andrews teaches music classes and leads the Jazz Ensemble.

From Mr Hopta:

Hello All,

Greetings and welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope that your summer was enjoyable. I was fortunate enough to do some graduate work and volunteer at a music camp, both of which helped keep stay "of sound mind" during the summer break. I am looking forward to this year. By now, as you know, the Marching Band is in full swing and our other ensembles have begun preparations for the year's performances. We thank you for receiving this newsletter, and look forward to entertaining you and receiving your support throughout the school year. Feel free to contact my colleagues or myself with any questions related to our department.

Regards,

Charlie Hopta



Choir Student Tshirt Contest

Hey everyone! It's just about that time of the year again! As many of you know, the choir department has t-shirts made every year that are available for choir students to purchase. T-shirts are a great way to advertise events, such as the Prism Concert in the spring, and to show our unity as a department here at North and within the community!

This year, I want it to be about you guys - the students! Instead of me creating a design for the t-shirts, I would rather all the choir students be able to create their own designs and have a say in the final design decision. So with that in mind, I'm asking you all to submit designs for our 2016-2017 choir t-shirts! If you are interested in creating a design for the t-shirt, you can email me your designs by **Friday, October 21st**. After all designs are received, we will hold a vote (either in class or online) to decide on the winning shirt!

Be as creative as you want, but make sure to include the year (2016-2017) somewhere in the design and to keep in mind the cost of the t-shirts. Most importantly, be unique and have fun!

If you think you'd like to design a shirt, let me know either by email or in person! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you guys so much, and happy designing!

CITRUS SALE!



NH Music Association

Share The Sunshine!

The North Hunterdon Music Association is sponsoring a fundraising fruit sale beginning Sept. 1 and running through November 11. Delicious fresh fruits available for purchase include navel and juice oranges, red grapefruit, tangelos, apples, pears and sweet potatoes. Contact your favorite music student or Sue Adams, suzanneadams1017@gmail.com for more information.

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Freshman Parent Tea

The Freshman Parent Tea was held Monday, September 26. Freshman Band members along with upper grade band members volunteered to play for the event and refreshments were enjoyed by all. The event helps Freshman Music parents get acquainted with each other and our music programs. (See Page 15 for photos of this event.). *A great time was had by all!*



LOOKING AHEAD...

Winter Marching Band Banquet Nov 30, 6:30 PM

Winter Concerts – December 8 and 15, 7:00 PM

Prism Concert – March 23, 8:00 PM

Spring Concerts – May 11 and 18, 7:00 PM

Music Department Banquet – May 24 6:30 PM

Are you in a band? Would you be interested in being part of a concert involving other high school aged bands? National recording artist Flintface is sponsoring a concert at the State Theater in Easton on Saturday, November 19th at 7pm and they are looking for area bands who want to perform! The Concert's theme is "Take Back Your Voice" and focuses on self-empowerment and responding positively to bullying and self-doubt. Submit an application at statetheatre.org See the poster outside the music office for more information! Deadline is October 5th.

(Last year, some of our NHHS our musicians participated on-stage at Easton with Flintface)

Golden Lions Band Council

2016 -- 2017

Drum Majors:

Kayla Boyle
Sam Szych

Section Leaders:

Flute – Stephanie Sharp

Clarinet – Julia Lombardo

Saxophones – Nicholas LaBelle

Trumpets/Horns – Olivia Adams

Trombones – Troy DeSavino

Low Brass – Yahel Gomes

Percussion – Dillon Spear

Color Guard- Adrian Krowicki,
Mariya McKinney

Band Officers:

President – Nicholas LaBelle

Vice-President – Leah Gaidos

Secretary – Sammie Dolloff

Treasurer – Lawrence Luo

Equipment Manager – Michael Garvey

Librarians – Grace Chen, Andrew Green,
Fabiana Popolla



Congratulations to our 2016 NHHS Spring Music Award Winners!!

May 25, 2016

John Philip Sousa Band Award – Celine LaBelle

National School Choral Award – Gianna Porfano

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award – Eric Gaidos

National School Orchestra Award- Blake Horun

North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Musical Excellence –
Steven Slack

North Hunterdon Choral Award for Musical Excellence – Will Kubas

North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Outstanding Service –
Anthony Vacca, Marissa Mugnano, Iris Ahmed, Brady Bean, Ryan
Garvey, Evan Rys

North Hunterdon Choral Award for Outstanding Service –

Hannah Ferenci, Luke Zengel, Audrey Chester, Adrianna Burton

Rebecca Canright, Kelly Landers

Jason P. Schaible Music Award – Jake Zalewski

Music Association Scholarships -- Evan Rys, Zake Zalewski,
Dominique Quartararo, Glenn Smith, Gianna Porfano

David R. Lockart -- Julianne Grillo

Theatre Scholarship – Cameron Calv

Semper Fidelis Award – Eric Gaidos

Congratulations!!!

Gary Gilbert Scholarship Recipients -- May 2016

- 1). Grace Chen
- 2). Stephanie Sharp
- 3). Brendan Talian

NHMA Meetings: Room 131, 2nd Tuesdays

2016: September 13, October 4, November 8, December 13

2017: January 10, February 14, March 7, April 11, May 9, June 6

PLEASE JOIN THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION!

Online membership is now available on our website at [Online Membership](#)

Membership is \$20 per family. First-time members receive an NHMA car magnet, a \$5 value, for FREE!



Our proud music seniors at 2016 Spring Banquet



Spring Concert 2016, Mr. Hopta



PRISM

HERE IS AN EASY WAY TO HELP SUPPORT THE NHMA!!!

Enjoy a great meal and help the NHMA!

Just eat at the **Country Griddle Restaurant** and

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Marching Band



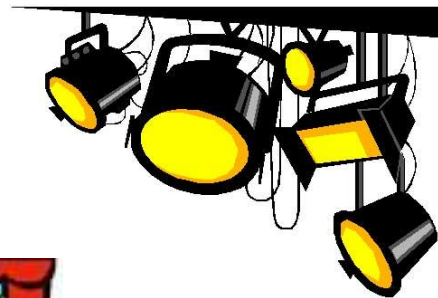
Color Guard



St. Patrick's Day Parade, Clinton 2016



Come on out and support our NH Theater Organization! Many of our music students also participate in our theater presentations. The NHMA volunteers help to support the NHTO's plays and musicals.



NHTO is excited to announce our 2016-17 season:

Fall Show: *All My Sons* (By Arthur Miller)

Performances – Thurs., Oct. 27 @ 7:00 pm; Sat., Oct. 29 @ 7:00 pm;
Sun., Oct. 30 @ 2:00 pm

Winter Musical: *Cinderella* (Rodgers & Hammerstein).

Auditions – Nov. 7 & 8. Performances – March 2, 3, and 4

Spring Show: *A Theater Cornucopia* (Our traditional cabaret of scenes and songs)



THANK YOU!



Thank you to Silver Oak
Learning Centers

THANK YOU to TIRPOK's for dry cleaning the
Marching Band's uniforms all season long!

Please patronize them!



STADIUM SEAT CUSHIONS

Available soon!

Sit in the football stands or on the gym bleachers for a couple of hours and you'll appreciate this fundraiser even more! From sporting events, to the Prism Concert... even graduation... the cushions were a hit!

We'd like to thank those businesses who sponsored our last order:

- Hunterdon Family Eye Care
- Sorella's Pizzeria
- Legend Landscaping and Maintenance
- Window Expressions
- Carini's Pizza & Pasta
- Spinning Wheel Diner
- The Lawn Ranger

Our current stock of cushions is almost gone. We will be placing a new order shortly. Look for the cushions at upcoming events.

THANK YOU ALSO TO:

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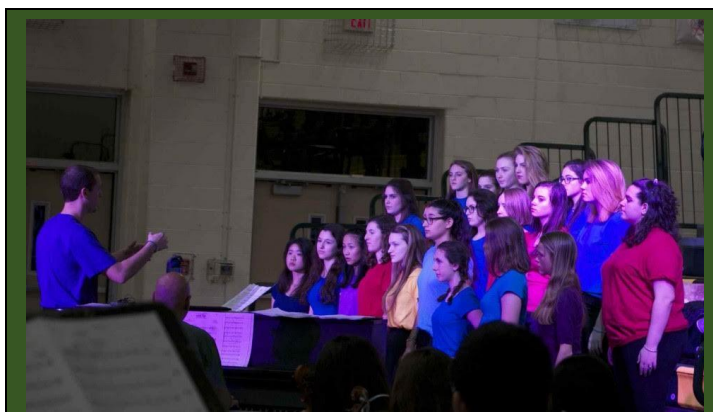
For your help
with our
Banquets and
Hospitality!

The Fall 2016 “Golden Lions” Marching Band Schedule

FALL	Date	Day	Site	Event
September	9	Friday	NHHS	Game 1 – Pickup time 9:45 PM
September	16	Friday	Warren Hills HS	Game 2 – Pickup time 10:30 PM
September	23	Friday	Watchung Hills HS	Game 3 – Pickup time 10:30 PM
September	29	Thursday	Manville HS	Game 4 – Pick up time 10:15 PM
October	7	Friday	Bridgewater HS	Game 5 -Pick up time 10:15 PM
October	10	Monday	New York City	Columbus Day Parade Pick Up TBA
October	14	Friday	NHHS	Game 6 – Pickup- 9:45 PM
October	21	Friday	Hillsborough HS	Game 7 – Pickup time 10:15 PM
October	26	Wednesday	Phillipsburg HS	Phillipsburg Band Festival
October	28	Friday	NHHS 7 /8 Band Night)	Game 8 -Pickup time 9:45 PM
November	4	Friday	NHHS (Senior Night - Milk Can Game)	Game 9 Pickup 10:00 PM
November	11	Friday	NHHS	Game 10 – Pickup time 9:40 PM
November	30	Wednesday	Cafeteria B – 6:30 PM	Marching Band Banquet
December	2	Friday	Clinton	Christmas Parade



PRISM Duet 2016



Mr Hopta conducts Freshman Girls' Choir - PRISM

Coming UP!!!

We have exciting things ahead!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

FROM 8AM to 10 AM

Support our young vocalists and musicians....

The North Hunterdon Music Association is hosting another
Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser!

Because of popular demand – this is our 5th annual event! Music students will host, seat and serve you a delicious breakfast AND entertain you with **live, seasonal music performed by our talented NHHS musicians and singers. Embrace the spirit of the season while supporting the student music programs of NHHS. Then, finish your holiday shopping in Flemington!**

Saturday December 17th 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM at the Applebee's in Flemington

SAVE THE DATE!! More information to follow.

Questions? Contact Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net

Special Opera Master Class – October 11

All NHHS Choir students were invited to attend a Vocal Master Class, run by internationally acclaimed tenor James Valenti (NHHS alum '95)! Mr. Valenti was back in Hunterdon County after travelling the world and performing in some of its most prestigious venues, and he was very excited to work with our students! Students who attended the Class sang part of a piece from "La Traviata", watched the clinician work one-on-one with some upperclassmen, and participated in a question and answer session all about his life as an opera star! Student performers were: Avery Stoker, Emily Cargill, Jessie Dau, and Brielle Burns. The Class took place Tuesday, October 11th, from 2:30-4:00 in the Theater.



Mr Valenti (left), with Ms Meo
and Mr Hopta



Freshman Tea Fall 2016



Columbus Day Parade – October 10, 2016

New York City



BAND CAMP 2016

