

Monthly E-Notes ~ February 2015

Happy February, Music Association Members!

We hope all went well with students' midterms and that you all stayed safe in our recent snow. The temperatures remain chilly so...

Warm up with some music during these cold winter days.

January Happenings

- The cast, crew and pit continue with rehearsals for their winter musical performance of *Oliver!* What a talented group of students directed by very dedicated staff. See more in the *March "Musts"* below.
- If you attended the PTSA-sponsored **"Battle of the Bands"** on January 30, perhaps you recognized some of our music department students among the performers. There was friendly competition and lots of music in the air. Congratulations to all participants and to the winning band, *The Intelli-Gents*!
- On Friday, January 30, the Show Choir and Jazz Ensemble travelled to Clinton Public School and Clinton Township Middle School to present concerts for the elementary and middle school students. Both concerts were very well received, and hopefully many prospective students at both schools were inspired to continue their musical journey into high school!

February Happenings

- On Sunday, February 1, Juliette Shore (Women's Chorus), Brielle Burns, William Kubas, and Sarah Wingler (Mixed Chorus) 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.
- Congratulations to Julia Lombardo who has been accepted into the New Jersey All-State Symphonic Band. Julia successfully auditioned and is ranked as the number 7 bass clarinetist in the state. She will perform later this month with the All-State Symphonic Band at the New Jersey Music Educators Convention. Great work Julia!
- The NHMA will co-sponsor a second College Workshop on February 7. Parents will learn about the college process while students benefit from a practice SAT or ACT. Remember to bring a dollar or two; the NHMA will be selling light snacks and drinks. Thank you to Silver Oak for organizing this session. And thanks, Silver Oak, for donating water bottles to the NHMA for use at our events through the year.



- It's another **NHMA bake sale**! We are organizing a Valentine's-Day-themed bake sale for Thursday, February 19 at dismissal. If you'd like a treat as you rush to the bus or if you need a "pick-me-up" before your after-school activity, visit our table in the mall. This is our third sale of the school year. Thank you to our wonderful bakers! We are keeping you busy. Your kitchens must smell heavenly.
- Auditions for NJ All State Choir are fast approaching! Audition dates are Saturday, April 18 and Saturday, April 25. Audition materials are due to Ms. Meo <u>by Friday, February 27</u>. Please refer to Ms. Meo for all other instructions.

March "Musts" ~ Don't miss these spectacular music events!

Oliver!



March 5, 6 & 7: *Oliver!* 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! Grab a seat in the theater and "consider yourself at home!"



March 15: NHHS will be present at the 2nd annual **Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade** as our Golden Lions Marching Band marches through town. Share the "luck of the Irish" with our terrific band.

March 26: The 13th annual Prism Concert



It's a beautiful evening showcasing the talent and work of the music department. You won't want to miss this amazing event ~ a combined effort of instrumental and choral talents, highlighted by professional lighting and visual effects.

Avoid waiting in line to buy tickets on the night of the show. Purchase tickets <u>online</u> instead! Click here: <u>Prism Ticket Orders</u> to buy your tickets now or visit our website.

Looking Ahead:

- April 23, 24 & 25: A Theatrical Cornucopia, the NHHS spring theater production
- May 7 &14: Spring concerts
- May 20: Music Department Awards Banquet
- May 25: Marching band will march in the Memorial Day Parade in Flemington.

Check out the latest Principal's Newsletter (February edition) for photos from the winter concerts.

Congratulations to the Principal's Music Students of the Month!

January

Department Students of the Month – Music:

Mary Twaddle and Cole Herudek

Citizens of the Month – Music:

Isabella Helriegel and Nicholas LaBelle

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www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation



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Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM in the choir room (Room 131). We hope to see you there!



We can only do what we do because of you.