



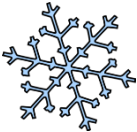
Monthly E-Notes ~ January 2015



Happy January, Music Association Members!

Happy New Year!

Grab a cup of cocoa, curl up with a blanket, and catch up on our NHMA news.



The last month of 2014 was full of music!

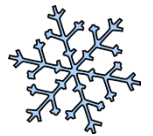
- **Tuesday, December 2:** Our choir students spread holiday cheer at the **Hunterdon County Retired Educators Association Holiday Brunch**. Below is a Facebook “thank you” from the HCREA.

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014 the Hunterdon County Retired Educators Association (HCREA) held its annual Holiday Brunch. We were entertained by 2 groups from the NHHS music department. Singing a cappella, led by Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta, the students lent a true holiday feeling to our event. The retired teachers sang along with the students on some of the traditional Christmas songs, which was a real treat. Each year the students from NHHS bring their special talents to our December event. The HCREA is not just impressed by the talent and enthusiasm of the students for their art but also proud of the continuing excellence of students from our Hunterdon County schools. Kudos to all the students and Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta. On behalf of all the members of the HCREA, I say Thank You and Happy Holidays. ~ Joyce Kucyn VP HCREA

- **Wednesday, December 3:** To celebrate its ***Music of James Bond*** field show, the marching band gathered for an evening of good food and well-deserved honors at its annual **Marching Band Awards Banquet**. We are proud of our band! Thank you to our fabulous directors whose dedication brought out the best in our students yet again. ***See end of E-Notes for a listing of award recipients.*** Congrats to all!
- **Friday, December 5:** The Marching Band accompanied Santa down Main Street in Clinton at the **Clinton Christmas Parade**. Our dedicated band members bundled up to perform on another cold, rainy parade night. That afternoon, the band practiced its parade performance in the high school parking lot and then enjoyed a potluck dinner. After the parade, the band continued with a fun evening at the school.
- **Saturday, December 6:** The NHMA co-sponsored the **College Workshop** at NHHS. Parents were informed about the college process while students benefited from a practice SAT or ACT. We appreciate all parents and students who supported the NHMA snack table that day.
- **Thursdays, December 11 and December 18:** Both choral and instrumental students showcased their talents at the two **Winter Concerts**. We hope you mingled a bit at the dessert receptions hosted by the NHMA after each concert. We thank very much all those who donated to the treats that night. And thank you to Sharon Tanzler for creating beautiful receptions yet again!

- **Friday, December 12:** The treats continued as the NHMA hosted a **holiday bake sale** in the mall after school. Again thanks to those who contributed baked goods, to those who supported our fundraiser, and to Lisa Franklin for making this bake sale happen.
 - **Saturday, December 20:** Our music students were busy hosting, seating and serving at the **Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's** in Flemington. And patrons were treated to seasonal music performed that morning by our very own NHHS music students. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser and enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast. We truly appreciate our wonderful students who gave up their Saturday morning to sing, play and work. We had our best attendance to date and raised over \$1,000.00. Thank you, Nancy Gaidos, for organizing this terrific holiday event.
 - **Monday, December 22:** The high school community was treated to a **holiday assembly** during the school day by our high school music groups.
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The Music Continues in the New Year:



- **March 5, 6 & 7:** The students of the cast, crew and pit are already busy with rehearsals for this year's **winter musical theater performance** of *Oliver!* Mark your calendars for a wonderful night out. Support these talented students and dedicated staff who put so much time and effort into these performances.
 - **March 15:** Our marching band will participate in the 2nd annual **Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade**.
 - **March 26:** Plans for the annual **Prism Concert** are in the works. Mark your calendar for another beautiful evening that highlights the talent and works of the music department.
 - **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.
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Congratulations to the Principal's Music Students of the Month!



December

Department Students of the Month – Music:

Julia Lombardo and Andrew Kapetanakis

Good Citizens of the Month – Music:

Gianna Porfano and Brady Bean

Golden Lions Marching Band



The following students were recognized at the December 2014 "Golden Lions" Marching Band banquet:

Top Freshman Marchers—Leah Gaidos '18 and Lawrence Luo '18

Top Sophomore Marchers—Kirsten Fodor '17 and Olivia Adams '17

Top Junior Marcher—Brady Bean '16

Top Senior Marcher—Jessica Teipel '15 and Andy Kapetanakis '15

Most Improved Band Member—Jahel Gomes '17

Spirit Award—Tommy Fitzgerald '15

Sabre Award—Theresa Vitovitch '15 and Emily Edelsberg '15

Director's Award—Nathan Bishop '15 and Andrew Burden '15

Section of the Year Award—Trumpets/Horns, Zach Pawlikowski '15, Section Leader

Pride of the Lions Award—Benjamin Sharp '15

Service Award—Isabella Helriegel '15 and Priscilla Sanchez '15

Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Music Accomplishments

The following students were accepted into the CJMEA (Central Jersey Music Educators Association) NJ Region 2 Chorus:

Brielle Burns '17 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Soprano 1 (10th chair)

William Kubas '16 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Tenor 2 (7th chair)

Juliette Shore '18 – NJ Region 2 Women's Chorus, Soprano 1

Sarah Winger '18 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Alto 2

Band member Julia Lombardo '17 successfully auditioned for the NJMEA Region II Orchestra. Julia is ranked as the number two Bass Clarinetist in Central New Jersey and will perform with this honors ensemble in January.

Congratulations to all!

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation

Our next meeting is Tuesday,
January 13
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.