



Monthly E-Notes ~ June 2015



## Happy June, Music Association Members!

*It was a long winter and a busy school year. But summer vacation is almost here! We wish all students the best of luck on final exams and hope all enjoy the summer. To our seniors and senior parents, this is a time of mixed feelings for us. We are sad that we won't see you in the choirs, bands and orchestra next year. But, we are excited as you are off to new ventures. We wish you well in college or in the working world or wherever your post-graduation days take you. Keep music in your heart. You are a terrific bunch!*

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### Moments in May

- **Spring Concerts I & II (May 7 & 14)** ~ We hope you were in the audience for one, if not both, of these concerts, treated to amazing musical evenings. Did you pop into Café A after each concert to enjoy a bit of dessert? Thanks to Sharon Tanzler for organizing the NHMA receptions. And thanks to all who donated to or assisted with those evenings.
- **ShopRite "Donation Day" (May 16)** ~ If you found yourself at Clinton ShopRite on May 16 and donated to our NHMA bucket drive, thank you! Shoppers mentioned they were happy to help keep the music program thriving at North! Thank you to Nancy Gaidos and our dedicated NHMA parents who gave up hours of their weekend to collect on our behalf. These donations help support our scholarship efforts.
- **Music Department Awards Banquet (May 20)** ~ The cafeterias were alive with music, tables graced with roses, guests treated to student performances. Kind words were spoken and honors awarded. Congratulations to all. Thank you ~ to Michelle Smith, Sue Adams and Linda Garvey for organizing the event... to Metropolitan Seafood and Carini's Pizza & Pasta for contributing to a delicious catered buffet... to our students for sharing their musical talents with us all year long... and to our music faculty for their instruction through the year.
- **Flemington Memorial Day Parade (May 25)** ~ Thank you to Terri Mugnano and her team for assisting with instrument moving and to Terese Acocella for keeping our band members hydrated during the Golden Lions' final march of the year. Thanks to you both for your work all year long!
- **Marching Band Uniforms** have been dry cleaned and organized in the music closets. Nancy Gaidos and her team have been busy, getting the uniforms set for another season. We don't realize the hours spent in the evenings... on Saturdays... making sure everything is ready to go for the first field show. Thanks, Nancy! Uniforms will be distributed for next season on August 28.



**June 1, 3, & 4:** After-school Choir Auditions

**June 2:** Marching Band Rehearsal  
(Band room 3:10 – 5:15 pm)

**June 16:** Graduation – Show Choir/Concert Band perform

**August 10 – 13:** Marching Band Evening Rehearsals

**August 17 – 21:** Marching Band Camp

**August 28:** Marching Band Uniform Distribution

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## Graduation performances on Tuesday, June 16.



The **Concert Band** and the **Show Choir** both will perform at graduation on Singley Field.

*NOTE: If graduation is held indoors because of inclement weather, only the Show Choir will be performing.*

**Concert Band:** Call time is 6:30 pm on Singley Field. Band members should have received an e-mail from Mr. Angeline with details.

**Show Choir:** You will be receiving e-mails from Ms. Meo with instructions.

## MARCHING BAND NOTES

The NHMA thanks our Golden Lions Marching Band directors for allowing us to be a part of their 2014/15 year. Our band parents had the privilege to work alongside Mr. Angeline, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Wlodarczyk for multiple seasons. As Mr. Andrews and Mrs. W. (color guard) have stepped down from marching band, we will surely miss you when August band camp rolls around. Thank you for your guidance this past year. We are thrilled to learn that Mr. Hopta and Mrs. McGourty (color guard) have joined the band team. We're looking forward to assisting once again for the 2015 season. If any parent is interested in joining our team of marching band parents, please let us know. We move instruments for football games and parades; we provide 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter snack during games, refreshments at parades; we assist with August band camp.

For next season's schedule, click here: [Marching Band 2015 Schedule](#).

## CHOIR NEWS *from Ms. Meo:*

After-school choir auditions will be held on Monday, June 1; Wednesday, June 3; and Thursday, June 4. Audition packets are available from the choir room. Students must have the packet already filled out (complete with parent signature) when they arrive at their audition. The sign-up sheet is on the outside choir room door. Results will be emailed to the students after graduation.

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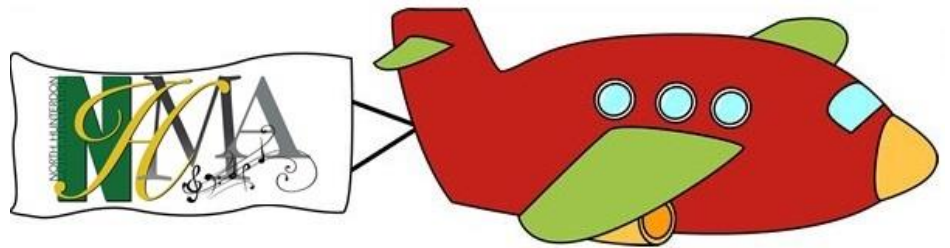
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# MEMBERSHIP:

Thank you to all of our NHMA members for your support this year. Your membership fee helped us to do great things. And your extra hands allowed us to do even more. The school year may be ending but...

Don't forget about us this summer!

We hope for another successful membership drive for 2015-2016. Membership sign-ups will begin over the summer. Please look for more information in the summer edition of the Principal's Newsletter (or maybe even in your beach bag!).



**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

[www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation)



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

## Department Students of the Month – Music:

*Nichole Bataille and Anthony Vacca*

## Citizens of the Month – Music:

*Alexa McCarthy and Thomas Fitzgerald*

***Congratulations to all award recipients at the Music Department Awards Banquet!***

## Congratulations to this year's Gary Gilbert Scholarship recipients!

*Jessica Dau      Emily Decker      Gianna Porfano*

*Wishing the three of you a successful summer of music!*

*Music News from the Principal's Newsletter ~ June 2015*

### **Congratulations Bree Zhang!**



**Bree Zhang**, a current freshman at North Hunterdon High School, won the grand prize for the Showcase Competition from the National League of Performing Arts which involved many instruments, including, Piano, Strings, Brass, Winds, Percussion. She was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall the past Saturday, May 2, 2015. The instrument Bree played is called the Guzheng, also known as the Chinese Zither, with more than 2500 years of history. It possesses twenty-one strings, and it is played with finger picks, creating a very beautiful sound similar to a harp. Bree has learned to play Guzheng from a famous Guzheng Master, Yang Yi, for 6 years. Bree has won multiple prizes in different competitions in the past, ranging from regional to international. This was her third time performing in Carnegie Hall.





Parents - We want you to  
enjoy your summer.



We also want you to think  
about how

you may fit in with the NHMA  
in the fall. Team effort  
makes the job easy and much  
more fun!



Consider joining one of our teams:

**\*FUNDRAISING**

**\*RAFFLE**

**\*PUBLICITY**



E-mail us at [nhmusicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:nhmusicassociation@gmail.com) if interested.



We would like to recognize three special NHMA Board members who are leaving us at the end of this school year. We thank you for your time, dedication and support of our kids. You have made a difference in the lives of our students by enhancing their music experiences here. You will always have a place in the heart of the NHMA. Thank you! You will be missed.

**Patricia Fitzgerald –Treasurer**

**Sharon Tanzler – Corresponding Secretary / Hospitality Chair**

**Maria Bambridge – Publicity Chair / Prism Coordinator**



Our final meeting of the school year is Tuesday, June 9  
at 7:00 PM in the choir room (Room 131).

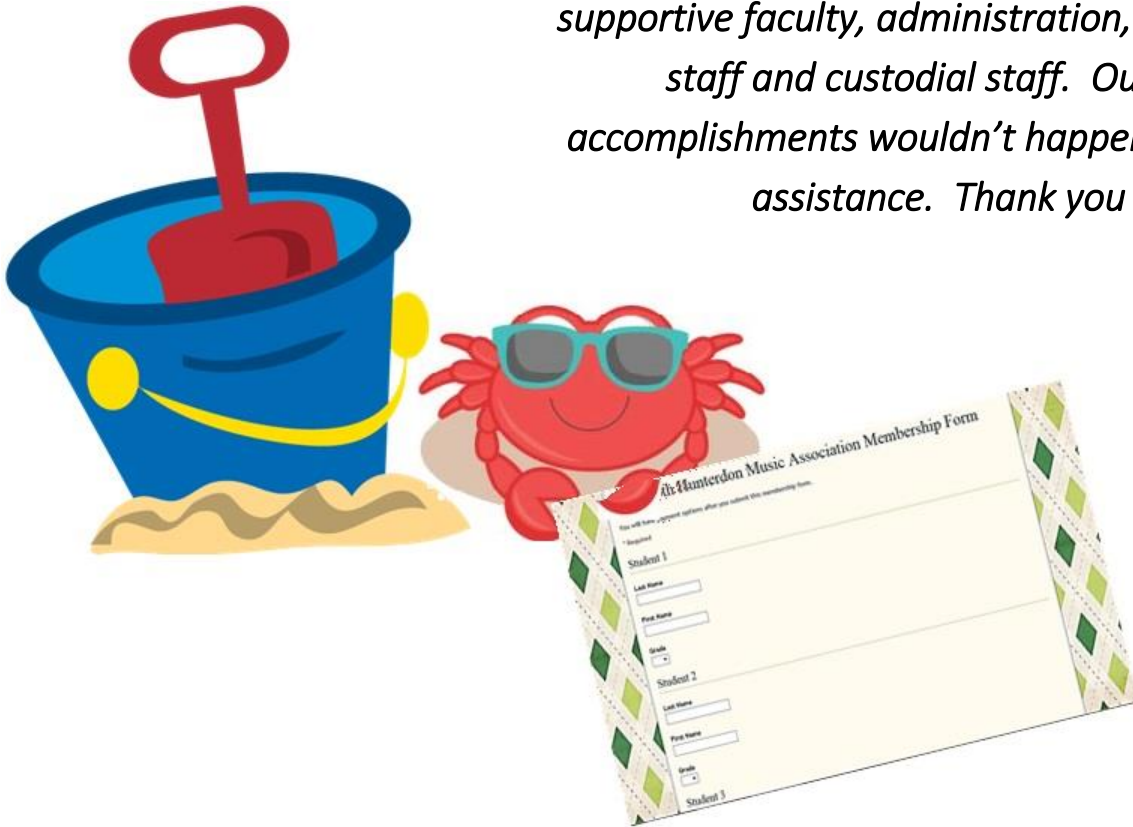
We hope to see you there!

*Meet our new committee members.*

*Join us as we wrap up our year and look ahead to the next.*

*We can only do what we do because of you!  
So, thank you for a great year!*

*We also are grateful to work with such  
supportive faculty, administration, administrative  
staff and custodial staff. Our NHMA  
accomplishments wouldn't happen without your  
assistance. Thank you all!*



*Wishing you  
a safe and relaxing  
summer.*

*Hope you find some time to get some sand between your toes...  
and to get your 2015-2016 NHMA membership form filled out!*