

Monthly E-Notes ~ March 2015

Happy March, Music Association Members!



Get out your calendars. There's a lot going on with music this month!

What We Did in February

- The cast, crew and pit continued with rehearsals for their winter musical performances of *Oliver!* We thank the dedicated staff for the hours spent working with our students to produce this wonderful show. We cannot wait to see our talented kids in action. It's just a couple of days away!
- The NHMA hosted a concessions table at the **College Workshop** on February 7. We appreciate all parents and students who stopped by our snack table to support our efforts.
- Our Valentine **bake sale** was a hit! Thank you, Lisa Franklin, for organizing this after-school event. To all who bought, to all who baked, to all who manned the table... thank you!

What We'll Be Doing in March Don't miss these spectacular music events!

Oliver!



This week!

March 5, 6 & 7: *Oliver!* Look for the NHMA at each performance. We will be providing concessions, flowers, personalized candy grams, 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!" Purchase tickets in advance – click here: <u>Oliver!</u> <u>Tickets</u>.



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. Band students – please refer to parade information below from Mr. Angeline.

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> <i>instead! Click here: <u>Prism Ticket Orders</u> to buy your tickets now or visit our website.

*** NOTE to STUDENTS:

<u>The Prism Concert Dress Rehearsal</u>: Wednesday, March 25, from 7-9 PM in the Main Gym. Students must wear their Prism attire for the rehearsal.

<u>The Prism Concert Performance</u>: Student performers should arrive by 7:30 PM on Thursday, March 26.

Other Choir News (from Ms. Meo):

- The **Chamber Choir** will perform in a Choral Festival at Summit High School on Thursday, April 16 in the evening. The performance will be adjudicated and non-competitive, and will be an excellent venue for this choir to showcase their musical skills. Details are forthcoming.
- NJ All-State choir auditions are approaching: April 18 South Audition; April 25 North Audition.

Marching Band ~ What You Need to Know for the March Parade (from Mr. Angeline):

The "Golden Lions" Marching Band will emerge from winter hibernation on Sunday, March 15 as we take a featured role in the second annual Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade. Here is the information you need for that day:

We will hold two rehearsals in advance to prepare new parade music arranged specifically for this event. Those rehearsals will take place on Tuesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 12 from 3:10 until 5:15.

On the day of the parade, students should arrive by 1:45 PM in order to find and change into their uniforms. Please remember to bring your band shoes and black socks. Color guard will wear the black/green tunics as you did for the Columbus Day Parade.

The parade steps off at 3:00 PM and proceeds through the center of town much like the Christmas Parade. We should return to NH about 4:15 and will then collect all uniform parts for cleaning and summer storage. This may take a bit of time so be prepared to remain until about 5:00 PM.

As one of the featured performers in this parade, it is important that we make a strong presentation and all band members are expected to participate in the rehearsals and performance.

Looking Ahead:

- April 23, 24 & 25: The Spring Cabaret (the NHHS spring theater production) at 7:00 PM in the Theatre. Audition materials will be available shortly after *Oliver!* closes.
- May 7 &14: Spring concerts
- May 20: Music Department Awards Banquet
- May 25: Marching band will march in the Memorial Day Parade in Flemington.

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

February

Department Students of the Month – Music: Audrey Chester and Ian Porter

Citizens of the Month – Music:



Grace Plassche and Joseph Rothstein

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation

Support the NHMA with no extra cash from your pocket!! *Print the Country Griddle coupon (click on the banner to the right or visit our NHMA website) and present it to your server with your bill. The restaurant will donate 10% of your bill back to the NHMA!*





STADIUM SEAT CUSHIONS ARE BACK!

We are placing a new order of vinyl stadium seat cushions. Available soon! They aren't just for football games anymore! They can make those gym bleachers, folding chair or hard ground a bit more comfortable too. Look for the cushions at upcoming events.

We'd like to thank those businesses who sponsored us:

- Hunterdon Family Eye Care
- Sorella's Pizzeria
- Legend Landscaping and Maintenance

- Window Expressions
- Carini's Pizza & Pasta
- Spinning Wheel Diner
- The Lawn Ranger



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 NHMA Board will have open positions to fill. 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...

- manage money? We're looking for a TREASURER.
- organize receptions? We're looking for a HOSPITALITY chairperson.
- take pictures and "get the word out"? We're looking for a PUBLICITY chair.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 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.