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Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe we are half way through the school year already! It has been a busy and exciting first half, and the Music Department is keeping the pace in the New Year!

Many of our students were selected to participate in All-State and Regional Ensembles. Congratulations to all of them. Congratulations also to the Golden Lions Marching Band for another successful and entertaining season, as well as to those individuals who were recognized at the fall band banquet.

NHHS choirs have performed at many venues. Chamber and Show Choirs sang at the Hunterdon County Retired Educators Association, Concert Choir performed holiday pieces at the District Office, and choir students participated in a master class given by Broadway performer Jessica Vosk, which was sponsored by the NHMA. All choir ensembles and music ensembles performed amazing pieces at the Winter Concerts I and II. Show Choir and Jazz Ensemble visited several district Middle Schools, and selected members of the Concert Choir and Concert Band performed for the Board of Education.

Of course, there are many more exciting things for the students coming up in the next few months. The winter musical, *"Once Upon A Mattress,"* is sure to be an amazing show. The *11th Annual Prism Concert* follows just two weeks later. Show Choir will perform at the Jenny Haver Memorial Gala, and the Chamber Choir and Madrigals will combine with the Lebanon Valley College Choirs for a performance at the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, with dinner sponsored by the NHMA.

As you can see, this is a very active Music Department and we are a very active association! Remember, it is never too late to become a member. Your membership dollars help us provide programs and services that encourage and enrich all of our music students. We also raise money through several fundraising events, such as the popular Applebee's "Flapjack Fundraiser," which will be repeated this spring, and the upcoming 50/50 raffle. The drawing will be held at the final performance of *"Once Upon A Mattress,"* with anticipated pre-sales possibly bringing the prize to \$1,000 or more! Please consider helping to support our Music Association programs and scholarships through membership as well as participation in our fundraising efforts.

I would like to say a very special "thank you" to all of the dedicated parents who volunteer their time, talents, and efforts for this amazing Music Department. Your support is what allows the North Hunterdon Music Association to do its job. This simply could not happen without you. If you would like to get more involved, please contact me at ngaidos@comcast.net or join us at one of our meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you at these wonderful spring events!

Nancy Gaidos

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— President NHMA

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information, see page 2**

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Music Department News

FROM VINCENT ANGELINE

The "Golden Lions" Marching Band capped off a very entertaining Fall performance season with its traditional march through downtown Clinton as part of the town's annual Christmas Parade. The band will make one final appearance in May as part of the Flemington Memorial Day Parade. At the recently held Marching Band Banquet a number of band members were recognized for outstanding performances:

2012 "Golden Lions" Marching Band Award Recipients

Top Freshman Marcher.....	Celine LaBelle
Top Sophomore Marcher.....	Jessica Teipel
Top Junior Marcher.....	Taylor Knoble
Top Senior Marcher.....	Jen Mead
Most Improved Band Member(s)	Sarah Looney & Brandon Novelli
Spirit Award.....	Corey Porter
Sabre Award.....	Laura Cannillo
Director's Award.....	Fiona Fitzgerald
.....	Jake Fitzgerald
.....	Zach Longcor
.....	Sylvia Mahon
Section of the Year Award.....	Clarinets—Lindsay DeMarco, Section Leader
Pride of the Lions Award.....	Emily Chen
Service Award.....	Mike Imbesi
.....	Shannan Dowling
.....	Alanna McBride

Several band members have distinguished themselves by successfully auditioning for ensembles sponsored by the New Jersey Music Educators Association:

CJMEA Region II Ensembles

Emily Chen	Flute — Symphonic Band
Tim Gallagher.....	Trumpet — Orchestra
Andrew Bambridge	Percussion — Percussion Ensemble

NJMEA All-State Ensembles

Tim Gallagher.....	Symphonic Band and Orchestra
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The Marching Band braves cold, snowy weather at the Clinton Christmas Parade



The Clinton Christmas Day Parade



"The Voice" of the Marching Band shares his vocals with music faculty, parents and students at the Marching Band Award Banquet

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Music Department News

FROM KATIE MEO

Chamber and Show Choirs sang at the Hunterdon County Retired Educators Association Meeting on Tuesday, December 4th, at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church. We were very well-received by the retirees, and we expect to be invited back next year, as we have been for the past several.

"Once Upon A Mattress" rehearsals are well underway, with full cast vocal and blocking rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The pit orchestra also rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday. The show is looking and sounding good!

Winter Concerts I and II went off without a hitch - except for a "light show moment" here and there during the Concert Choir set, but that has been addressed! The post-concert receptions were top-notch, as always. Many thanks to the parents who set everything up and donated time, talent and food!



Mr. Angeline leads the String Ensemble at the Fall Concert

The Jessica Vosk Master Class on Friday, December 7th was truly outstanding. Concert Choir students were given the opportunity to perform for Ms. Vosk, Broadway performer, and for Greg Jarrett, Broadway pianist. Students performed on an individual basis, and were given constructive criticism on their abilities. The students truly shone in their moments onstage with Jess and Greg, and they all learned about performing more organically at auditions. Both Jess and Greg are top of the line performers and coaches, and they did an amazing job connecting with our students, as well as giving them real tools to improve their performances inside and outside of school programs.

Chamber Choir started a tradition of Christmas caroling throughout the school during the day before winter break, and they were very well-received by students and teachers alike! While singing in the history hallway during passing time, many of the student "audience members" stopped to take in the beautiful and engaging performances, and were very excited to witness such an event. The choir also visited a German classroom to sing "Die Heiliger Nacht" ("Silent Night" in German), with Herr Kotulich singing along!

The entire Concert Choir went down to the District Office to sing

"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music."

— Albert Einstein

Christmas carols for Dr. Shaddow and the Support Staff during the last week before winter break. The group was extremely well-received, and we anticipate this will be a yearly performance.

A few select members of Concert Choir and Concert Band were present at the December Board of Education Meeting to perform a few holiday songs, at the invitation of Mr. Hughes. It was a wonderful opportunity to show community members the importance of our daily rehearsals - to be ready for performances like these!

A number of vocalists were accepted into the 2012-13 NJ All State Chorus:

NJ All-State Mixed Choir:

Andrew Vitovitch (senior) 8th chair bass I
Meghna Mendu (junior) 3rd chair soprano I
Cayla Mabie (senior) soprano I
Heather Birmingham (sophomore) soprano I
Sarah Barrett (senior) alto I
Tori Barton (senior) alto II

NJ All-State Women's Choir:

Morgan Evans (senior) soprano I
Riley Zalewski (junior) Soprano I



Music students perform for students and staff at Clinton Public School

Music Department News Continued



Music students from Show Choir and Chamber Choir receive appreciation for their performance at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."

— Victor Hugo

Unfortunately, the Mixed Chorus Concerts were cancelled due to complications from Hurricane Sandy. Rescheduling was attempted, but we are told there was just no possible way to make it work. **The Women's Chorus Concert is still being held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at NJPAC at 2:30 PM.**

Several vocalists were accepted into the 2013 NJ Region II Chorus:

Women's Choir:

Alex Russo (senior) soprano II

Mixed Chorus:

Morgan Evans (senior) soprano I

Heather Birmingham (sophomore) soprano I

Caitlin Mangan (senior) soprano I

Heather placed 9th chair and Caitlin placed 2nd chair.

The Regions Chorus Concert was Sun., January 27th at 2 PM at Monroe Twp. Middle School.

The Show Choir and Jazz Ensemble took field trips to the district middle schools on Tues., 1/22 and Fri., 1/25. They visited Clinton Public School and Clinton Township Middle School on Tuesday, and Union Twp. and Ethel Hoppock Middle Schools on Friday. A highlight of the trip was playing and singing along with the Union Twp. students during the Friday morning concert. All four concerts were tremendous successes, and we hope to continue to use these events as recruitment tools in the future.

The Show Choir will perform at the Jenny Haver Memorial Gala, celebrating Hunterdon County great Ella Haver's 100th Birthday! This event will take place at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Rt. 173 at 7:00 on **Friday, March 15th**. The theme is "100 Years of Music", and the Show Choir will be performing several decades-worth of music from the 20th century! The Gala will feature musical offerings from all the County high schools, and will include comedic entertainment as well as dance music from DJ, Dr. D. It will benefit the Jenny Haver Scholarship Fund, which has helped MANY NHHS students attend college in the past

(including Ms. Meo!), and continues to be a Hunterdon County staple. This evening promises to be a rousing good time!

There will be a **Combined Choral Concert for our own Chamber Choir and Madrigals Singers with the Lebanon Valley College Concert & Chamber Choirs at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 22nd, at 7:00**. Our Choirs will arrive at the Church at 3:00 to rehearse with the college students, and the NHMA is sponsoring dinner for all the students in the Fellowship Hall. Students will then change and perform. The last time we performed with LVC Choirs was at South Ridge Community Church four years ago. We hope to keep it a tradition that we can maintain at LEAST every 4 years!

Tickets for this event are free, but seating is limited, so we ask that you reserve your tickets ahead of time by contacting Ms. Meo. Please note: Help from Chamber Choir and Madrigal Singers parents is needed in serving the dinner for this event. An email from Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta will be forthcoming with further details.

The **11th Annual Prism Concert**, which will take place on **Thursday, March 14th** at 8 PM, will be a seamless montage of musical offerings! Complete with effects provided by a professional lighting company, the Prism Concert is unlike any other event the Music Department produces throughout the year. Each Ensemble provides a performance of one of their favorite pieces, and the solo and small group performances interspersed throughout the evening create an exciting atmosphere where you never know what's coming next! The lack of applause between pieces is a tradition that keeps the concert flowing smoothly and in a timely and effective fashion.

PRISM tickets can be obtained from any music teacher beginning around the second week of February onward, as well as at the door the night of the concert. Also, tickets will be sold (starting around the second week of February) during in-school ticket sales for "Once Upon A Mattress." (See page 6 for information) ●

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP TO BEANTOWN

In April, 120 Music Department students will journey to Boston for an exciting weekend of performances, clinics and sightseeing. Final details about the trip will be distributed to students in mid-March!

A Word About Our Fundraising

The NHMA uses its fundraising dollars directly for students and their activities. Because our mission is to promote and encourage students in all areas of the music program, our support varies widely.

It includes providing food, drink, decorations, and paper goods for banquets and receptions, as well as refreshments during activities and performances. Over the years we have helped contribute to choral attire, band items, student awards and other special needs. The NHMA has also assisted in the funding of performance and competition trips.

We are also proud to provide two different types of scholarships for music students every year. The first consists of six \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. The second is the Gary Gilbert Scholarship, available to underclassman to supplement tuition in music education outside of the classroom.

Please help support our outstanding music students and participate in our fundraisers. With your help, we hope to continue to provide all of these services in the years to come. If you have any questions about fundraising or would like to help, please contact:

NHMA President Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net.

GARY GILBERT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gary Gilbert Memorial Scholarship is given each spring to members of the NHHS student body to pursue opportunities and experiences which encourage a life-long involvement in music. The scholarship is open to NHHS freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in supplementing their high school musical studies with outside music programs such as college summer music programs for high school students, summer music camps, etc.

The deadline for applying for summer 2013 is April 30. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Spring Music Banquet. For additional details and the application form, see the Music Association page of the NHHS website and can also be obtained from any North music teacher.

In 2012, scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Andrew Bambridge

Benjamin Sharp

Isabel Stein

CONGRATULATIONS!

JOIN THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Go to: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/

Click the link for the form; Print it out; Fill it in;

Include payment; Mail it to: NHMA

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ANNANDALE, NJ 08801

It's that easy!

We'd love to see you at our meetings!

Come on out and join us.

FEBRUARY 12TH ■ MARCH 12TH ■ APRIL 9TH ■ MAY 7TH

ALL AT 7:00 PM ■ ALL IN ROOM 123

Calendar of Upcoming Events

— AT A GLANCE —

DAY / DATE	EVENT	LOCATION / TIME
February 28 & March 1 & 2 Thurs, Fri, & Sat	Once Upon a Mattress Winter Theatre Production	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
March 14 — Thursday	PRISM Concert	Gym / 8pm
March 22 — Friday	Combined choral concert	Bethlehem Presbyterian Church 7:00
May 9 — Thursday	Spring Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00
May 16 — Thursday	Spring Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00
May 22 — Wednesday	Music Department Awards Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30
May 27 — Monday	Memorial Day Parade	Flemington

The above schedule is also on the 'music department' portion of the NHHS website.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."
— Plato

Mark Your Calendars! Don't Miss These Musical Events!



ONCE UPON A MATTRESS

Come join the fun! "Once Upon A Mattress," a charming, tongue-in-cheek comedic musical based on the story of the Princess and the Pea, will be presented on **February 28, March 1st & 2nd (Thursday-Saturday), 7:00pm** in the NHHS theater.

In-school ticket sales will be Friday, February 1 through Friday, March 1 from 10:00am to 1:20pm inside the main (Route 31) entrance. On half-days (Feb. 6 and 15), ticket sales will be from 10am to 12 noon. There will be no sales on Monday, February 18 (no school).

Ticket prices: adults \$15, students & seniors, \$10 for reserved seating, advance sales only. General admission tickets are available at the door 45 minutes before curtain.

Ticket forms are available on the web at
www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/music/theatre/

For ticket information call 908-713-4160



50/50 Raffle at "Once Upon A Mattress"

Support NHMA services and scholarships
by purchasing a
50/50 raffle ticket!

Anticipated prize expected to be at least \$1,000 and probably more!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase during daytime ticket sales and at all performances of "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS".

Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20.
One drawing will be held on the closing night of "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" at intermission on March 2nd.

NHMA members are encouraged to help pre-sell the tickets in the month of February. Please call or text **Karen Crompton at 908-303-5806** to purchase individual tickets, or to volunteer to sell a pack of 10.

Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase.
Need not be present to win!

Our Joe Corbi Fundraiser is Ongoing!

Do you like the idea of having your freezer stocked with delicious, high-quality treats—from gourmet pizza kits, grilled-cheese pretzels and ready-to-bake cookie dough to decadent fully-baked desserts perfect for holiday entertaining? Well, with our Joe Corbi fundraiser you can have all that, and support the NHMA at the same time! Order as much and as often as you desire, all year long. It's easy—just visit www.joecorbidirect.com and click “online ordering.” Shopping for yummy Joe Corbi eats is fun and convenient, and your order will be shipped right to your doorstep. Mangia!

The NHMA thanks you...
and your family will too!

Group ID number: OL22NORHHS (for us to get credit)

*"Music . . . can name the
unnameable and communicate
the unknowable."*
—Leonard Bernstein

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser

Pancakes & Performers For a Great Cause!

On December 15 from 8-10am, Applebee's in Flemington was the place to be! Music and merriment abounded as the NHMA hosted its very first breakfast fundraiser. In addition to enjoying a delicious full breakfast, friends and family who turned out for this fun event were treated to the amazing musical talents of NHHS students. About 30 student volunteers (many more than anticipated) woke up early on a Saturday to serve, host, bus tables, and perform. Students had fun (and gained valuable work experience) waiting tables, and with much support and encouragement from the music faculty, an exciting variety of vocalists and instrumentalists performed solo and in groups, entertaining patrons in a relaxed, “open mic” setting. The event was a rousing success, and **plans are under way for a second flapjack fundraiser, in the same location, to be scheduled for a Saturday morning in May or early June.** Information will be forthcoming. Don't miss this fun and unique opportunity to support the NHHS Music Department!

Help Needed

Please consider volunteering with the North Hunterdon Music Association!

There are lots of opportunities to get involved with the Music Association, and it is a great way to support students involved in North's music department and get to know other music parents. In particular, we are looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising activities. **Whether you can spare an hour or a day**, we can use your help. Please contact **Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net** for additional information. You can also visit the Music Association page in the Music Department section of the NHHS Web site:

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/

*"Service to others is the
rent you pay for your
room here on earth."*
—Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay)

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the following local businesses
that have offered us
donations and/or discounts:

ShopRite

Pizza Como

Celebration Station

Applebee's

Country Griddle

Bishop's Market

Silver Oaks Learning Center

Tirpok Dry Cleaning

The Art of Framing

**Please remember to
patronize them!**

Eat Out and Help the North Hunterdon H.S. Music Association At the Same Time!



Enjoy a meal out and help the **NHMA**?

That's right, just eat at the Country Griddle at either of their locations (Flemington or Clinton) and 10% of your bill will be donated to the **NHMA**!

Please give this coupon to your server with your bill!

Thank you for your continued support! -
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NHMA Magnets

NHMA is proud to offer its very own Music Department car magnet.

Magnets can be purchased for a donation of \$5 each.

All proceeds will go to the NHMA general fund.



NUMBER OF MAGNETS _____ **@\$5.00** **TOTAL** _____

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