Greetings!

Welcome to all new and re-newed members of the North Hunterdon Music Association for the 2013-14 school year! We are so glad you have chosen to become a member and share in your child's musical experience at North. We are sure you will find it rewarding, and encourage you to invite all other music parents to join as well!

The NHMA has already been busy at work!

- Beginning in mid August, the NHMA provided support during the Golden Lions Marching Band camp. A parent volunteer attended every rehearsal, providing any support the students needed, such as relief from the heat, minor first aid, etc. We fondly call these parents 'Band-Aides'! During the second week of camp, the NHMA provided cool refreshments during the last 2 long days of practice, ending with a pizza party. All went well, the support was greatly appreciated by the music directors, and we were all treated with a first sneak-peek performance of this years"Wicked" show.
- Band uniform distribution followed 2 weeks later, with our volunteers making it a smooth and efficient event!
- We launched the Joe Corbis Pizza Fundraiser! For those unfamiliar, Joe Corbis is a wonderful company helping organizations like ours to raise funds with truly delicious frozen pizza kits and frozen cookie dough. We are all so busy, who could not use a quick and delicious meal ready to go out of the freezer?! We encourage every music family to purchase at least one item. As an added incentive, Joe Corbi has offered a FREE Family Fun Pack to the highest seller who sells at least 10 items! It includes 1 Pizza Kit, 1 NY Pretzel, 1 Cinnamon Roll, 1 Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough, and 1 Simply Sugar Cookie Dough! A \$76 value! (in the event of a tie, a name will be drawn.) Order brochures can be picked up in the Music Theory Room, at Back to School Night, or just ask your child to bring one home! Information can also be found on our website! Please have your orders dropped off in the music room by Thursday Sept. 12th, Pick up your orders on Wednesday Sept. 25 5:30-6:30 in the Music Room!! Email any questions to ngaidos@comcast.net

Looking Ahead:

- The Golden Lions Marching Band will be entertaining the crowds at every football game with their half-time performance of "Wicked". Please come out and support these dedicated students! Check the North website for all game dates. The NHMA provides support for the band in many ways, such as instrument moving, 3rd quarter snacks after their performance, and field support collecting flags and equipment. If you are interested in becoming one of these parent helpers, contact Kim Murphy at kimba05@comcast.net
- Monday Sept. 30th 6:30 PM "Freshman Tea" Please join the music faculty and NHMA committee members at our sponsored event designed to introduce new families to the dynamic music department at North. Freshman students will give some first and newly learned performances, and their instructors will guide parents through their plans for the coming year. It is a relaxed and informative experience, complete with tea and dessert! We look forward to meeting all freshman families!

- Mark your calendars for a trip to NYC on Monday October 14th! The Golden Lions
 Marching Band will be marching down 5th Avenue for the Columbus Day Parade! More
 details will be included in our next E-Notes!
- **Spread the word!!!** The Country Griddle Restaurants (Clinton and Flemington) offer the easiest fundraiser yet! Just enjoy a meal at either location, present your coupon with your bill, and **they will donate 10% of your bill to the NHMA!** Coupons are available on our website! It's that easy!!

Dates coming up to remember:

Friday Oct. 11th: Home football game is "7th and 8th Grade Band Night" and our 50/50 Raffle Night!

Wednesday Oct. 23rd 6:30 PM: Phillipsburg Marching Band Festival Wednesday Dec. 4th 6:30 PM: Marching Band Banguet Cafe A & B

Friday Dec. 6th 7:00 PM: Golden Lions Marching Band in the Clinton Christmas Parade

Thursdays Dec. 12th and 19th 7:00 PM: Winter Concerts I & II

As you can see, the NHMA is in full swing and ready to support all music students this exciting new school year. Please join us at our first meeting this Tuesday Sept. 10th at 7:00 PM in Music Room 123. We look forward to meeting new faces!

Please see attached our meeting agenda and Joe Corbis Fundraiser flyer.

Many thanks!

The North Hunterdon Music Association