

Monthly E-Notes October 2012

Greetings!

I would like to first thank all of you for joining the Music Association and becoming a part of your child's musical experience at North. I am sure you will find it rewarding, and I encourage you to invite all other music parents to join as well!

The NHMA has already been busy with many activities!

- Beginning the first week of August, the NHMA provided parent support during Band Camp (we fondly call these parent volunteers "Band-Aides") and also provided cool refreshments during the last 2 long days of practice, ending with a pizza party and Performance shirt distribution on the final day.
- Band Uniform distribution followed 2 weeks later, with our volunteers completing the process in record time!
- Half time shows at all Football games are receiving great reviews, and our volunteers are there every week moving instruments, helping remove color guard flags off the field, providing the band with snacks after their show, putting together a hospitality basket of treats for the visiting band, and getting every one back to the band room. All in a days work!
- Excited 7th and 8th graders stepped onto the field at the last game, future 'Golden Lions', joining their Marching Band buddies for a song. Our volunteers were there to welcome them with a pizza party before the show.
- Volunteers waved their 50/50 tickets and tromped up and down the stands for 2 games selling enough tickets to raise over \$600 for the Music Department!
- The Freshman Women's Ensemble, led by Ms. Meo, beautifully sang at their first 'mini' performance at the NHMA sponsored Freshman Tea.
- Our Joe Corbi Pizza Fundraising Drive just ended, with students raising over \$600 through their efforts. On-line orders continue all year!

Looking ahead, there are many ways to help and become a part of this great organization!

- Come out for the day in NYC on Monday Oct. 8th and cheer on the Marching Band as they perform along 5th Avenue at the Columbus Day Parade!
- Volunteers will be raising money by checking coats and purses at the Homecoming Dance on October 13th.
- On October 24th the Marching Band will compete with other bands at the Phillipsburg Band Festival.
- Our Fall Bake Sale at Bishops Market in Whitehouse on Oct. 27th will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Bakers, start your ovens! Band members serenade the crowd while the home baked donations tempt their palettes! Contact Lynne Thompson regarding donations or questions for this great event.(thompsonlynne92@gmail.com)

Dates coming up to remember: Wednesday November 28th Marching Band Banquet
Thursday, December 6 and 13 Winter Concert I and II
Friday December 7th Marching Band performs in the Clinton Christmas

Parade

Spread the word! Country Griddle Restaurants (Clinton and Flemington) offer the easiest fundraiser ever! Present your coupon with your bill, and 10% of your bill will be donated to NHMA! Coupons are available on our website! It's that easy!

As you can see, we are in full swing and look forward to meeting new parents and gaining new volunteers! Our next meeting is Tuesday Oct. 9th at 7:00 PM Room 123.

Attached is our agenda for the evening.

Many thanks, and hope to see you at one of these wonderful events!

Sincerely,

Nancy Gaidos

NHMA President