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## NHMA NEWSLETTER: Spring 2015

### President's Letter

This school year has kept the NHMA moving, assisting the music department as best we can. NHMA volunteers accompanied the marching band to parades and football games - providing snack, moving instruments, sewing loose buttons – plus we organized a band banquet to celebrate another successful marching band season. We assisted the theater organization with ticket sales for their fall performance. We helped to organize the new storage cabinets in the music area. We ran the Homecoming coat check, multiple bake sales, and our new button fundraiser. We hosted a concessions table at the college workshops and offered our annual holiday Applebee's breakfast fundraiser. Volunteer bakers provided delicious desserts at the Freshman Tea and winter concert receptions. We sponsored a master class for choral students, presented by professional performers. **What a busy year we have had so far. And we're not planning to stop.** We'll be selling tickets and concessions at the spring musical and marching with the band in the Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade. And then you'll see us again at the Prism Concert. And those are just our plans through March!

We've sat in the hot sun during August band camp, worn hats and gloves during November football games, walked in the rain in the Christmas parade, and chauffeured our kids in freezing temperatures to winter concerts and musical rehearsals.... The weather hasn't stopped us! Thanks to all of you who have stood by our side no matter what the conditions.

We always have room for one more by our side. **Will it be you?** We can benefit from your ideas and helping hands. Whether you have a lot of time to give or have just one hour, we welcome you to reach out to us. You won't regret it. Nothing compares to knowing that you are making a difference for our kids. We soon will have positions to fill as we sadly let go of our "graduating" parents. So - now is the perfect time to get to know the NHMA, to find your place among us. Come to a meeting and see what we're about. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. - **Cathy Edelsberg -- President, NHMA**

## From our Band Directors

### Dear NHMA Members:

In March, the "Golden Lions" will take part in a new and exciting local event, the Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade. In only its second year, the parade is scheduled for Sunday, March 15 at 3:00 PM. In anticipation of this event, we will be having two preparatory rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these rehearsals will be the preparation of new parade repertoire. Details about arrival and pick-up times for the parade will be announced at the beginning of March. After the parade, we will do an official uniform collection, as the full uniform will be worn for this event.

Our final performance of the school year will be our annual appearance in the Flemington Memorial Day Parade on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We will not hold a rehearsal prior to this performance and, again, details regarding call and pick up times will be announced nearer the event. We will wear our performance t-shirts and black pants for this performance.

Leadership auditions will be held towards the end of May, and our mini-camp rehearsal for the 2015 field show is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. Further information will be provided at the beginning of May.

For those who will be returning in the 2015-16 school year, our August rehearsal dates are the following:

August 10-13 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM

August 17-19 – 8:00 to 12:00

August 20 – 8:00 to 5:00

August 21 – 8:00 to 7:00

The 2015-16 marching season promises to be a very special one, and I hope all current band members, excepting seniors, will return and be a part of the excitement. Seniors, I hope to see you at the alumni band performance on Friday, October 16. Registration for that event will take place in the beginning in April.

--Vince Angeline



### Congratulations Julia Lombardo!



Julia Lombardo '17 has been accepted into the New Jersey All-State Symphonic Band. Julia successfully auditioned this past Thursday and is ranked as the number 7 bass clarinetist in the state. She will perform later this month with the All-State Symphonic Band at the New Jersey Music Educators Convention. Great work Julia!

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

--Victor Hugo



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



Mr Andrews with the Concert Band at the December 2014 concert.



# Choir News

Mr. Hopta and Ms Meo lead Madrigals, Concert Choir, Freshman Women's Choir, Show Choir, and Chamber Choir.

## Winter Concert Highlights (photos by Christmas City Studios)



*The men of Show Choir, December 2014*



## 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.



## Please support our NHMA Concessions during the 2015 NHTO Winter Musical (Oliver!)

Help yourself to a snack or drink (candy, chips, and soda, all just \$1 each) during the Winter Musical – The NHMA will once again be running the concessions during intermission (March 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>).

Also available—Roses for purchase for your star! 1 rose- \$5, 3 for \$12.

Prism tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets will be on sale too. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





**Congratulations to our NJ All-State Chorus and NJ All-State Orchestra/Band members for 2014-2015!**

**NJ All-State Chorus:** Jessie Dau  
Gianna Porfano  
Audrey Chester  
Zoe Chang

**NJ All-State Orchestra:** Andrew Burden

**NJ All-State Symphonic Band:** Julia Lombardo

**The following students were accepted into the CJMEA (Central Jersey Music Educators Association) NJ Region 2 Chorus:**

Brielle Burns '17 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Soprano 1 (10th chair)  
William Kubas '16 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Tenor 2 (7th chair)  
Juliette Shore '18 – NJ Region 2 Women's Chorus, Soprano 1  
Sarah Wingler '18 – NJ Region 2 Mixed Chorus, Alto 2

Band member Julia Lombardo '17 successfully auditioned for the NJMEA Region II Orchestra.

Julia is ranked as the number two Bass Clarinetist in Central New Jersey and will perform with this honors ensemble in January.

**Congratulations to all!**

**The following students were recognized at the December 2014 "Golden Lions" Marching Band banquet:**

Top Freshman Marchers—Leah Gaidos '18 and Lawrence Luo '18  
Top Sophomore Marchers—Kirsten Fodor '17 and Olivia Adams '17  
Top Junior Marcher—Brady Bean '16  
Top Senior Marcher—Jessica Teipel '15 and Andy Kapetanakis '15  
Most Improved Band Member—Jahel Gomes '17  
Spirit Award—Tommy Fitzgerald '15  
Sabre Award—Theresa Vitovitch '15 and Emily Edelsberg '15  
Director's Award—Nathan Bishop '15 and Andrew Burden '15  
Section of the Year Award—Trumpets/Horns, Zach Pawlikowski '15, Section Leader  
Pride of the Lions Award—Benjamin Sharp '15  
Service Award—Isabella Helriegel '15 and Priscilla Sanchez '15

**Congratulations to all on a job well done!**

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**STADIUM SEAT  
CUSHIONS  
COMING BACK  
SOON!**

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, chair or ground a bit more comfortable too. Look for the cushions on sale at upcoming events, and **support the NHMA!**

## Contact the Committee

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## COMING UP: NHMA SPRING CAR WASH!

Look for more information on our student-run car wash coming in the Spring to benefit the NHMA!



Details and date coming soon!



## Looking Ahead...

Date/Day	Event	Location/Time
March 5, 6, and 7 Thurs, Fri & Sat	Winter Musical — Oliver!	NH Theater / 7 pm
Mar 15 Sun	St. Patrick's Day Parade – Marching Band	Clinton / 3 pm
March 26 Thurs	Prism Concert	Gym / 8pm
May 7 Thurs	Spring Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
May 14 Thurs	Spring Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
May 20 Weds	Music Department Awards Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30 pm
May 25 Mon	Memorial Day Parade – Marching Band	Flemington / 10:00 pm

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

**MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00pm**  
 NHHS Gymnasium  
 \$12.00 Adults  
 \$7.00 Students & Seniors  
**13<sup>th</sup> Annual PRISM Concert**  
 Beginning Feb 1st, purchase tickets online at: [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation) For more information: 908-713-4160

### The NHHS Music Department presents...

The 13th Annual PRISM Concert!  
 Come and experience this spectacular event!  
 Featuring... A rapid-fire sequence of musical selections staged throughout the gym, with ensembles and soloists from the talented student body.

Favorite pieces from the NHHS choirs and bands. Professional lighting! Visual effects!

*Professional lighting and sound for Prism courtesy of the NHMA*

**Admission: \$12 Adults and \$7 Students/Senior Citizens**

### Don't wait in line!

Buy tickets online now at: [www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation)  
 Tickets may also be purchased in advance from the NHHS music department or at the door on the night of the concert from 7:00 – 7:45 PM.





*Columbus Day Parade, NYC October 2014*



*In the stands at a football game, Fall 2014*



*December Parade, Clinton 2014*

## North Hunterdon Golden Lions 2014



*Drum Majors Nathan Bishop and Celine LaBelle receive trophies at Fall Banquet 2014*



*Andrew Burden and Annalisa Fergus perform at the Fall Banquet*

## A Word About Our Fund Raising

If you see a notice for an NHMA fundraiser, please don't toss it aside. Take a second look and consider participating. Even your smallest contribution can make a big difference.

Did your choral student participate in a Master Class presented by a Broadway performer? We sponsored that. Have you enjoyed refreshments after a concert or at the Freshman Tea? We organized that. Did you know that our marching band's drum majors and color guard captains must attend a summer workshop? We helped to pay for that. Have you been to the annual Prism Concert and witnessed the special lighting? Yep – we did that too.

We also are proud to honor student efforts by providing scholarships for music students every year. We award scholarships to several graduating seniors. For underclassmen, through our Gary Gilbert Scholarship, we supplement tuition for summer music education programs.

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. We help wherever and whenever we can.

And you can help our outstanding music students as well by supporting our fundraisers. We want to continue to do what we do... but that's only possible if we all work together.

If you have questions about fundraising or would like to help, please contact: Cathy Edelsberg at [acedels@gmail.com](mailto:acedels@gmail.com)

### 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 2015 is April 30. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Spring Music Banquet. For additional details and the application form, see the NHMA page on the NHHS website. The application can also be obtained from any North Hunterdon music teacher.

**Note:** Students must be members of the NHMA to be eligible for this scholarship.

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

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### Remaining 2015 NHMA Meetings – Room 131

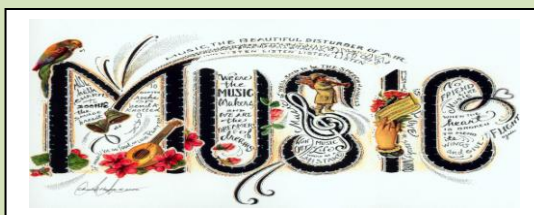
**Tuesday  
March 10**

**Tuesday  
April 14**

**Tuesday  
May 5**

**Tuesday  
June 9**

**"A PAINTER PAINTS PICTURES ON CANYAS. BUT MUSICIANS PAINT THEIR PICTURES ON SILENCE." ~LEOPOLD STOKOWSKI**





# Don't Miss the Winter Musical Production...

## OLIVER!



### Oliver - Winter Musical

North Hunterdon Theater Organization will be performing Oliver as its Winter Musical. The show will be on Thursday, March 5th, Friday, March 6th, and Saturday, March 7th, at 7:00 PM in the NHHS Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$15 for adults. All seating is reserved, and handicapped seating is available. Tickets may be purchased online or at the door. Please email [NHHSOliverTickets@gmail.com](mailto:NHHSOliverTickets@gmail.com) for more information.

Directed by Mary Ennis Meo  
Conducted by Vincent R. Angeline  
Vocal Direction by Katie Meo  
Stage Crew Direction by Allison Arth, Tara McGourty, and Theresa Chapman  
Choreography by Theresa Soda  
Set Construction by Gerald Dodge  
Costume Design by Regina Cavo  
Lighting and Sound Direction by Ann Semanchik



*Ms Meo and the Madrigals  
Choral Group at December 2014  
Concert*

# Have a night out and Help the North Hunterdon 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!

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

All proceeds go to the NHMA general fund.



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