



## North Hunterdon Music Association Newsletter

### Fall 2022

October, 2022

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Dear Music Student Families,

It is with great pleasure I reach out to you with the NHMA Fall Newsletter. We have so many opportunities to be involved in and lend support to our student's lives and our Music department events this year; I just can't help but be excited!

Being around our students, be it Marching Band events/support, concert receptions, theater events, or the various festivals our teacher's coordinate, leaves me with a sense of pride in our students and a feeling of fulfillment in knowing the NHMA is supporting the propulsion of their music education as well as our student's music goals. Frankly, it is also a tremendous amount of fun to be around our energized youths and to meet you parents.

I hope you'll find something that could be a good fit for you in the NHMA, we definitely have strength in our numbers! We'll have fundraising opportunities throughout the year as well as volunteer needs. Feel free to reach out to myself or any of our officers with questions you may have. Please browse through these pages and find...

- ♪ What our students have been up to thus far.
- ♪ Teacher's letters for greetings and department news! Teacher's contact information is also included in the newsletter.
- ♪ Outlined fundraising efforts happening now and those yet to come. Be on the lookout for emails from our teachers as well for updates.
- ♪ Events to come! Our music students are involved in many performances across multiple ensembles and productions. Mark your calendars!

Warm regards,  
Your *NHMA* President,  
*Laura Lipinski*

## *North Hunterdon Music Staff*

### **Charles Hopta - Teacher**

Concert Choir, Concert Band, Madrigal Singers  
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### **Gregory Boccuti - Teacher**

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## *Greetings From Mr. Hopta*

Hello All,

I want to take this time to once again welcome all of our new students and their families to the Music Department at North Hunterdon High School. I also want to say welcome back to all of our returning students and their families. The North Hunterdon community has a musical tradition of excellence that spans generations, and it is in no small part because of the support we get from all of you. We are fortunate that we have so many multi-year members within our ensembles; this continued participation is critical so that all of our students, new and veteran musicians alike, can thrive and come together to make great music for each other and our greater community.



One of our new initiatives this year is directly related to the strength of our performing ensembles. Our largest ensembles, which are string orchestra, concert band, and concert choir, now provide an opportunity for multi-year members to receive honors weight for their participation in those groups. We wanted the chance to both challenge and reward our veteran performers, on whose presence we depend and who we always expect to lead through good playing. Enrollment requires two prior years within the ensemble and a successful audition/interview. We are currently working with our first students within these new course offerings, and are excited to continue to build our program.

You probably have already received information from me regarding our Department Trip, which is April 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> and is open to students involved in any ensemble offered at North. Please know that my colleague Kathleen Cudworth ([kmeo@nhvweb.net](mailto:kmeo@nhvweb.net)) and I ([chopta@nhvweb.net](mailto:chopta@nhvweb.net)), as lead chaperones, are happy to answer any questions you may have about this trip. My colleagues Heidi Peterson ([hpeterson@nhvweb.net](mailto:hpeterson@nhvweb.net)) and Gregory Boccuti ([gboccuti@nhvweb.net](mailto:gboccuti@nhvweb.net)) can also assist you, with this or any other questions/concerns about musical life at North Hunterdon. Of course, the NHMA will be assisting us with this and many other endeavors throughout the year, and they will be providing more information on fundraising towards the cost of this trip. Thank you once again for your attentiveness and support.

*Charlie Hopta*  
NHHS Music Dept.



Hello, Music Department Families!

It is my great honor to work with your children every day. In this ever-changing world, it is wonderful to know that the support of the NHMA is still something we as Faculty can rely on. Thank you most of all for encouraging your children in their musical growth, and by becoming involved yourselves, giving them the example they need to remain active members of the Department year after year. Like I said at the New Student Welcome in September, our ensembles are not designed to be "once and done" experiences. They are meant to be enjoyed for all four years!

A few things I would like to bring to mind: We are shifting to a more unified look with our concert attire, starting this year. You should have been emailed an order/measurement form and instructions on how to measure your child for their particular clothing item(s). Order form and payment are due to me (or any Music teacher) by Friday, October 7th. We need to leave ample time for returns/exchanges and for shipping delays, as I'm sure we are all experiencing right now! These outfits will be worn at least three times by ALL ensemble members this year, many more if your child sticks with the program for future years (and even more if they are coming on the Department trip - more on that soon!). If your child is a senior, they may already own said items, as choir members used them for performance wear during the first half of 2019-20.

Secondly, our Department is travelling again! We are finally taking the trip that was planned for April 2020, three years later! Dates of the trip are set for April 20-23 (NOT spring break), in Williamsburg, VA, and all performing ensemble members are invited (including Marching Band)! More details will be given shortly, like fundraising opportunities by the NHMA, but suffice it to say that the teachers are so excited to expose the students to more performing and more bonding experiences as a full Department. There is something about taking the skills we have learned here and bringing them to a new and different environment that keeps us growing as musicians and growing closer together as people.

As always, we thank you for your incredible support over the years. Here is to an even better school year than last!

All my best for a tremendous season,  
*Katie Cudworth*



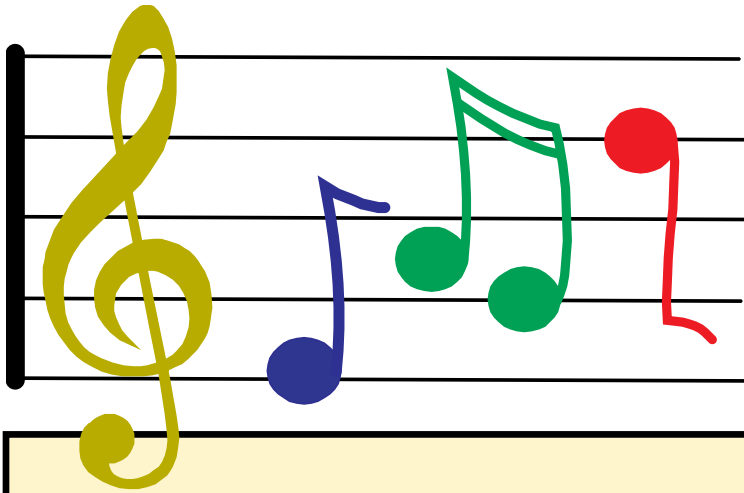


### **Future Lions Concert Band**

This coming November/December, we are excited to host our second annual Future Lions Concert Band, Fall Edition. The Future Lions Concert Band is an opportunity for middle school band students to rehearse and perform with a North Hunterdon High School band director, the North Hunterdon Wind Ensemble, and other select North Hunterdon Band students. The Fall Edition of the NHHS Future Lions Concert Band works on 1-2 pieces of band literature, and consists of 4 short evening rehearsals at North Hunterdon High School. The experience culminates with the group performing on stage at the NHHS Winter Concert #2. This offering provides prospective middle school band students with an opportunity to get a taste of the band program at NHHS, work with the NHHS Wind Ensemble, and a chance to work with your future band director. Any current 7th or 8th grade band member at one of our feeding middle schools is eligible to participate. Information for any NHHS Band student wishing to volunteer will be coming out shortly!

*Gregory R. Boccuti*  
Band Director





### ***Hello Music families!***

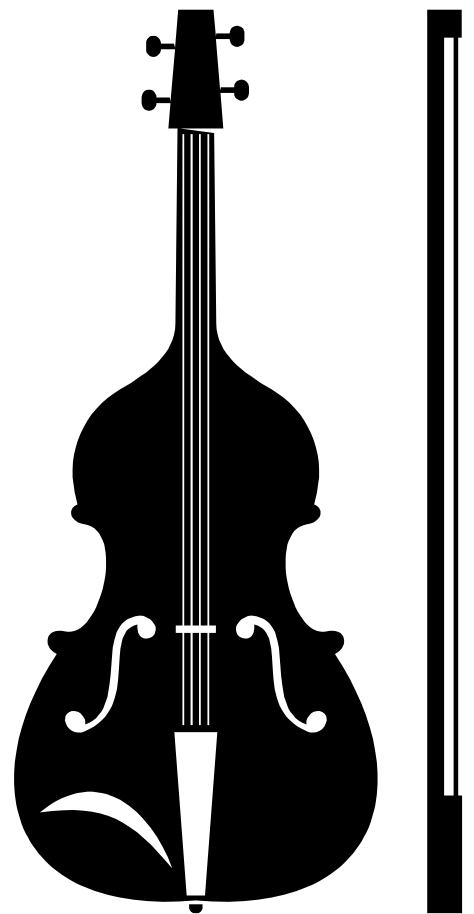
Last Spring, we had a very successful charter of Tri-M Music Honors Society. This is a program of the National Association for Music Education (NAFME), which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. This does not mean it is focused on those who intend to make a career in music, but rather have a dedication to the craft and contribute to the community using music as a vessel.

Tri-M is the only music honor society for middle and high school students in the country. The organization recognizes students that have gone above and beyond both academically and musically as well as providing students with leadership opportunities to make a difference in their community through music-based service projects. There are more than 2,100 chapters across 50 states and 15 countries! Each year, student members contribute more than 750,000 service hours to their school and local communities and raise nearly \$1 million for causes they care about. It is a very worthy organization to dedicate time and energy to.

We will be holding a fall membership drive for sophomores through seniors in the weeks to come. Requirements for membership are: students **must be enrolled in at least one music class for at least one semester, have a 2.0 GPA in their core classes, and a 3.0 in their music class(es), and be of strong character.** (Freshman will be eligible for membership in the Spring membership drive.) We hope you and your student will consider Tri-M Music Honors Society! We are still very much in the first steps of our chapter and are looking forward to including new friends in creating our path forward!

Reach out to me with any questions you may have.

*Heidi Peterson*  
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# GOLDEN LIONS MARCHING BAND



## NJMBDA FESTIVAL



# CHAMBER CHOIR



## North Hunterdon High School

**Chamber Choir expresses its heartfelt reverence for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II, and all the people of the UK.**



# NHMA FUNDRAISERS

HELP SUPPORT NHMA ALL YEAR LONG  
WITH YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES!!



## Support the NHMA by JOINING!!

Online membership is now available on our website.

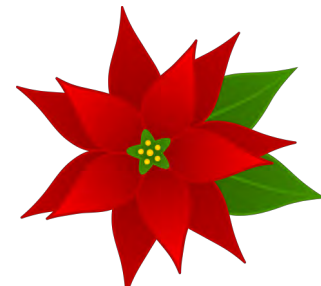
Membership is \$25 per family.

First-time members receive an NHMA car magnet, a \$5 value, for FREE!



## Poinsettia Sale during Winter Concerts

December 8 & December 15





# NHMA FUNDRAISERS

## The NORTH HUNTERDON MUSIC ASSOCIATION is asking you to...

### DONATE

#### Clothing (and more) Drive!

10am–2pm

Clean out your closets, attics, garages, and basements. Please place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. Every bag counts. The more our collection weighs the more we raise.

We will be in the 31 South Grille and Deli parking lot to receive your donations.

Everything  
must be  
bagged!  
(except bicycles)

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- ☒ Adult & Children Clothing
  - Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses,
  - Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments
- ☒ Shoes, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots
- ☒ Handbags, Purses, Wallets, Backpacks
- ☒ Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers
- ☒ Belts, Ties, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves
- ☒ Watches and Jewelry
- ☒ Uniforms and Jerseys
- ☒ New Diapers
- ☒ Household Items
  - Utensils, Sheets, Towels,
  - Linens, Tablecloths
- ☒ Hard & Soft Toys
- ☒ Bicycles
- ☒ Electronics
- ☒ Small Bric-A-Brac Items
  - glass dome decor, painted miniatures,
  - decorated eggshells, porcelain figures, vases



### EAT

#### All Day Fundraiser!

7am–3pm

Come eat at the  
**31 South Grille and Deli!**  
A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to the NHMA in support of our Music Students.

Visit their Facebook page for daily specials and menus:  
[www.facebook.com/31southgd](http://www.facebook.com/31southgd)

### WHEN

Saturday, October 29, 2022

DONATIONS: 10am–2pm ♦ GRILLE AND DELI: 7am–3pm

### WHERE

31 South Grille and Deli  
1211 State Rt 31  
Lebanon, NJ 08833

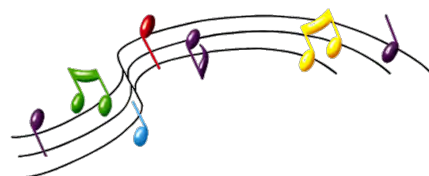
*Thank you for your support!*

*Direct questions to:*  
[nhmusicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:nhmusicassociation@gmail.com)

#### NOT ACCEPTED:

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furniture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thrift Store, Flea Market, and Yard Sales Goods                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Books     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pillows   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any items once they have been re-bagged after they have left       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curtains  |  |

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

### NEW YORK CITY

OCTOBER 10

## 50/50 RAFFLE & SENIOR NIGHT

*RAFFLE SPONCERED BY THE NHMA*

OCTOBER 14

## MILK CAN GAME

OCTOBER 21

## NHTO'S FALL SHOW

*TWELVE HUNTSMEN*

OCTOBER 20, 22, 23 7:00PM

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

### CLINTON

DECEMBER 2

## WINTER CONCERTS

DECEMBER 8, 15 7:00PM

*FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN CAFÉ A*

## **NHMA Meetings**

*Our monthly meetings will be held in person in the Band Room (#124).*

*Meeting reminders will be put out by the school - all are welcome!*

**2022: Oct 11, Nov 8      2023: Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 2, Jun 5**

# THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION!

## SPREAD THE WORD TO JOIN

### NHMA defined...

We are a parent-run, non-profit organization.

#### Our Mission

To encourage, promote and provide support to music students, faculty, and their programs.

Our efforts include (but are not limited to):

- year-long support for all music events and performances
- marching band support through the fall season
- two annual music banquets
- dessert receptions after winter and spring ensemble concerts.

...and more!

### NHMA support system...

As a non-profit organization we provide this support with monies raised through membership dues, various fundraisers held throughout the year, and sponsorships from local businesses.

Our families are our greatest support system. We can provide our support and services to our students and programs because of the dedicated parent volunteers, like yourself, and your families who can help in so many ways!

Please consider becoming a member of this important group and share in your child's high school memories!

### NHMA membership benefits...

- a wonderful place for music families to meet
- showing our support for our children
- an opportunity to connect with the *dynamic* Music Department Faculty at North!
- membership qualifies your child to be considered for our sponsored Senior Scholarships and Gary Gilbert Scholarships for underclassmen. (They will not be eligible without membership)



**Our membership drive continues to be one of our biggest fundraisers.**

## BECOME A MEMBER! JOIN NOW.

Membership is \$25 per family. First-time members receive an NHMA car magnet, a \$5 value, for FREE!

Visit our website or use provided QR code:

[www.nhweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation](http://www.nhweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation)

Membership does not commit you to any volunteering or officer positions.

Please contact any officer or email us at [nhmusicassociation@gmail.com](mailto:nhmusicassociation@gmail.com) with questions you may have.

