



North Hunterdon Music Association Newsletter

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January 2023

Dear Music Families,

Happy New Year to all! Our year thus far has been so rewarding and jam packed but wait, there's so much more to come! Our students and teachers are working hard and will share their talents with us through concerts, parades, festivals, and musical theater, to name a few! I feel so very thankful to be able to share these experiences with so many of you and look forward to seeing you at these events!

I want to send out a HUGE thank you to all my fellow parent volunteers. It's been so wonderful to watch our students and faculty supported in their endeavors and your efforts are *so very* appreciated. Our parents have coordinated Marching Band dinners, equipment moving and set up, snacks, banquets, concert receptions, NHMA fundraising events, publications, and more.

Our music department works tremendously hard to ensure our music students have an exceptional variety of opportunity to share their music education and accomplishments with us. With so many events there is a definite need for support from our music families. As we plan for the remainder of this year, believe it or not, we also have to think about the upcoming year. We have quite a few parents moving on as their seniors graduate. The NHMA has many positions opening, and we need you, parents, to help us in perpetuating the level of support needed for upcoming years. Later in this publication you'll find the opportunities and open positions listed.

Please consider contacting me or any board member/coordinator to discuss what you can do or review expectations of positions.

Warm regards,
Laura Lipinski

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Greetings From Mr. Hopta

Happy New Year!

Greetings from the Music Department. I hope that the Holiday Season was enjoyable for you and your families. Here at NHHS, we had a very active December. Those events, in order:

- The 'Golden Lions' Marching Band were featured in the Clinton Christmas Parade
- We had two successful Winter Concerts featuring all of our student ensemble members
- The Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble and String Orchestra performed at three sending districts' middle schools to promote our school and department
- The Chamber and Madrigals Choirs performed for the Hunterdon County Retired Educators' December Luncheon at Mountain View Chalet
- Our entire department performed for the NHHS students, faculty and staff on what would be our last day before Winter Break.

Thanks go out to all of our NHMA parent volunteers who assisted with the post-concert receptions held in the NHHS Cafeteria. Additional thanks for the multitude of other ways that the NHMA has supported our department throughout the school year so far.

January and February are relatively 'quiet' by comparison. Rehearsals are currently under way for the North Hunterdon Theater Organization's winter musical, *Les Misérables: School Edition* in March (performances are March 2nd through 5th). Other events looming on the horizon that some or all of our students will be involved with include:

- The 'Golden Lions' will march in the Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 12 th)
- Our annual Prism Concert will feature the entire department (March 23 rd)
- The Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Berks Jazz Fest (March 29 th)
- The Future Lions Festival will feature current and future NHHS student performers (March 31 st)
- Our Music Department Trip to Williamsburg, VA (April 20 th -23 rd)

This list is in no way exhaustive. Exhausting, maybe... As you can see, there are many opportunities to volunteer and help out. I encourage any interested parents to attend our monthly meetings or reach out. As always, if there are questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Charlie Hopta



Future Lions Concert Band

On Thursday, December 15th, the “Future Lions” Concert Band performed at Winter Concert #2. 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 other band student volunteers, and a chance to work with their future band director.

This year, the repertoire included *Santa the Barbarian and the Pirates of the North Pole*, by Randall D. Standridge (featuring a guest performance as Narrator by retired North Hunterdon Band Director, Mr. Vincent Angeline!), and *A Festive Fanfare* by Brian Balmages. We are so excited to welcome these “Future Lions” to our band family in the next couple of years!

Gregory R. Boccuti



NHMA FUNDRAISERS

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!



NHMA Clothing Drive - April 29th At the High School

Start clearing out your closets while helping to raise money for the NHMA.

Expect an email with more details to be sent before the event.

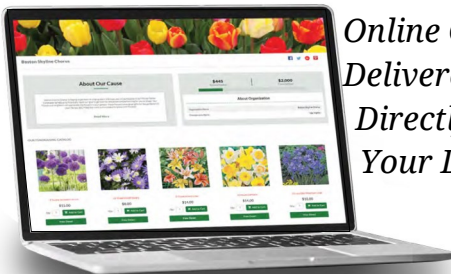


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UPCOMING EVENTS



CLINTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Featuring the marching 'Golden Lions'

MARCH 12

ANNUAL PRISM CONCERT

Featuring the entire Music Department

MARCH 23

BERKS JAZZ FEST

Featuring The Jazz Ensemble

MARCH 29



THE FUTURE LIONS FESTIVAL

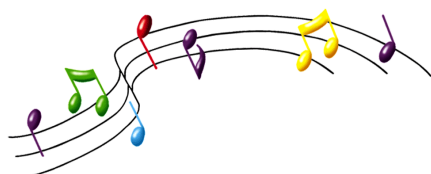
featuring current and future NHHS student performers

APRIL 1

MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRIP

TO Williamsburg, VA

APRIL 20 - 23



LION'S CABARETE

MAY 5, 6, & 7

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SPRING CONCERT

MAY 11 & MAY 18

FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN CAFÉ A



Music Department

SPRING AWARDS BANQUET

MAY 24



JAZZ IN THE PARK

JUNE 10

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!

2023: Feb 7, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 2, Jun 5

THE NHMA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

To perpetuate support for our students and their events into next school year the NHMA is seeking parent volunteers for various board and coordinator positions. Current volunteers are eager to pair up and show you the ropes this year or fill you in on what's involved for a position.

The NHMA strives to be a supportive environment for all. With our board and committee positions please remember we are all in this together. You may be a point person but are never alone. We utilize sign ups for volunteering and many tasks can be delegated out. We also work very hard to review needs at each meeting and are in contact with each other outside of meetings to keep in touch provide help/feedback/support.

To get the ball rolling please find listed here what we're looking for. Further details will follow in the next couple of months, but if anything sounds enticing please don't hesitate to contact us!

You can find current position contacts on our website: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/musicassociation/ and can always contact the NHMA at: nhmusicassociation@gmail.com

Current Open committee positions:

- Concessions
- Membership

Opening Executive Board positions:

- President
- Correspondence Secretary
- Treasurer

The Treasurer position will be opening after 2023/24 school year, we invite anyone interested in this to shadow our current Treasurer, Jen Fasciano, at any time to take over this vital role. Jen is also available for review/discussion of the role to help with the transition to a new Treasurer.

Opening Committee positions:

- Band Operations
- Banquets
- Fundraising
- Newsletter/Publicity
- Third Quarter Snack
- PRISM concert coordinator
- NHTO Liaison

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.

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Visit our website or use provided QR code:

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 with questions you may have.

