



FALL ■ 2012

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**For committee contact
information, see page 3**

Visit us at: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/music

Welcome to the Class of 2016! Welcome All to the 2012-2013 school year!

I am very excited to be a part of the NHMA this year. It will surely be another tremendous year of talented musicians, inspiring performances, and continuing dedication by our amazing music faculty here at North.

The year is well under way as this year's Marching Band is already hard at work performing "Bach to Rock", entertaining audiences at all football games with a combination of both classic and modern pieces! The choral, concert and string ensembles are working hard to perfect their performances for this year, and the Freshman Women's Ensemble has already presented its first performance at the 'Freshman Tea' parent social.

Congratulations and a fond farewell to all of the talented musicians from the Class of 2012. Although you will be missed, your achievements will forever stand out as a vital part of the success of our ensembles, and your mentoring of today's students will continue to reflect your accomplishments.

I would like to sincerely thank last year's officers and volunteers. Their many countless hours and efforts to support our music students made it possible to earn the money to support scholarships, feed performers during events, organize banquets, and lend a hand where ever needed!

There were many graduating seniors in last year's music ensembles, and of course their parents graduate along with them! We encourage all parents to consider volunteering with the NHMA this year! There are so many ways to contribute, and the stronger we are as an association, the more effective we can be in supporting our students, and enriching their music experience here at North. Please visit our website, it can be found under 'Parents' on the main NHHS website for information on membership, volunteering, event information and more.

Our meetings are the second Tuesday of every month. NHMA monthly meetings are a great way to meet the committee members and other music parents, so please consider attending! Come share your ideas, and learn of ways to contribute. Looking ahead, our new committee is busy planning all the terrific events we have come to love, and forming new ideas to continue lifting our students to their dreams and goals. Come share in this wonderful musical journey with your student by being a part of this association!

Nancy Gaidos

Nancy Gaidos

— President NHMA

Dear NHMA Members:

On behalf of the music faculty, I'd like to greet all new and returning NHMA members. The 2012-13 school year is underway and we anticipate a very exciting and rewarding year in the Music Department. The "Golden Lions" Marching Band has already begun the performance season with thrilling field shows featuring music from "Bach to Rock". Our vocal ensembles and instrumental groups are busily rehearsing in preparation for our winter concerts, and the entire department is bustling with activity. We hope to see you at music events throughout the year, and gratefully appreciate the support and feedback that have always come from the members of NHMA.

Music plays a vital role in enhancing and developing the whole child. As Victor Hugo said, "Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." Your advocacy for music education as a core element of the school's curriculum will help us to continue providing the multitude of music courses that have always been the hallmark of the department. We look forward to continuing the tradition of musical excellence at North Hunterdon High School.

Sing and play on!

Vince Angeline



Mr. Angeline takes a bow as he prepares to lead the String Ensemble at the Spring Concert

Choir News ▼

Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta are looking forward to a wonderful year with our vocal students! The talent in the Department is in abundance this year, and we have many things to celebrate even as the school year begins, including recent successes!

In April of 2012, several of our Choral students auditioned for the NJ All State Chorus. Competing against hundreds of students, Heather Birmingham (Sophomore, Soprano 1), Cayla Mabie (Senior, Soprano 1), Meghna Mendu (Junior, Soprano 1), and Andrew Vitovitch (Senior, Bass 1) were accepted into the Mixed Choir, and Sarah Barrett (Senior, Alto 1), Tori Barton (Senior, Alto 2), Morgan Evans (Senior, Soprano 1), and Riley Zalewski (Junior, Soprano 1) were accepted into the Women's Choir. Meghna Mendu earned 3rd chair in her voice part, and Andrew Vitovitch earned 8th chair in his. These two qualified for All Eastern Chorus, which is a Choir of the best high school voices in all the North Eastern States! We are waiting to hear news of their acceptance status.

The Gertrude Hawk Choir Attire Fundraiser is in full swing; chocolate bars have been delivered, and students are free to begin selling!

The first Choral performance of the year was the Freshmen Tea, which took place on Monday, September 24th. The Freshman Women's Ensemble will perform "Non Nobis Domine" and "Wings of a Dove". The students worked tirelessly on these pieces, and they were very excited to show what they have accomplished!

NJ Region II Chorus auditions are open to students in any choral ensembles, and audition materials were due to Ms. Meo on Friday, October 19. Ms. Meo and Mr. Hopta are happy to help any student learn his/her audition materials, and we always encourage participation in this advanced Choir experience! Auditions are Saturday, December 8th.

Mr. Hopta - *Madrigals*

Miss Meo - *Concert Choir, Freshman Choir, Show Choir, Chamber Choir*



NHHS "Golden Lions"
Marching Band Schedule
 — AT A GLANCE —

**Golden Lions
 Marching Band
 Council
 2012-2013**

Drum Majors

Emily Chen
 Fiona Fitzgerald

Section Leaders

Flute:

Jen Mead

Clarinet:

Lindsey DeMarco

Saxophones:

Joe Gaidos

Trumpets/Horns:

Corey Porter

Low Brass:

Taylor Knoble

Percussion:

Jake Fitzgerald

Zach Longcor

Color Guard:

Laura Cannillo

Sylvia Mahon

Band Officers

President:

Fiona Fitzgerald

Vice-President:

Joe Gaidos

Secretary:

Mike Imbesi

Treasurer:

Alanna McBride

Librarians:

Paige Greenfield

Katherine Talian

Lindsey Holt

October 24 (Wed)	Phillipsburg HS	Band Festival
October 25 (Thurs)	RAIN DATE - Phillipsburg HS	Band Festival
October 26 (Fri)	Hillsborough HS	Game8 - AWAY
November 9 (Fri)	NJ State 1st Round	Game 9 (Playoff)
November 16 (Fri)	VOORHEES\ NJS 2nd ROUND	Game 10 (Milk Can) HOME
November 28 (Wed)	Band Banquet	Cafeteria B - 6:30pm
December 7 (Fri)	Clinton Town	Christmas Parade

For Marching Band information, visit:
<http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/Music/NHMA%20Minutes/Main/Marching%20Band.asp>
For Game information, visit: <http://www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/athletics/fall/football/>

**DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR MARCHING BAND UNIFORM
 CLEANED BEFORE RETURNING IT AFTER THE
 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

*Uniform Dry Cleaning
 is discounted at all Tirpok Locations
 "at their cost"*

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

— AT A GLANCE —

DAY / DATE (2012-2013)	EVENT	LOCATION / TIME
November 2, 3, 4 – Thurs, Fri, & Sat	Our Town - Fall Theatre Production	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
November 28 — Wednesday	Marching Band Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30pm
December 6 — Thursday	Winter Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
December 13 — Thursday	Winter Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
February 28 & March 1, 2 – Thurs, Fri, & Sat	Once Upon a Mattress Spring Theatre Production	NH Theater / 7:00 pm
March 14 — Thursday	PRISM Concert	Gym / 8pm
May 9 — Thursday	Spring Concert I	NH Theater / 7:00
May 16 — Thursday	Spring Concert II	NH Theater / 7:00
May 22 — Wednesday	Music Department Awards Banquet	Cafeteria / 6:30



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



Golden Lions Marching Band adds to the festivities at halftime during home game at the end of last month



The Show Choir men rock out during last year's Spring Concert

“A grounding in the arts will help our children to see; to bring a uniquely human perspective to science and technology. In short, it will help them as they grow smarter to also grow wiser.”

— Robert E. Allen
Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer,
AT&T Corporation

LET'S HEAR IT!

North Hunterdon High School
Spring Music Awards • May 23, 2012

John Philip Sousa Award Katie Burns
National School Choral Award Jennifer Lambert
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award Kenny Bambridge
National School Orchestra Award Carmella Schwab
North Hunterdon Band Award for Musical Excellence Tommy Vacca
North Hunterdon Choral Award for Musical Excellence Nicole Rowe
North Hunterdon Instrumental Award for Outstanding Service:

Sarah Meo Tom Maggio
Grace Kilcommons Kathryn Brightly
Jake Smolinsky Nate Stevens
Jess Minzner Max Genco

North Hunterdon Choral Award for Outstanding Service:

Greg Borowski Rebecca Roth
Tess Pearson Stephen Mishkovsky
Haley Murphy Kathryn Cargill
Nate Sebasco Nick Novelli

Jason P. Schaible Music Award Taylor Morano

Music Association Scholarships:

Katie Burns Nicole Rowe
Tommy Vacca Amanda Galluzzo

David R. Lockart Scholarship:

Brett Frey Kacie Lukasik

Theatre Scholarship Katie Wilkie

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 2013 is April 30. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Spring Music Banquet. For additional details and the application form, see the Music Association page of the NHHS website and can also be obtained from any North music teacher.

In 2012, scholarships were awarded to the following students:

Andrew Bambridge

Benjamin Sharp

Isabel Stein

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Word About Our Fund Raising

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.

It includes providing food, drink, decorations, and paper goods for banquets and receptions, as well as refreshments during activities and performances. Over the years we have helped contribute to choral attire, band items, student awards and other special needs. The NHMA has also assisted in the funding of performance and competition trips.

We are also proud to provide two different types of scholarships for music students every year. The first consists of six \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. The second is the Gary Gilbert Scholarship, available to underclassman to supplement tuition in music education outside of the classroom.

Please help support our outstanding music students and participate in our fundraisers. With your help, we hope to continue to provide all of these services in the years to come. If you have any questions about fundraising or would like to help, please contact:

NHMA President Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net.



Mr. Perry Andrews leads the Jazz Band the North Spring Concert



Mr. Hopta announces the next selection for the Madrigals at the Spring Concert

For more information, visit us at: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/Music/Main/Music%20Assoc.htm
Contact us at: NHMusicAssociation@gmail.com

Our Joe Corbi Fundraiser is Ongoing!

Do you like the idea of a having your freezer stocked with delicious, high-quality treats—from gourmet pizza kits, grilled-cheese pretzels and ready-to-bake cookie dough to decadent fully-baked desserts perfect for holiday entertaining? Well, with our Joe Corbi fundraiser you can have all that, and support the NHMA at the same time! Order as much and as often as you desire, all year long. It's easy—just visit www.joecorbisdirect.com and click “online ordering.” Shopping for yummy Joe Corbi eats is fun and convenient, and your order will be shipped right to your doorstep. Mangia!

The NHMA thanks you...
and your family will too!

Group ID number: OL22NORHHS (for us to get credit)

“Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons. You will find it is to the soul what a water bath is to the body.”

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

Help Wanted

Please consider volunteering with the North Hunterdon Music Association!

There are lots of opportunities to get involved with the Music Association, and it is a great way to support students involved in North's music department and get to know other music parents. In particular, we are looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising activities. Whether you can spare an hour or a day, we can use your help. Please contact Nancy Gaidos at ngaidos@comcast.net for additional information. You can also visit the Music Association page in the Music Department section of the NHHS Web site:

www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/Music/Main/Music%20Assoc.htm

JOIN THE MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Go to: www.nhvweb.net/nhhs/Music/Main/Music%20Assoc.htm.

Click the link for the form; Print it; Fill it out;

Include payment; Mail it to: NHMA
PO BOX 214
ANNANDALE, NJ 08801

**WE'D LOVE TO
SEE YOU AT
OUR MEETINGS!**

**COME ON OUT
AND JOIN US.**

NOVEMBER 13TH

JANUARY 8TH

FEBRUARY 12TH

MARCH 12TH

APRIL 9TH

MAY 7TH

**ALL AT 7:00 PM
ALL IN ROOM 123**



Ms Meo leads the Chamber Choir during the Spring Concert



Mr. Andrews leads the NHHS Band in a piece during the Spring Concert



Mr. Hughes addresses the audience and the Jazz Band provides entertainment for the Senior Awards Night

"Music is exciting. It is thrilling to be sitting in a group of musicians playing (more or less) the same piece of music. You are part of a great, powerful, vibrant entity. And nothing beats the feeling you get when you've practiced a difficult section over and over and finally get it right. Music is important. It says things your heart can't say any other and in a language everyone speaks."

— Dan Rather
CBS News

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Bake Sale at Bishop's Market

The Music Association will be hosting a Bake Sale at
Bishop's Market in Whitehouse Station on
Saturday • OCTOBER 27th
10 am – 4 pm

Members of the North Hunterdon Marching Band will be on hand outside of the market to provide musical offerings in support of the sale. We encourage all music families to contribute baked goods (individually bagged) to the sale. Come out on October 27 and indulge in some goodies in support of the music programs at North Hunterdon.

For additional information, please contact Lynne Thompson at thompsonlynn92@gmail.com

Bishop's Market is located on
Route 22 (Eastbound)
908-534-9666

In lieu of contributing baked goods,
a donation can be mailed to:

NHMA
PO Box 214
Annandale, NJ 08801

Don't Miss the Fall Theatre Production...



"OUR TOWN"

NHTO will perform Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town' on **November 1, 2, and 3**, NHS Theater, 7pm. This timeless, Pulitzer Prize-winning look at life is celebrated around the world, and is Wilder's most frequently performed play. 'Our Town' is produced under special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. The show will be directed by English teacher, Mrs. Mary Meo, assisted by Mrs. Ann Semanchik and Music teacher, Ms. Katie Meo. Perry Andrews is the NHTO theater coordinator.

(Ticket information: Ticket order forms (for reserved seating) were distributed to cast members only, and must be returned by October 29. General admission tickets will be available at the door.)

Mark
Your
Calendars!

"If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not
bother trying to say it in music."

— Gustav Mahler



Undergraduate music students prepare to provide music during the Graduation Ceremony in June



The Show Choir sings the 2012 Graduates a poignant goodbye song



Both photos at left:
"Golden Lions" Marching Band,
Columbus Day Parade,
October 2012



"Music is your own experience, your thoughts, your wisdom. If you don't live it, it won't come out of your horn."

— Charlie Parker

Eat Out and Help the North Hunterdon H.S. Music Association At the Same Time!



<p>Enjoy a meal out and help the NHMA?</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Please give this coupon to your server with your bill!</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support! - North Hunterdon Music Association</p>	<p>Enjoy a meal out and help the NHMA?</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Please give this coupon to your server with your bill!</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support! - North Hunterdon Music Association</p>	<p>Enjoy a meal out and help the NHMA?</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Please give this coupon to your server with your bill!</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support! - North Hunterdon Music Association</p>
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NHMA Magnets

NHMA is proud to offer its very own Music Department car magnet.

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

All proceeds will go to the NHMA general fund.



NUMBER OF MAGNETS _____ **@\$5.00** **TOTAL** _____

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MAIL YOUR ORDER TO:
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