

### *From the Chairperson*

**H**appy New Year to all Friends of Music families! First semester ended with a well-attended series of festive concerts by the band, orchestra and choir groups. Sing-alongs, a bit of comedy (some even intentional), and a few brain teasers added to the fun.

Thanks to everyone who purchased poinsettias this year. In addition to supporting this FOM fundraiser, you contributed to the holiday atmosphere in the auditorium.

Marching band ended its season by earning the "Crowd Pleaser" award at the state championships at Illinois State University. Orchestra's Festival Concert, which included trick-or-treating, was a success. The Madrigal Dinner sold out both nights of its performance. Choir

students performed at various venues, including the VFW, the VA Memorial Hospital, the Naperville Holiday Home Tours, and at the school's Veteran's Day assembly.

Second semester has begun with a flurry of Music Department activities. The Northside Band Festival, on February 9<sup>th</sup>, will give eighth-graders from the junior high feeder schools a chance to perform at NNHS and to learn about the band opportunities available in high school. Audition packets and information about jazz, curricular and marching bands will be distributed. FOM volunteers will again serve punch and man the information tables. FOM Concert Wear representatives will also be on hand to answer any questions about ordering tuxedos and

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dresses. (Please note that ALL music ensembles wear concert attire for performances.) SWE and Jazz Ensemble will perform at the festival. Please encourage all eighth grade musicians (and their parents) to attend.

The jazz bands are in full swing, having already performed in their first concert on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and the Northshore Jazz Festival on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The jazz bands will be heading to New Orleans in mid-March to perform at several venues. Then the jazz bands and jazz choirs will perform at the annual '40s Dance on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. This dance is open to all NNHS students and their parents; the evening kicks off with swing dance lessons. Please support this popular event by being a

## *From the Conductor's Podium*

Mr. Nicholas Janssen

**T**he Naperville North Bass Choir, Cecilian Singers, Treble Choir and Concert Choir are hard at work preparing for their next concert on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the North Performing Arts Center. They are excited to present a variety of music and showcase their progress.

During the month of January the NNHS curricular choirs participated in their semester two fundraiser: Cookie Dough and Cinnamon Rolls. Thank you to our community for making the fundraiser a huge success.

The NNHS choirs are excited to team up with the NNHS Orchestra to travel and perform in New York City over Spring Break. The trip includes performances at Trinity Church, the Manhattan School of Music and the Ground Zero Memorial. In addition, those traveling will experience the best of what New York has to offer including Broadway shows, the New York Philharmonic, museums, food, shopping and more!

Vocal Jazz is underway and both the Female Ensemble and Mixed Ensemble are excited to debut at the annual NNHS 40's Dance on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the '40s Dance, the ensembles will be performing at the May Choral concert and various community opportunities.

Show Choir is busy singing and dancing new music in preparation for their spring performances. NNHS Show Choir students will be participating in the Easter Lilies Sale and appreciate any support you can provide.

The 2012 NNHS Spring Musical has been announced: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." All interested in auditioning must attend one of two Audition Workshops being held on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM and Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-5:30. Then, all must attend the general Dance Auditions on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00 and sign up for their general vocal/ acting audition on one of the follow-

ing dates: Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:00 PM, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM, or Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM. Those receiving a callback will audition again on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 PM or Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 PM. Rehearsals begin the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> with the following performance dates: Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM, Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM, Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 & 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM. In addition to high school performers, we will be auditioning 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from our North Side feeder programs to participate as the children's "dreamchoir" within the production. Keep an eye out for further information!



## Orchestra News of Note

I begin this update on all things orchestra with a congratulations to our IMEA All-State Qualifiers:

Austin Simon, Trombone  
Grace Yang, Violin  
Maria Yeh, Violin  
Christina Liu, Violin

These musicians worked very hard and I celebrate their drive, dedication to their instruments, their sense of ambition for attempting such a difficult goal and their disciplined approach towards its achievement.

High Strung, North's contemporary music and folk ensemble has begun rehearsal. The ensemble spends much of its time amplified and in the study of Celtic, bluegrass, rock, jazz, and modern interpretations of classical favorites.

The Symphonic Orchestra tour of New York is fast approaching. Over Spring break, the orchestra will play at Trinity Cathedral, clinic at the Manhattan School of Music, take a bike tour of Central Park, and many more ex-

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citing activities. The orchestra will perform the New York repertoire on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, please come sample the beautiful music at 7:00PM in the North Performing Arts Center.



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sponsor and/or a participant.

The High Strung orchestra group is tuning up for their season. Over Spring break, some of our choir and orchestra students will be going to New York City. Please refer to Mr. Green's article for more information.

Auditions for the spring musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," will begin in February. Please refer to Mr. Janssen's article for more information.

Finally, marching band parent information meetings for the

Fall 2012 season will be Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for returning parents and Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for new parents. Additional band, orchestra, and choir performances are pending; check for updates on the Friends of Music website [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org).

Please consider supporting Friends of Music by participating in our gift card fundraiser. Each month, you have the opportunity to purchase gift cards for many retail, restaurant and entertainment vendors. Profits are used to provide clinicians and to finance many programs and events. If you want to be

added to the mailing list, please go to [nnhsgiftcards@gmail.com](mailto:nnhsgiftcards@gmail.com).

Friends of Music needs volunteers to help with several upcoming events and activities. In addition, we need one or more volunteers to organize the volunteers. Ideally, 2 or 3 friends would co-chair the Hospitality Committee. Many hands make light work. If you are willing to help, whether a little or a lot, please contact me at [chair@nnhsmusic.org](mailto:chair@nnhsmusic.org).

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Music. We look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming events.

## Mr. Moore's Notes

**E**nd of January already? Yikes! Guess we better start thinking about auditions! Band placement auditions will be on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (yes, the day after Easter). Audition materials will be handed out on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> (the day of the North Side Band Festival), giving students two months to work it out.

Meanwhile, after the North Side Band Fest, we have two concerts: Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for Concert Band and Wind Symphony; and Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Symphonic Wind Ensemble. We will also be hosting our own Solo & Ensemble Festival/Clinic the Morning of Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Applications were distributed to students (band, choir, and orchestra) on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>,

with an entry fee of \$15 per event. Each event will perform for, and receive a 15-minute clinic from a collegiate professor. Applications are due on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band will be traveling to New Orleans from March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The second payment (\$200, checks made payable to *Friends of Music*) will be due on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The final payment (in the neighborhood of \$200; TBA) will be due at the pre-trip parent meeting on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. We will also sign permission slips (bring medical information) and behavior contracts at that meeting.

Also, just looking ahead, Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony will be per-

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forming at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. Performance times TBA (definitely afternoon or evening, to avoid conflicts with ACT).

Many more things are going on in our busy band program (too many to list here; check elsewhere in this newsletter for more dates). Thank you to everyone for your support in making such a comprehensive program possible!



## Poinsettia Fundraiser

**T**he Friends of Music poinsettia sale was a huge success, netting over \$800 for our curricular choral, band, and orchestra programs! Our supplier, Mid-America Growers near LaSalle, Illinois, offered large, lush flowers at a fundraiser-friendly price. The NNHS greenhouse was generously made available to us as a “staging area,” keeping the flowers beautiful throughout the concert weeks. Many thanks to parents, friends, and NNHS staff members for their poinsettia purchases! Thinking ahead to Spring? Show Choir will be selling lilies! Updates coming on [nnhsmusic.org](http://nnhsmusic.org).

## Marching Band News

Once the new year rolls around, the Marching Band season starts to infiltrate its way into my not quite fully conscious mind. The hibernation that began after the Bandquet is gradually coming to an end and we have dates to plan and a schedule to squeeze into the ever increasing activity school calendar. And so it begins...Please mark your calendars with the upcoming parent information meetings. These meetings are designed to give you a taste of what the fall show will be and where you may be able to help. Traditionally, the returning parent meeting is held in April and the new parent meeting in May. You **only** need to **attend one** of these meetings.

- Tuesday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm**, Band Room (Returning Parents)
- Tuesday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm**, Band Room (New Parents)

For those of you planning way ahead, BOA is tentatively set for September 22<sup>nd</sup> this year in **Louisville, Kentucky**. Early, yes, but it's that very tight schedule again.

We will have **5** home football games in the fall. Many opportunities to chaperone and watch a football game while you are waiting

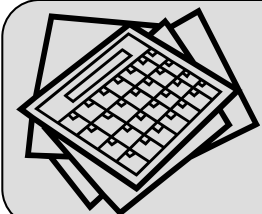


for the band to play. :) This year the dawg pound will have a special bumpout at the south end of the bleachers. This will give the dawg pound the opportunity to work with our pep band on the track as they all rally our football team to win. It should be a great season!

On a final note, I have been introduced to Google Calendars and will try to put together a public one for Marching Band with all the rehearsal and performance dates on it. Hopefully this will help with keeping all dates readily at hand and possibly allow you to add it to your PDA.

Looking forward to the NNHS Marching Huskies 2012!

Toni Robinson



Please join us at these Friends of Music meeting dates.  
All meetings begin promptly at 6:30pm, ending promptly at 7:30pm.  
**Tuesdays: March 6<sup>th</sup> (Room 108), April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Band Room), May 1<sup>st</sup> (Room 108)**



*Please make plans  
to join us for the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
'40s Dance  
on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*



*at Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge*

### **What is the '40s Dance?**

It's a semi-formal gala featuring 3 hours of dancing to live music provided by our award-winning jazz students, along with free swing dance lessons, coffee & dessert, and door prizes. Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, this popular event is held in one of the area's largest and most elegant ballrooms, Bobak's Signature Events in Woodridge. Swing dance lessons start at 6 o'clock, and live music begins at 7:00pm.

### **How can I be a part of the '40s Dance?**

Attend the dance! It's not just for kids. Advance purchase tickets are available for only \$25 per person/ \$20 for students. Visit [www.tix4cause.com/charities/Naperville-North-High-School/](http://www.tix4cause.com/charities/Naperville-North-High-School/) to purchase on-line. Tickets will also be available for purchase prior to most band concerts beginning with the Jazz Concert on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and in the cafeteria during lunch periods the week of the dance. Watch [NNHSmusic.org](http://NNHSmusic.org) for information on parent dance lesson socials, reserved tables, and more!

Place an advertisement in our program! This event will be attended by approximately 500 people. Starting at only \$35, an ad in our program is an extremely cost-effective way to reach your neighbors while supporting some of the wonderful educational and recreational opportunities that make Naperville a great place to visit, live, and raise a family. And a personal ad is a great way to congratulate your student on another year of musical accomplishment.

Help with ticket and advertising sales! Expenses associated with the dance are underwritten by revenues raised through program advertising and ticket sales. If every jazz family will sell just one graphic ad, our expenses will be taken care of. Please contact us at [Dance@NNHSmusic.org](mailto:Dance@NNHSmusic.org) if you would like to be involved.



Please feel free contact us at Dance@NNHSMusic.org with any questions you may have...and visit us on-line at www.NNHSMusic.org.

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## *Parent Dance Socials*

**P**arents are invited to join Friends of Music to prepare for the '40s Dance with an hour of swing dance lessons followed by an hour to practice and mingle with other music parents. Parent Dance Socials will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Sterba's DanceSport at 572 Weston Ridge, Suite 128 on February 4, 18, and March 3. The event is \$15 per person and may be paid at the door. We are welcome to bring refreshments in. We do have a minimum & maximum class size that can be accommodated, so the best way to guarantee your space in the class is to RSVP to [Dance@NNHSmusic.org](mailto:Dance@NNHSmusic.org) or by calling Vickie at 630-717-5393.

