

Friends of Music

Greetings from the Chairperson!

Though it's freezing cold right now and we've barely packed away our winter holiday celebrations, many of us are already looking towards next year. Senior parents are shuttling our students to music auditions at the colleges of their choice, marching band members breathlessly await the announcement of next year's show, and soon our musicians will be working on their pieces for placement in next year's concert bands.

But before all that, we still have an extremely vibrant jazz season ahead of us and a chorus, orchestra and concert band spring that promises plenty of astonishing performances, including our incredibly popular spring musical and the always fun 40's Dance. The music truly never stops and really, would we have it any other way?

Because when the principal of the high school needs to speak out in the newspaper and in an email to parents about recent reports of violence in our school, we know those of us with students who spend most of their time in the music wing are the lucky ones. Not that our kids are perfect. Not that trouble can't find them, too. But the music changes everything for them in ways both subtle and obvious.

Just take a look at the photos that line the hallway outside of the main office. Vuk Brajuskovic and Nancy Jao are just two of the outstanding seniors who have deep connections to the music department. Many of our musicians and vocalists have been inducted into the National Honor Society. Our music students are involved throughout their schools, churches and communities in all sorts of different ways. There are dozens of anecdotal studies to suggest that music makes kids smarter. I don't know if that translates into higher GPAs for everyone, but we parents have all seen that our kids are happiest when they are creating their

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Music Calendar

February

- 3 Vandercook Day of Percussion
- 7 Perspective Concert (SWE, WS and CB)
- 8 Northside Band Festival (SWE)

March

- 1-4 Spring Musical-South Pacific
- 7 Orchestra Concert
- 10 Solo & Ensemble Competition
- 13 Spring Concert (WS & CB)
- 20 Spring Concert (SWE)
- 21 Choral Quasi-Spring Concert
- 22-31 Treble Choir Tour
- 22-25 Orchestra to New York Heritage Festival
- 30 Circle of Honor Festival (SWE)-Symphony Center

April

- 9 Band Placement Auditions
- 10 Percussion Ensemble Concert
- 14 Chicagoland Invitational Festival (CWE)
- 21 Plainfield Invitational Festival (WS)
- 28 State of Illinois Concert Band Contest (SWE)

May

- 3 Spring Orchestra Concert
- 17 Senior Farewell Concert
- 23 Commencement
- 28 Memorial Day Parade (SWE)

August

- 1-3 Pre-Band Camp
- 6-10 Marching Band Camp

Special Points of Interest

- **Seeking 40's Dance donations**
- **40's Dance Volunteers Needed**
- **Jazz Dance Tickets on Sale**

From the Conductors Podium

The first semester seems to have flown by. As we enter the second semester, I would like to bring your attention to a number of dates and activities. Choral Concerts at school are an opportunity for the students to show the skills they have been working on in an organized concert setting for their parents. The kids are always excited when their family has the time and energy to watch them perform.

Quasi-spring Concert – ‘Folk Songs of the World’ – March 21 in the NNHS Auditorium 7:00 PM.

Spring Concert – ‘Pop and Jazz Music’ – May 16 in the NNHS Auditorium 7:00 PM.

Vocal Jazz is a big part of our second semester extra curricular offerings. This year we will have 6 vocal ensembles.

Night Lights – Lisa Omanson, Beca Heitz, Anthony Martucci, Greg Woods, Brett Baleskie, Katie Ernst, Tara Morrow, Chris Perchatsch, Matt Neylon.

Party of Ten – Elisa Palluau, Caroline Yoe, Sarah Moir, Erin Schield, Joey Klepczarek, Rachel Kaminski, Elena Morgan Joanna Brodecki, Emily Miner, Alyssa Dunne, Emily Gingold, Stephanie Gaden, Liz Stimac.

5th Hour Female – Katherine Baron, Rhae Cisneros, Chelsea Davis, Jen Kapelinski, Rachel

Rockershousen, Lisa Beggs, Zahra Kagalwalla, Jessica Mohideen, Emily Pettinger, Missy Savino, Lindsey Anderson, Krissy Bebel, Michelle Beggs, Stephanie Fiala, Liz Foreman, Fiona Slade.

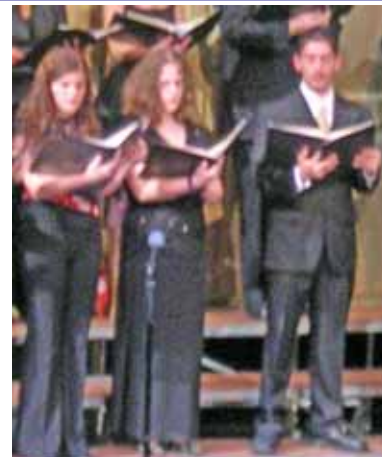
5th Hour Mixed – Sammy Dahlstrom, Jenny Gaden, Sahar Lewis, Lauren Pardun, Kristen Riskus, Aranee Sivanathan, John Albrecht, Branko Backovic, Navneet Garg, Neal McCarthy, Jake Scheirer, Dylan Voyda, Ian Williams, Sara Fitzpatrick, Reva Ghadge, Courtney Gustin, Amanda Mehok, Katherine Wang.

5th Hour Female – Julia Celentano, Hannah Kauffman, Brittany Olisar, Vivian Perez, Samatntha Weimer.

6th Hour Female – Katie Arnold, Colleen Lynch, Irene Hao, Shwetha Hemavathi, Megan Kim, Liz Liddle, Erin O’Loughlin, Seema Ghelani, Kristen Gowdy, Lindsey Heckes, Courtney Hornyak, Claire Morley, Julieanne Sthay, Beth Weiner.

Concert Dates include January 23, February 16, March 10, April 5 April 27, April 28 and May 9. More info to follow.

We have the great opportunity of hosting several collegiate vocal groups. From the U of I, ‘Chai-Town’ in December, ‘No Comment’ and ‘The RipChords’ performed in January. February



brings the Lincoln College Swing Choir and ‘The Other Guys’ from the U of I.

The internationally renown Purdue Glee Club will be presenting a concert at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 20.

The Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention, January 24-27, in Peoria will be represented well by NNHS musicians: Emily Gingold and Greg Woods in Choir; Lisa Omanson and Matt Neylon in Vocal Jazz; Katie Ernst in Instrumental Jazz; Katie Sullivan, Sophie Chung, Shane Hunt, Rachel Greene and Kristina Dakis in Band and Orchestra. Congrats.

There are several quality fieldtrips we’ll be taking during the next few months. On Valentine’s Day, February 14, 100 students and I will be journeying to Chicago to enjoy ‘Wicked’. On Thursday, April 12, 150 students and the music staff will attend an open rehearsal of Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble at Orchestra Hall.

The Treble Choir will be touring Boston and New York City over the spring break, presenting concerts and attending



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Mr. Moore's Notes

Our curricular bands, once again, had wonderful holiday concerts! The relatively relaxed pace of the first semester now gives way to the fuller schedule of the second. Three events are coming up rather quickly. On February 3rd, the percussionists from all three bands will perform at the Vandercook Day of Percussion, at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago. They will spend the day performing for nationally recognized clinicians, as well as attending percussion clinics and performances of other high school and collegiate percussion ensembles.

On February 7th, we look forward to the annual NNHS Bands Perspective Concert, to be held at 7pm in the Fieldhouse. This is the only concert at which we feature all two hundred band students in one performance (and one really big band)!

The following night, February 8th, we host the bands from Jefferson, Kennedy, and Washington Junior Highs for the North Side Band Festival, at 7pm in the Auditorium. Following the performance of our own Symphonic Wind Ensemble, audition packets will be distributed in the Small Cafeteria, with Band Placement Auditions then scheduled for April 9.

In March, we have Solo and Ensemble Contest at Central on the 10th, and concerts featuring the Concert Band and Wind Symphony on March 13, and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble on March 20, in preparation for their performance at Orchestra

Hall on March 30. More information on that amazing opportunity will be sent home with band members soon.

In April, the Chamber Wind Ensemble (top half of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble) will perform at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival at Hersey High School on the 14th. The Wind Symphony performs at the Plainfield Invitational on April 21. And, the Full Symphonic Wind Ensemble will compete at the State of Illinois Invitational Concert Band Festival at ISU on April 28. Details on these events will be sent home as we get them.

In the jazz world, The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Jazz Combo will compete at the North Shore Jazz Festival on January 20. This is followed by the NNHS Jazz Concert at 7pm on January 23, featuring our top vocal jazz group, and all three jazz big bands with guest artist Bob Lark. Dr. Lark is Director of Jazz Studies at DePaul University, as well as a nationally acclaimed



jazz trumpet player. The Jazz Ensemble then competes at the Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival on February 24. After Spring Break, we have the annual 40s Dance

on April 5th, featuring all of our vocal and instrumental jazz



groups. Looking ahead to Marching Band, information will be distributed after Spring Break, with various auditions for section leaders, drumline, color guard, etc. taking place soon after. Pre-Band Camp will be held August 1-3, with the full Band Camp taking Place August 6-10. In addition to our usual schedule of parades, football games, and in-state competitions, we will also be traveling to Youngstown, Ohio for the Bands of America Regional Championships. This trip will include a day at Cedar Point Amusement Park.

Lastly, a commercial for Summer music opportunities. District 203 will once again sponsor a Summer Jazz Combo course, as well as a Summer Wind Ensemble. This is a great way to keep your chops up (two evenings a week), as well as meet new friends from Central. Information on registration will be available after Spring Break.

If you would like to more completely immerse yourself in music for a week, check out the many wonderful Summer Music Camps. Most major universities' music colleges sponsor week-

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art. They are making the world around them a better place. And they – and we – are all better for it.

As the parent support organization for the NNHS music department, Friends of Music would like to officially recognize the accomplishments of our students. If your child is involved with an outside

music group, or has been accepted to a music program or won a scholarship or has accomplished something noteworthy, please let us know. All of the contact information for Friends of Music board members can be found in this newsletter. Tell us and we'll make sure everybody knows.

Please make every effort to attend as many of

our concerts and programs as possible. The best way to show our appreciation of our students' efforts is to show our faces. Our music students represent the best of North; we want to make sure that does not go unnoticed.

Cindy Urrea

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professional musicals and choral concerts.

The largest bit of news is the production of the spring musical 'South Pacific'. Presented March 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the auditorium, this is the one musical offering that includes musicians from all 3 performing disciplines. Costumes by Paula Rossi, conducted by Dana Green, stage manager Ron Leaneagh and directed by Jim Yarbrough, this Rodgers and Hammerstein masterpiece has a cast of 70, a pit orchestra of 20, stage crew of

30 and promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets will be available February 1. More information will be e-mailed to you through the Friends of Music.

Whew. The vocal and cultural opportunities that our students challenge themselves and enjoy today help shape and guide the leaders of tomorrow. I think we're in good hands.

See you at the concerts.
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long camps designed to let students get a taste of what it's like to be a collegiate musician (whether as a major, or as a continuing activity). Information can generally be accessed through links at the university web-sites.

One web-site you should definitely check out is the Bands of America web-site at www.bands.org. BOA sponsors a music camp at Illinois State University the last week of June. The Bands of America Summer Symposium features tracks for

Concert Band, Jazz, Marching Band, Drum Majors, Color Guard, and even just general Leadership (There's even a Band Director Camp, which I've attended a couple of times!). Some of the nation's biggest names in music education do the teaching, along with nightly feature performances by such artists as Arturo Sandoval, and even a Drum Corps International show. All of this at a very affordable price (compared to many other camps). Deadlines are coming up, so check out these great camp opportunities soon!





And the award-winning sounds of
the NNHS jazz bands and vocalists
as Friends of Music presents:

The 18th annual 40's Dance

April 5, 2007

Wyndham Ballroom, Lisle

7:30-10:30 p.m

Free swing dance lessons 6:30-7:30

Tickets also include complimentary photo, light snacks, cash bar and admission to the silent auction.
Performing students do not need a ticket. Please make check payable to NNHS Friends of Music..

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

of Adults _____ X \$20 (\$25 at the door) = _____

of Students _____ X \$15 = _____

Total Due _____

Send this form and your check to:

Annual 40's Dance – Tickets
c/o Cindy Urrea
6S516 Millcreek Lane
Naperville, IL 60540

For more information, contact Cindy Urrea at CKUrrea@aol.com, 718-1568.

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The 18th Annual 40's Dance

April 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Wyndham Hotel ballroom, Lisle



This party was so big last year, we need to move it back to the largest venue in town! So we're returning to the fabulous Wyndham Ballroom in Lisle for this year's jazz dance, featuring the award-winning NNHS jazz musicians and vocalists.

The semi-formal evening is open to students, parents, friends and family. It kicks off with free swing dance lessons for all, complimentary finger foods, professional photo, a beverage bar and our always popular silent auction and raffle. We will all be swinging to the beat of our favorite jazz musicians playing the music of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and more. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. At the door, tickets will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

This is the only Friends of Music fundraiser for our jazz program and helps provide equipment, clinicians, and much needed supplies. Mark it on your calendar and we will see you at Cotton Club North!

For more information, to volunteer or to order advance tickets, please email or call Cindy Urrea, 40s Dance chairperson (CKUrrea@aol.com, 718-1568).



Love a jazz musician?

We are actively seeking donations for the silent auction at the 18th annual NNHS 40's Dance, Cotton Club North. This is the only Friends of Music fundraiser for our jazz program and for it to truly reach its gala status, we need your help.

Past donation items have included musical instruments and lessons, tickets to concerts, plays or sporting events, jewelry, and special one-of-a-kind items that showcase the talents and generosity of our community. All donations are tax-deductible and all proceeds go directly to the jazz programs at NNHS. We have used those funds to buy much-needed equipment, pay for recording sessions, and hire top-notch clinicians to work with our students.

To make a donation, to help solicit donations, or for more information, please call or email Cindy Urrea, 40's Dance Chairperson (CKUrrea@aol.com, 718-1568).

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If you have an 8th grader who is interested in being a part of the NNHS Marching Huskies, the band directors at your respective middle schools will be distributing information shortly. You may always contact the NNHS Marching Band directors:

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Marching Band News

By Kathie Beggs

The Marching Huskies had another extremely successful season. The band ended the season with a march down Main Street USA at Disneyworld in Orlando Florida. This was a memory that will surely last a lifetime for the students, parent volunteers, and families that came down to cheer on the band. It was a beautiful day, ending with the firework and musical extravaganza at the Magic Kingdom. The band also enjoyed Animal Kingdom, MGM, and our last night at Epcot, watching the fantastic water and light show. It couldn't have been more fitting end to the season for the dedicated band members who worked so very hard on this year's fantastic show "Around the World in Ten Minutes".

This season's success was also due to the many volunteers, thank you to each and every one of you for sharing your time and talent with the marching band!!!! Following is a brief recap of the season:

- Lake Park Lancer Joust Competition -**
5th in finals
- Lincolnway Invitational Competition -**
3rd in class finals
- Bands of America Regional Competition @ Eastern Michigan University -**
10th in finals.
- Illinois State Competition @ ISU 9th in finals.**

The Marching Huskies competed against the very best bands in Illinois and surrounding states, and performed extremely well. Both the veteran band members and many rookies stepped up to the challenge and succeeded!!! Congratulations!!! Before we know it the time will be here to plan for next season. Information packets will be available soon, and parent meetings will be scheduled. If you were not involved with the Marching Huskies this season and are interested in joining for the 2007 season, or if your email address has changed, please contact either of the co chairs to be added to our email list.

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Information and
updates inside!!!*

*FOM Meetings:
February 12, March 12,
April 9, May 14*

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