

**Special points of interest:**

- Visit the new website [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org)
- Volunteers needed to help with IMEA Festival and Jazz Dance

**Music Calendar  
2007/2008**

**September**

Marching Band—Lake Park	15
Collage Concerts	
Upperclassmen	26
Beginning groups	27
Marching Band - Wheeling	29
Vocal Jazz Workshop	29

**October**

Marching Parent Meeting	1
IMEA Auditions	2
Orchestra Festival	4
Marching Band - BOA	5-7
Marching Band - ISU	20
Marching Bandquet	22
Jazz Auditions –Winds	29
- Rhythm	30

**November**

Band-O-Rama	7
IMEA Jazz Festival-	10
IMEA Festival @ NNHS	17
Winter Choral Concert	28
Renaissance Concert	30

**December**

Renaissance Concert	1
Symphonic Wind Ensemble	11
Orchestra Concert	12
Wind Symphony/Concert	
Band Concert	13

**January**

IMEA All-State	
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**From the Chairperson**

Welcome to the 2007-2008 Music Season!

We've had our first Friends of Music board meeting of the year and, based on the directors' reports, seems this will be one of the most exciting years ever for our music program. From a marching band show that is sure to be extremely entertaining and competitive to a whopping three orchestras, a new freshman boys' chorus, a jazz ensemble trip to Memphis and the usual slate of concerts, the spring musical, and the 40s Dance, there will be plenty to enjoy with this year's crop of NNHS musicians.

We'd like to see you all involved in as much as you can squeeze into your

schedule. That's where Friends of Music fits in. As the "booster club" for the music program, we are the support system for our student musicians and their directors. Some times that means bringing cookies to a concert, buying a Huskie Saver Card or using our MANNA program for trips to the grocery store. Other times, you might be needed to chaperone a trip, paint a set, or arrange balloons around the dance floor. But most often, it simply means we want to see you there.

Each of our student musicians will get a schedule of performances. Make sure you take a look at it today. Then mark those dates – in ink! – on your family calendar. The best way you

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can show your support and encouragement to your child is by being there when they step out on the stage.

Friends of Music is trying to make it as easy as possible for you to be involved in your child's musical career at North. Thanks to the hard work of music parents Lynn and Tom Anderson, we've launched a comprehensive website that features all of the performance calendars and as much information on our programs as you – or your student – could possibly want. By visiting [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org), you can learn about the directors, read their handouts, and even hear excerpts of certain performances. With a simple mouse-click, you can order gift cards, contact a board member or volunteer.

**NNHS to Host IMEA District 9 Festival**

This fall, Naperville North will be hosting the prestigious IMEA District IX Festival which showcases some of the finest student musicians in the area.

Scheduled for Nov. 17, the IMEA Festival is an extraordinary daylong event that features all-star choirs, orchestras, and concert bands made up of the best musicians from the District IX high schools.

**And we need your help.**

As hosts of the event, the music department and Friends of Music will be responsible for providing a gracious and welcoming setting for these all-star performers, their directors and parents. An event of this magnitude would be impossible without the hard work of our parent volunteers!

We will need parents to help direct traffic in the parking lot, take tickets, serve lunches, and help with set-up and take-

down after the event. We have available volunteer opportunities from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This promises to be a fun opportunity to support our student musicians and the music program at Naperville North. If you can help with any part of the event, please contact a Friends of Music board member, chorus director Jim Yarbrough, or volunteer through our website: [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org).

## From the Chairperson (continued)

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And we are really excited about our new forums. Here, our music students, directors, parents, and alumni will be able to keep in touch and communicate with each other. The directors will be able to post their handouts or last-minute directions. If your student has a question about a piece or has an extra saxophone to sell, this is the place to go. We're hoping alumni will keep in touch through the forums

and parents will recognize this is a resource for their many questions and suggestions.

Once you visit our website, stop by the forums and register. Over the next several weeks, we'll be "seeding" the forums with conversation-starting questions designed for students, parents, or alumni. We hope this site will become an important part of your family's experience with the NNHS music

program. As always, let us know what you think. Send us your thoughts and suggestions.

And we look forward to seeing you at this month's set of Collage Concerts. It will be our first chance to enjoy this year's crop of musicians. We look forward to meeting you as we celebrate the beginning of a wonderful year!

## From the Conductor's Podium

Jim Yarbrough



Greetings to the 2007-08 school year. I truly enjoy the opening of school each year with great anticipation of what is possible. To all of our musicians, there is a challenging and wonderful calendar which lays ahead of you chorally. I would challenge you to approach this year with open eyes and anticipation – it will be lots of fun!

This year we have four curricular choirs – Concert (upperclassman mixed), Treble (upperclassman female), Cecilian Singers (beginning female) and Bass Choir (beginning males). I'm very excited for our young Bass Choir members – it has been three years since we have had enough beginning males to justify academically this ensemble!

Our first choral concerts are soon (Wednesday, September 26 for the upperclassmen ensembles and Thursday, September 27 for the beginning ensembles) and are shared with

the entire NNHS music program – band and orchestral alike. This format was very successful last year – arrive a few minutes early for this 7:00 PM concert as there were nary a vacant seat in the house last year!

Each year there are opportunities to attend music activities in Chicago. Opportunities to see esthetic presentations are essential in cultivating and nurturing our cultural heritage. Past fieldtrips have included seeing the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera productions, and professional musicals. This year, similar excursions will be offered – several during the school day and several at night and your child is not required to attend any out of school activity such as this. If an activity is offered during the school day, school policy dictates that your child will not be academically penalized for missing class, as each of these trips are approved by our

school administration. Please contact me for additional clarification.

A major change is the way choral music information, forms and school material is distributed will be via the internet at [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org). Kudo's to Lynn and Tom Anderson for blazing this new website for us! Please check the website for clarification and information! There is something due to me by September 1 from all families.

The best way to get hold of me is via e-mail – I do check it several times throughout the school day and most every **w e e k e n d**. [jyarbrough@naperville203.org](mailto:jyarbrough@naperville203.org)

Thanks for supporting your child in their academic pursuits. Music is a great opportunity to explore and balance everyone's journey. I look forward to working with your child and helping them grow.

See you at the concerts!

## Mr. Moore's Notes

Well, the school year has started. Actually, for the marching band folks, the school year began back on July fourth, with Rib-fest. That was followed by several July rehearsals, Section Leader training, and Pre-Band Camp, Band Camp, and Post-Band Camp in August. In all, over one hundred hours of rehearsal were put in by the Marching Huskies before the first day of school! Many thanks to the students who survived scorching heat and humidity (not to mention thunderstorms), as well as thanks to the many parent volunteers who have been nurses, prop builders, and general organizers of our yearly marching band project.

I encourage all parents (not just marching band) to attend our marching band competitions, and see the Marching Huskies in action. You can get specific dates and times, as well as information on marching contest etiquette, on the

Friends of Music website [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org). Unlike the sports teams, we don't really have any "home games", so we really rely on parents to travel to our "away" contests to provide a good "home crowd".

In the concert band realm, we will once again be doing combined (Collage) concerts with the orchestras and choirs, to start out the year. The more advanced groups will perform on September 26, with the younger groups on the following night, September 27. Then, on November 7, we will have our first annual NNHS Band-O-Rama in the fieldhouse, featuring all three curricular bands, as we as the Marching Huskies performing their competition show. The entire event will be professionally recorded, with CDs available for purchase (hopefully in time for the holidays). Looking way ahead, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be sending in a taped audition to perform at the prestigious

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University of Illinois Super-State Concert Band Festival on May 3. This is a festival we haven't attended in over ten years, but now that Prom has been moved back a week, we can once again apply to participate.

Jazz auditions will take place October 29 and 30, with rehearsals beginning shortly thereafter. Audition materials for Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band will be available October 1. In the works is a Jazz Ensemble trip to Nashville (Music City USA) and Memphis (Birthplace of the Blues) March 12-16 (Parent-Teacher Conferences). More info later.

We encourage everyone to check out the new Friends of Music website [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org). On the site, you will find all sorts of useful information, including our curricular band syllabus, marching band handbook, etc.



## 2007/2008 Trips

### Marching Band

**BOA Regional**  
Youngstown, Ohio

October 5-7

### Jazz Ensemble

**Nashville & Memphis**  
March 12-16

### Symphonic

### Orchestra

**San Francisco**  
April 25-29

## Orchestra News

We are at the start of a uniquely exciting year. We in the music department at Naperville North High School are thrilled to welcome a new orchestra to the music wing. The freshmen now call the Concert Orchestra an ensemble all their own. The Chamber Orchestra makes its debut this year and the Symphonic as ever, tantalizes the listener with a sound so beautiful no metaphor can adequately capture its quality.

The first concert of the year is on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. On this concert the Chamber Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra will be performing. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month the Concert Orchestra will have its first audience. Very close on

the heels of these two concerts is the North Side Orchestra Festival at Naperville North High School. Jefferson, Kennedy, and Washington Junior High Schools will be attending this year's celebration of music. The Festival will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Please correct the calendar's sent home at the beginning of the year as the date quoted is incorrect. One more correction:

The Festival of Gold in San Francisco will take place from April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup> (thank you Lindsay Klaetsch).

While we're on competitions, here is some information on IMEA. IMEA is a nonprofit organization that sponsors and organizes

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performance festival opportunities for the student musicians of Illinois. Every high school student involved in a curricular music program is eligible to audition. This experience is an important component of the education of every child. For audition materials consult your music director. Auditions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

This year promises to hold many opportunities to create, enjoy, enliven, and inspire. Like any other year, I am anxious to watch the identities of the ensembles unfold. Thank you parents for the support you give your musicians and I will see you all at the first concert.





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## 40's Jazz Dance Volunteers needed

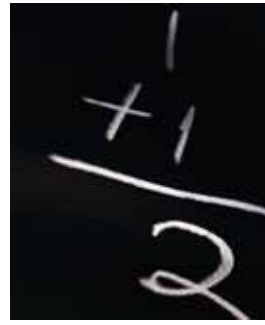
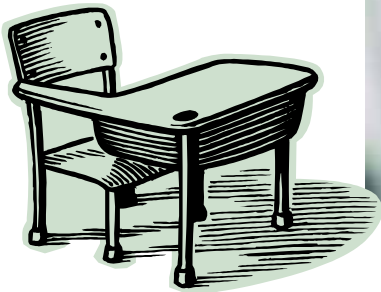
### Attention Jazz Fans

**W**e know you love the sounds of the big band era as interpreted by our award-winning NNHS jazz bands and vocalists. Each spring, we celebrate their accomplishments and dance the night away at the annual 40's Dance and Silent Auction. But this year's event – the 19<sup>th</sup> annual – is in jeopardy! Friends of Music is in great need of a committee chairperson (or two) to head up the event,

scheduled for May 8 at the Wyndham Ballroom in Lisle. If you like to throw a party, this is the volunteer opportunity for you! You will have plenty of help and support and the devotion of an entire jazz program that relies on the dance as its only fundraiser. For more details, please contact FOM Chairperson Cindy Urrea through our website: [www.nnhsmusic.org](http://www.nnhsmusic.org).



## Marching Band - School Daze



After a very hot, but VERY productive week of band camp, the Naperville North



Marching Huskies are well on their way to creating an elementary school classroom on the football field. This year their competitive show is entitled "School Daze". It traces a day in the life of an elementary school student in the early 1960's. The day starts with the Pledge of Allegiance. We attend math, music, science, history, and lest I should forget the best part of the day RECESS. We invite you to come and see the show at any of the home football games or any competition. (See the schedule below.) The marching band will be traveling to Youngstown, Ohio the first weekend in October to compete on the national level at the BOA regional there with a stop to have fun at Cedar Point Amusement Park on the way home.

### SCHEDULE

#### September

- 9/3 (Labor Day):** Last Fling Parade
- 9/8:** 9:00 - 4:00 pm (bring lunch) Saturday rehearsal
- 9/14:** Home Football Game
- 9/15:** Lake Park Competition: Lake Park H.S. Roselle
- 9/28:** Home football game at North Central College
- 9/29:** Wheeling Competition

#### October

- 10/1:** Mandatory parent meeting for BOA trip 7:00
- 10/5-10/7:** BOA Regional Youngstown, Ohio
- 10/9:** Students work Market Day sale 3:30-6:00
- 10/12:** Home football game (Homecoming)
- 10/20:** Illinois State University State Championships Competition
- 10/22:** Marching Bandquet 6:00 pm

#### November

- 11/7:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual NNHS Band-o-Rama, 7pm Fieldhouse

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dates:

September 10  
October 1  
November 5  
December 3  
January 14  
February 4  
March 3  
April 7  
May 5



**NNHS MUSIC DIRECTORS**

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Band Asst.—Brian Van Kley  
Choral—Jim Yarbrough  
Orchestra—Dana Green*

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