



Band Notes

Newsletter of the Herndon Middle School Band Parents Association

March 2009

Message from the Director . . .

Our most important performance of the year, the District XII Band Festival, will take place at Marshall High School (Falls Church) on March 6 and March 7. The Concert Band will perform on Friday, March 6th and the Symphonic Band will perform on Saturday, March 7th. The bands will each play three prepared pieces for a panel of judges (parents and friends are encouraged to cheer us on at this part of the performance). Then they will go to another room where they will sight-read a selection for a different judge (non-band members are not allowed to hear this). The bands will be given ratings and comments on their performance.

This is a state performance-based assessment test much like the SOL tests.

Performance times are 5:20 p.m. on Friday for the Concert Band and 2:45 p.m. on Saturday for the Symphonic Band. Please do not schedule anything else on your performance day/evening!

Students will need to be at Marshall High School a couple of hours *before* their performance time. Due to a lack of bus drivers, it will be necessary for Concert Band members to leave HMS during the school day with Ms. Bonneau and wait in a holding area at Marshall High until their warm-up time. This is not a wonderful scenario, but it is necessary.

Symphonic Band members need to have their parents take them to Marshall High School on Saturday. If any Symphonic Band student needs a ride, please contact Ms. Bonneau *immediately*. Symphonic Band members will need to take their instruments home with them on Friday afternoon. The use of a home instrument for Festival is prohibited!

A complete & detailed itinerary was sent home via email and was available at the Pre-Festival Concert.

Ms. Bonneau



A Note from the President(s)...

We are very fortunate to have a great band parent board this year! Our board consists of positions that have an 8th grade lead parent, and a 7th grade shadow parent. As the 8th grade parents move on at the end of the year, the 7th grade parents take the lead and we fill the board in with *rising* 7th grade parents. If you know of any rising 7th grade band parents that might like to join the board next year, please contact either of us and we will be happy to answer your questions. We have had a few volunteers come forward already, and we thank you for stepping up! Positions for rising 7th grade parents that are still open are: Vice-President, Volunteer Coordinator, Parade, Hospitality, Uniforms, Newsletter, Historian and Webmaster.

Janet Shaw and Lynn Gabriel, Co-Presidents

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Symphonic and Concert Band

Remember, at festival, we will be judged on our appearance. Once again, here are the requirements:

- ♫ **Boys:** black dress shoes, black socks, black dress pants, ironed white tux shirt & white t-shirt / 4 black studs / bow tie / cummerbund
- ♫ **Girls:** black dress shoes, black hose, long black skirt (mid-calf to ankle length and non-conforming to the body), ironed white tux shirt & white or neutral camisole / 4 black studs / bow tie / cummerbund

Please contact Ms. Bonneau immediately if you need assistance with finding or purchasing any of these items.

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District XII All-District Band

The District XII All-District Band is a "cream of the crop" band comprised of the best middle school instrumentalists in our district. Auditioning students play major scales, the chromatic scale and sight-reading for a panel of judges, who score them according to their performance. The top scorers earn a seat in the band. We are proud of the 40 students who represented us in this competition.



Congratulations to Adrian Ahn (clarinet), Lauren Gabriel (French horn), Kathryn Lopes (flute), Adam Rosenberg (oboe), and Bryan Youmans (tuba) for earning a seat in this spectacular ensemble. One student was chosen as first alternate: Jay Kotra (bass clarinet).

THANK YOU!!

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Arthur Nachman, who once again gave a substantial donation to our band program. Mr. Nachman has been a Herndon resident since he was a child and believes that band is a very worthwhile and important endeavor. Thank you, Mr. Nachman! With the help of his donation and others, we were able to purchase 2 new Fox oboes. All donations to Herndon Middle School for the band are tax deductible!



Virginia Tech Honor Band...

Four HMS students were selected to participate in the Twelfth Annual Virginia Tech Honor Band. Out of more than 1,200 nominees, 500 were chosen to perform with five bands. The nominated students represent over 160 schools from five states. In addition to the bands and rehearsals, the event included a Friday night performance by the Virginia Tech Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band and Marching Virginians, as well as clinics by the Virginia Tech faculty specialists.

The event took place on January 23-25. Representing HMS were: Adrian Ahn (clarinet), Lauren Gabriel (French horn), Jonathan Halverson (trombone), and Reid Scholz (oboe).



To Do: *It's Fundraising Time!*

- ♪ Mark your calendar for our **California Tortilla Spirit Night** on April 21st from 5-9. When you say the secret password "Band", they will donate 25% of your order to our band. Come to the North Point Village Center for some great food and contribute to the band too!
- ♪ We will be having a **raffle** at our Spring band concert. Save your dollars to make a contribution to the band with the chance to win some awesome prizes.
- ♪ Don't forget to send in your **empty ink cartridges** to Ms. Bonneau. She mails them in and we receive money for each empty cartridge.
- ♪ Due to popular demand, we will be using Sally Foster for our fall fundraiser next year. Sally Foster offers premium gift wrap and high-quality gifts. This year our fall fundraiser raised \$3716 from sales, plus we received donations of \$1682.50

Thank you all for supporting our many fundraising efforts—we couldn't do it without you!

Barnes and Noble Book Fair is a Success!

THANK YOU to all parents and students who volunteered, shopped, and performed during our second annual Barnes & Noble book fair. The book fair was held this past December 1 & 2 at the Barnes & Noble store in Reston. On the first night, shoppers were treated to live music by Ms. Bonneau and our talented students. Thank you for helping to make this event even more successful than last year. We were able to raise \$800.00 for the Spirit of Herndon band AND provide a few books for our Herndon Middle School Literacy program! Remember to shop the band book fair next Holiday season.



**Tuesday, April 21st
HMS Band Spirit Night
California Tortilla in the
North Point Village Center in Reston**

When you order some darn tasty
fresh Mexican food
from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
that night and say the secret password
"Band"

California Tortilla will donate
25% of your check total to
the HMS Band!!

So bring your family and friends,
fill up on great food
and help us raise some money!

California Tortilla Reston
(in the North Point Village Center)
1470 North Point Village Center
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**Don't forget the secret password:
"Band"**



Important Dates

Mar. 6	<i>See Front Page of this Newsletter!</i>	District XII Band Festival (Concert Band)	Marshall HS
Mar. 7	<i>See Front Page of this Newsletter!</i>	District XII Band Festival (Symphonic Band)	Marshall HS
Mar. 13	5:30pm	HMS vs Langston Hughes Basketball Game (Pep Band members)	South Lakes HS
Apr. 18	All Day	Solo & Ensemble Festival (Voluntary—Interested Students)	Hughes MS



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