



Band Notes

Newsletter of the Herndon Middle School Band Parents Association

December 2009

Message from the Director . . .

Well, we are off to a great start! Thanks to all of you – both students and parents – who participated in the Sally Foster Fundraiser, which was quite successful. The money earned from that, as well as from the Barnes and Noble fundraiser, will be put to good use! Every little bit helps when it comes to purchasing instruments and helping our students in need.

I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 9th! Please invite your friends and family members – they are certain to enjoy the festive music that we are preparing.

Ms. Bonneau



Message from the President . . .

KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!

We have nominated Ms. Bonneau for the Agnes Meyer/ Washington Post Fairfax County Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. To do this we gathered letters of recommendation, completed a lengthy application process and had Ms. Bonneau write a detailed history of her career and her personal philosophy of teaching. Whew! Now we just need to wait since the winner won't be announced until March. So, keep your fingers crossed that Ms. Bonneau will be recognized as the tremendous teacher that we all know she is! We'll keep you posted.

Elizabeth Charles, President
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PERFORMANCE DRESS

Training, Cadet and Percussion Ensemble

Members are to wear:

- ♫ **Boys:** black dress shoes, black socks, black dress pants, white long-sleeved ironed shirt with a collar, and straight plain black tie
- ♫ **Girls:** black dress shoes, black socks or hose, black dress pants, white long-sleeved ironed shirt (please avoid off-whites, creams and beiges)

Symphonic and Concert Band

Members will be given a tux shirt, 4 black studs, bow tie, and cummerbund to use for the year. They are to wear:

- ♫ **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, ironed white tux shirt & 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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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

Our next event is the reception after the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 9th. Flyers have been sent home asking families to bring soda, water, desserts and finger foods the night of the reception. We also contacted people who volunteered to help the night of the concert. We appreciate everyone's help and hope you enjoy the concert!

Esther Sheelam, Karen McDonald, and Ann DiCicco

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District XII Band Festival

Attention Symphonic & Concert Band members! For the District XII Band Festival, the Concert Band will perform on *Friday, March 5th* and Symphonic Band will perform on *Saturday, March 6th*. This year the festival is being held at Oakton High School. Because Symphonic Band will be performing on a Saturday, parents will need to drive Symphonic Band members to the festival. Concert Band may or may not have buses provided, depending on their performance time (which we will NOT know until later). *So please keep these dates free from other events!*



A Note to Parents...

Ms. Bonneau will always send home a flyer with students approximately 2 weeks prior to a performance. If you don't see a notice, be sure to ask your child about it, or contact Ms. Bonneau via email at SJBonneau@fcps.edu.

She will also send YAHOO "blasts" to keep you informed. Please forward her your updated email address as needed. The Band Department Handbook also has a calendar of band events and all flyers and information will be posted on our website www.herndonband.org/hms. Please check this site frequently.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far this school year. Like any volunteer-based organization, the band program runs much more smoothly with so many helping hands.

Parent Shirts!

Official HMS Band Parent Shirts are great for showing your Spirit of Herndon support! You can wear them if you chaperone an official band event, or you can wear them at concerts, band activities and on your favorite errands. Parent shirts are red polo shirts with the Spirit of Herndon logo and sell for \$15 each. Sizes range from men's Small to XXL. Please contact Elizabeth Charles at hmsbandpres@herndonband.org if you would like to order a parent shirt. As soon as we have 12 shirts paid for, we will put in our next order. Don't miss out!





To Do: *It's Fundraising Time!*

RAFFLE DONATIONS WANTED

Our students will be performing at the **Winter Concert** on **December 9th** at the Herndon Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 PM. We will be holding a raffle at the concert to raise money for our band program. If you have a business or a connection to a business and would like to donate a product or service to our raffle, we would love to hear from you! We plan to mention businesses that donate to our raffle at the concert, and we plan to post donating businesses on our web site. We hope you will consider making a donation to our raffle, and of course, we hope you will buy raffle tickets at the concert on the 9th of December.

Please contact Lisa Goldman at hmsbandfund@herndonband.org if you have any questions or donations for our raffle. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you all at the concert on December 9th!

Barnes & Noble Book Fair is a Success!

A big **THANK YOU** to all parents and students who volunteered, shopped, and performed during our third annual Barnes & Noble book fair. The book fair was held on November 13, 14, & 15 at the Barnes & Noble store in Reston. Saturday, shoppers were treated to live music by Ms. Bonneau and some of our talented students. Thank you for helping to make this event even more successful than last year. We were able to raise \$1006.00 for the Spirit of Herndon! Remember to shop the band book fair next Holiday season.



Recycle Your Ink Cartridges & Cell Phones



The HMS Band is recycling ink cartridges and cell phones. Each item earns money that can be used for instruments, music, and specialized instruction. Just send them in with your child and we'll take care of the rest. Thanks for contributing to our outstanding band program!




Reminder! *Important Dates*

Dec. 9	7:00 PM	Winter Band Concert (All Band Students)	HMS Auditorium
Dec. 10	7:00 PM	Snow Date for Winter Concert (All Band Students)	HMS Auditorium
Jan. 9	TBA	All-District Band Auditions (Registration has already taken place!)	McLean High School