

The Pride of Herndon Newsletter

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Summer, 2015

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It was the theme of the senior slide show at the Herndon Band Awards ceremony on June 8, and it is the theme of the fall to come as the Pride of Herndon seeks parent volunteers and anticipates excellence from its student leadership.

Every year, the band has parents who handle uniforms, distribute water, check for black socks, take pictures, write and send articles to the local media...just to name a few of the duties performed by adults for this organization.

Parents of Pride members are encouraged to attend monthly band booster meetings to see what opportunities arise throughout the year to assume and shadow these very important positions.

See the link below for open positions.

[Open Positions](#)



2015 John Philip Sousa Scholarship winner Christine Horting with her mother and volunteer Susan Horting. Susan was the winner of the Nancy Katz 2015 Volunteer Award.

Student Leadership Ready to Set Their Own Standard



Director Kathleen Jacoby has often said that student leadership is the greatest contributor to the excellence of the Pride. These students lead sectionals, create Guard and Drumline routines, organize the Music Library, run audio visual equipment, and take attendance, to name a few of

their many duties.

"Leadership is hard, but it helps you define your character. Even if you're giving 110%, and you think no one is paying attention, it will benefit you and an amazing program in ways you would never imagine," said graduating senior Lizzie Pater, the 2015 winner of the Eric Hirt Scholarship.

The 2015 student leadership team is as follows:

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Emily Millar

Flute

Music: Aimee Toner

Marching: Whitney Eliason

Clarinet

Marching: Cassidy Thompson

Music: Abby Witmer and Tony Hitti

Saxes and Low Reeds

Marching: Nate Barton

Music: Kayla Magee

Low Reeds

Trumpets

Music: Angela Phelps

Marching: David Rea

Mellophones

Music: Hadar Pridan

Marching: Chris Knoll

Trombones

Music: Spencer Jonas

Marching: Ben Clark

Euphonium

Music: Shennan O'Day

Sousaphone

Music: Tristan Savage

Marching: Tommy Eccelston

Pit

Scott Walker

Snare

Sonali Sheelam

Bass

Cole Friedman

Guard

Kayla Lundberg

Guard Equipment Manager

Becky Findley

Guard Captain

Alison Brown

Brass Captain

Simon Fogelson

Woodwind Captain

Emily Moran

Drumline Captain

Jacob Reeves

Drum Majors:

Julia Picchiottino

Peter Trapp

2015 Marching Show will Rock the Pride

At the senior awards banquet on June 8, Director Kathleen Jacoby introduced next year's marching show and a contest to come up with its name and t-shirt design. The show will encompass storms and sun, and music from the sixties and seventies, including music from The Beatles, and a powerful sequence featuring the percussion section.



According to Jacoby, the show takes months to develop. She and Bob Thurston start early second semester brainstorming ideas for song titles with, as she puts it, "a pretty epic email chain of video song links, musical puns, and visual ideas."

As the progress continues, Drill Designer John Merz comes on board to work with the Guard and "develop a visual package." Once specific student numbers are determined in June, Merz will begin to notate specific drill spots before camp in August.

"He's been our Drill Designer for 10 years now," Jacoby said, "so he knows our style." And it will, to be sure, be a "good day sunshine" for the band members as they begin their practice two months from now.

Marching Band Camp and Information

For students familiar with marching band, August means fun in the heat with practices, spirit days, and team building. "Rookie Camp," which is for all new members to the HHS Marching Band Program, will begin on August 10. Leadership will also be present to guide new members in learning the routines of the Pride's program.

Then, on the week of August 17, the entire band returns to begin learning this year's show. According to director Kathleen Jacoby, all instructional staff will return in August and are enthusiastic about helping students with this year's show. She did say that, in addition to seeing more of Ms. Bonneau, students can expect to see, "The cutest eight month old in the world to be crawling around."

See the Summer Band Camp Schedule Below:

Aug 10-13	Drumline Camp M-Th 8-3 Student Leadership M-T 12-4 Colorguard M-Th 3-9 Rookie Camp W-Th 10-3
Aug. 17-21	Band Camp M-Th 8-5, F 8-12 Colorguard M-Th 8-1 & 6-9, F 8-1 Uniform Fittings M-Th 7 p.m.
Aug. 24-28	Band Camp M-Th 8-5, F 8-12



Colorguard M-Th 8-1 & 4-7, F 8-1

Pool Party F 6 p.m.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3 Band and Colorguard M-Th 5-9
Parent Meeting & Show Th 7 p.m

FIRST HOME GAME!

Sept. 18



Herndon HS Sends Student to NAfME

HowDee, Minnie! Herndon High School will be sending one of its own to the Grand Ole Opry.

James Adams, a freshman percussionist in the HHS Wind Ensemble, has been chosen for the All-National Honors Concert Band, sponsored by the National Association for Music Educators. He will perform at the historic venue in Nashville, Tennessee on

October 28th

"James has been preparing for this experience his entire life. He has taken advantage of every musical opportunity that has come his way. He's got an incredible track record of hard work, service, and leadership," said director Kathleen Jacoby.

Adams was one of 150 instrumentalists chosen from a field of 2.5 million students nationwide. Auditions were open to All-State Band participants and involved the submission of recordings and recommendations. Adams expressed great enthusiasm about participating in an ensemble with such high caliber musicians.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting different All-State level musicians from around the country and performing with them. The conductors are all really good and nationally known, so I hope to learn a lot from them," Adams said.

He was also appreciative of the support he received from his band director during the application process.

"Ms. Jacoby so kindly wrote a letter of recommendation supporting me. Her letter was very crucial in the process and helped the Honor Band staff to know more about me."

Adams will spend three days in Nashville before performing for a select group of music teachers from across the nation. He pointed out that, as in All-State Band, the ensemble will have two days to rehearse together, playing music they have not previously performed.

"I hope to contribute all my skills as a percussionist to the group and help them sound as good as possible. I also want to represent my percussion section, my town, and my state well."

The concert on Wednesday afternoon at the Grand Ole Opry will also include a jazz ensemble of 20 students and a vocal choir of approximately 350.

Adams is the first Herndon High School student to be chosen for this honor in the school's history, and his director Jacoby expressed great pride in his accomplishment, and his attitude.

"We couldn't ask for a nicer or more humble member of the Herndon Band program. He's going to bring back a wealth of knowledge from this experience, and I'm excited about what ideas he'll have for our program when he returns."

Competition and Concert Schedule

September 26	Showcase of Bands
October 3	Competition (TBD)
October 17	Competition (TBD)
October 24	Homecoming Parade
October 31	VBODA
November 11	Tag Day Concert
November 12-14	SRO
Dec. 5	Herndon Tree Lighting
Dec. 16	Winter Concert

Herndon Showcase of Bands Offers Many Chances to Volunteer

On September 26, Herndon H.S. will sponsor its 18th annual "Showcase of Bands." Next to Tag Day, this is the program's primary fund raising activity during the school year. The Showcase involves between 25 and 30 bands which include an exhibition from the Pride of Herndon.

Please see the link below for adult volunteer opportunities. Another way to support the event is to purchase an tribute or business add. Please email the volunteer coordinators at volunteer@herndonband.org with questions about how you can help. The band needs help from every band family to make the event a success.

Fundraising Opportunities

Parents and alumni are encouraged to aid in the band's fundraising efforts. This fall, the two most prominent opportunities are Tag Day on September 12 and the Showcase of Bands on the September 22. For more information on these events, please visit the link below:

[Tag Day Info](#) [Showcase info](#)

Jazz Band Changes

Next year, with Brett Lemley at the helm, the jazz band will continue its innovations as part of the band program. The class will still be for credit, with the Fairfax County curriculum in place, but it will now meet after school, hopefully offering more flexibility and ability to participate for Herndon

High School students. Students enrolled in the class will still need to participate in an ensemble during the school day. Auditions will be held in the fall, once a class meeting time is determined.

Director's Message

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is able to spend time resting and rejuvenating. There are many fun and different music camps in our area that can be a refreshing break from the typical band rehearsal or practice session. Your goal should be to have fun making music on your own terms over the next few weeks. Get out and enjoy Friday Night Live, Wolftrap, or my favorite - any kind of music against the sound of ocean waves. See you in August!

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