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Congratulations to Our Illinois All-State Representatives!

Director's Message ♦ Mr. Casagrande

On January 27-30, a record SEVEN Hersey students will represent our band program in the Illinois All-State ensembles. Thousands of musicians from across the state auditioned for these positions. An additional audition will take place when students arrive in Peoria on 1/27. Students received packets with all information regarding this trip and honor. **Congratulations** to these students:

Kristen Holz
Erin Wells
Michael Plankey
Michael Ozga

Andrew Birschbach
Andy Hess
Mark Swanson

Happy New Year!

President's Message ♦ Jill Birschbach

I hope you all had a restful winter break and enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends. It's hard to believe that the school year is almost half over! Thank you to everyone who attended the France reunion party on December 14. It was a fun evening of sharing memories of our fantastic trip. Our thanks to Mike Price for putting together an awesome highlight DVD of the band's trip! Also, thanks to Juanita Kamp and Chris Johnson for providing the refreshments for the party.

You will have many upcoming opportunities to hear the students perform in the next few months. The Jazz Ensembles will be traveling to the Purdue University Jazz Festival January 22-23 and Jazz Ensemble II will be performing at the New Trier Festival on February 6. All the jazz ensembles will then perform/compete at the Jazz in the Meadows Festival on February 27. Wish them well!

On January 7 we kicked off the student ad sales for the annual Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival (CICBF). This event is our largest fundraiser for the band program and ads sold by the students generate a large portion of the funds that support the band program. Please look for the packet of ad material. Each student is asked to sell a minimum of one ad for the program book and it is a great way to earn funds in your individual student's account. For each ad sold, students receive and entry into a drawing for a chance to win prizes. The drawing includes over 45 prizes donated by local businesses. Ads are due February 12 and if you have any questions about ad sales please contact me.

Mark your calendars, the CICBF is fast approaching. On Saturday April 10, we will be hosting this annual festival. The HIA relies on the help of every parent to fill more than 135 volunteer jobs to run this event. Please watch for information regarding volunteer opportunities. Our next HIA general meeting is January 12 at 7:30 in the band room. All parents are welcome, see you there!

PURDUE JAZZ FEST PAYMENTS DUE

Mr. Casagrade • Director

All jazz students should have turned in a check for \$145 (to "JHHS", not HIA) and overnight trip paperwork by Wednesday, 1/6. Paperwork describing this trip and due dates were distributed before the Holiday break.

CHECK OUT WWW.HERSEYBAND.COM

Mr. Casagrade • Director

We have been updating the band website for the last several months to include some new features:

⇒ **Recordings of all music** to be performed in band can be found and downloaded by all students. This will really help each student's preparation of all testing!!

⇒ All information for the upcoming **Chicagoland Band Festival**, including volunteer job descriptions, schedules, etc. will be loaded onto the website.

SOLO ENSEMBLE CHANGE THIS YEAR

Mr. Casagrande • Director

In order to spread out the "challenges" of the year, we have moved the Solo and Ensemble contest to Hersey, **APRIL 15 AND 16**. We will no longer be participating in the IHSA contest that usually occurs the first Saturday in March.

Music testing and early March auditions are enough to keep our students busy at that time of the year and it will be easier for everyone (except me...) to host it at Hersey. We'll provide a set of accompanists and a flat fee for everyone this year.

In addition, our policy is that **everyone** that takes private lessons in the Hersey band should be participating in Solo/Ensemble.

CICBF PACKETS DISTRIBUTED

Mr. Casagrande • Director

During the first week of January, in class, students will be given materials to assist in the selling of advertisements in our Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival Program Book.

The packet will tentatively include 2 advertising brochures, 3 pledge forms, a sample script and a contact worksheet. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year. Students receive **20 percent** of the ad profit for their student accounts (this money can be used for trip funds, band fees, uniform needs, etc)

New last year: Students will receive **40 percent** of the ad profit if they can get an ad from a previous year's sponsor that was previously pledged to a student that has left the program. **Each** student is to generate at least **one advertisement** for the program book.

These items will be due on **February 12**. **ADDITIONAL AD CONTRACTS AND STUDENT INFO** can be found at www.herseyband.com.

MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

Laura Hynes • Kelly O'Neil • Manna Co-chairs • Questions: newsletter@herseyband.com

December Manna benefited from the holidays with a whopping \$27,000 in gift cards. Wondering what all those band families are buying? Groceries are always the most popular but this month saw big purchases for Speedway, Visa, Panera, Starbucks, Home Depot and Walmart. Several new families ordered this month and we hope they continue. Remember – Manna is an important band fundraiser that helps you as well. Wouldn't it be nice to pay for private lessons, the band banquet or next year's fees from the money in your student account? It's not too late to get started!

Ordering is done online. To place your first order, please contact Laura Hynes via newsletter@herseyband.com to receive your password and instructions. Once you have placed your order, submit a check payable to HIA in the Manna mailbox. If you would prefer to deliver a check directly to Laura Hynes ahead of time, please contact her. The ordering/check deadline was **Wednesday, January 6 at 3 p.m.** Pick up will be on Wednesday, January 13. If you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs.

COOKIES BY THE POUND THANKS

Genie Menzia & Bonnie Kovacic • Co chairs

Thanks to the efforts of our band families, the Cookies by the Pound fundraiser made over \$1700 this year! This is an exceptional result. We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our great volunteers who helped pack cookies on Saturday and those of you who helped to sell on Sunday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

2009-2010 Band Calendar

Subject to change. Watch for updates to calendar.
Unless otherwise indicated, dates/times apply to all members. Changes are highlighted.

January		
12	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
14	Dine -n- Share at Photos (Mt. Prospect) with Jazz Combo performance	6 to 8 pm
22-23	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
27-30	IMEA All-State to Peoria (select)	
29	Pep Band (select)	Report 6:15 pm
February		
3	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
6	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All day to late evening
	Percussion to Vandercook	All day
10	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
12	Pep Band (select)	Report 6:15 pm
16	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 pm
17	Symphonic Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
19	Pep Band (select)	Report 6:15 pm
27	Jazz I and II to Jazz in the Meadows	All day to early evening
March		
3	District 214 Honors Music Festival @ Forest View (select)	7:30 pm
8	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
9	Concert Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
10	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
17	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
	Possible Symphony Center Performance	3 to 9 pm
20-28	Spring Break	
29	Classes Resume	
31	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
April		
7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
9	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
10	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival (will need lots of student/parent help)	All day to late evening
14	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
15-16	Solo & Ensemble at Hersey	PM
28	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
May		
4	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day to evening
7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
8	Symphonic Band to Superstate	All day to evening
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
12	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
19	Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm
21	Formal Band Awards Banquet	TBA
28	Night of Percussion	TBA
31	Memorial Day Parade	TBA
June		
5	Graduation	
11	Last Day of School	

DINE -n- SHARE

WITH THE

HERSEY



AT PHOTO'S HOTDOGS

Thursday, January 14
From 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.
1706 E. Kensington Rd.,
Mt. Prospect, IL

Make sure to mention that you are there to support the Hersey High School Band and a portion of your food bill will be donated to the HIA. Bring your family...and tell your friends and neighbors about this event!

Photo's Hotdogs offers a variety of food and drinks – see their [website](#) or click [here](#) to see their menu.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have questions, please e-mail herseybandinfo@herseyband.com.