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Concert Band/Cadet Band Performs Well in First Concert of the Semester

Director's Message ♦ Mr. Casagrande

Congratulations to the Concert and Cadet Band on an outstanding performance at our recent concert with Buffalo Grove and Prospect. Mr. Ken Steinsultz of Evansville University worked with the band for two days and conducted on the concert. The Combined Concert and Cadet Band performed college level music at an extremely high level and they were very impressive to all. We look forward to our concerts on April 4 at the Chicagoland Band Festival and our Spring Concert on May 13.

March Madness

President's Message ♦ Mona Frisbie

The month of March is an incredibly busy time for band families. With all the performances, auditions, private lessons, rehearsals, solo/ensemble contest and preparation for next month's band festival – it makes you wonder how parents and students survive the hectic month of March.

The Chicagoland Concert Band Festival, which is our most important fundraiser of the year, takes place on Saturday, April 4. Over the past several weeks, I have been recruiting parents to fill the 139 jobs it takes to run this festival and as of March 18, 112 band families have signed up to help. Many band parents, in addition to their regular full-time jobs, have been involved for months preparing and planning for this event. We appreciate all you do for the band program and this festival could not exist without the support of all the band parents. This is just another reason our band program is so successful. Parents, your involvement really does make a difference!

Included in this newsletter is a list of job assignments. Please review this list. If you have any questions, concerns or conflicts, please contact me immediately. All parents volunteering at the band festival are invited to the pre-festival walk-through meeting where we will go through the festival layout, review job responsibilities, etc. Attendance is not required, but if you are a new parent to the band festival, you might want to attend this meeting. We will be meeting on March 31 at 7 PM in the band room.

GREAT BAND VOLUNTEERS!

Jill Birschbach ♦ HIA Vice President

Thank you so much to all of our awesome band volunteers!

Calling Tree Volunteers: Greg & Teresa Holz, Tim & Mary Pat Bushnell, Cathy & Jerry Busse, Mike & Lauri Delahanty, Sherrie Grischow, Sheri & Randy Hess, Bob & Diana Hubberts, John & Bonnie Kovacik, Sharon & David Neff, Kevin & Cindy O'Donnell and Barb & Fred Swanke.

Chaperones for the Solo-Ensemble Contest: Bryan and Noreen Coussens

Chaperone for the Elk Grove Percussion Festival: Mary Jane Frank

If you haven't already done so please contact Mona Frisbie to let her know how you can help at the upcoming Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. There are still some volunteer spots that need to be filled. We count on each family to volunteer some time on that day, even if you can only commit to an hour, that's OK. This event is run entirely by our band parents and we need everyone to help out to make the day run smoothly. It is a very busy but fun day and a great way to meet many other band parents as well. Come and have some fun!

JOB ASSIGNMENTS AND VOLUNTEER INFO– PLEASE REVIEW!

Mona Frisbie • CICBF Volunteer Coordinator

Please check your job and shift time to verify that it is correct. If you have not yet volunteered, see the slots marked "unassigned." We can still use your help! Also, please be sure to read the volunteer guidelines following the schedule—it may answer many of your questions. If you still have questions, please contact me via e-mail or phone. Thank you!

Set-up Crew on Friday Evening April 3 (report to main gym, time: TBA) – Danny DiVietro, Paul Swanson, Coordinators

Jay Ilg	Tom Frank	Mark Ditthardt	Danny Di Vietro	Tim Menzia	Mary Pat Bushnell
Paul Swanson	Matt Grenning	Craig Schwenn	Tracy Chung	Jerry Busse	Randy Hess
Harry Witzke	Bob Connor	Charlie Dulkoski	Linda Witzke	Denise Flasch	Lou Matthopoulos
John Kovacik	Jeff Korleski	Patrick Frisbie	Mike Nocita	Jeff Cohodes	Bryan Coussens

Greeters

9:30 to 12:30	12:30 to 3:30	3:30 to 5:30	5:30 to 7:30	
Joanell Hoijer	Denise Huff	Elizabeth Dempsey	Marianne Kerr	◀ Front Door
Barb Mack	Kristine Klingner	Genie Menzia	Leslie Crowe	◀ Back Door

Home Room Monitors

9 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9	9 to 10
Liz Fiorito	Bob Kuntz	Deborah/Martin Bussert	(unassigned)
Sherrie Grischow	Maryellen Riley	(unassigned)	
Nick Christacos (9:30-12:30)	John Kellerhals (12-5)	(unassigned)	
Laura Robinson	Mike Lindholm	(unassigned)	

Stage Coordinators

11 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	
Pat Frisbie	Bryan Coussens	Joanell & Bill Hoijer	◀ Gym
9 to 1	1 to 4	4 to 7	
Bob Hubberts	Julie & Kevin Butler	Pat Frisbie	◀ BlackBox

Warm-up Monitors in the Titre Room

10 to 1	1 to 4	4 to 7:30
David Wells	Dave Crim (1-3)	Dave Neff

Clinic & Hallway Monitors

10 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9
Alice Brown	Paul Marusek	Dan Workman
Bill Brown	Shaun Marusek	(unassigned)

Band Monitor

12 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	
Lisa Strudeman	Ursula Sessions	Rob Salt	◀ Gym
10 to 1	1 to 4	4 to 7:30	
Tom Strudeman	(unassigned)		◀ BlackBox

CD Sales - Greg Holz, Coordinator

9 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9
Therese Calabrese	Debby Kearns	Sharon Neff

Ticket & Program Sales

12 to 3	3 to 6	6 to 9	
Cindy O'Donnell	Cindy Jones	Linda Holst (DeFrancesco)	◀ Gym
Kevin O'Donnell	Joe Mross	Joe Mross	◀ Gym
10 to 1:30	1:30 to 5:30	5:30 to 7:30	
Joanne Hall	Elena Iovtcheva	Julie Yang	◀ BlackBox
Lorrie Ellison	Pete Duffy	Alex Yang	◀ BlackBox
Eva Plankey	Debbie Duffy		◀ BlackBox

Food Sales/Kitchen - Sharon Swanson, Sharon Gaske & Lisa Farrington, Coordinators

8 to 11	9 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9
Lauri Delahanty (8-9)	Lauri Delahanty	Bob Hillman (alumni)	Gary Birschbach
Mary Jo Harper	Dee Huntley	Dirk Huntley	Mary Pat Bushnell
Chris Johnson (Coffee)	Dirk Huntley	Juanita Kamp	Lance Baird
	Angela Martin	Theresa Calabrese	Madeline Makara
	Kim Nyquist	Caryn Skebelsky	Juliette Makara
		Mary Lynn Ozga	Nancy Salt
		Kim Nyquist	Kim Nyquist

Food Sales/Kitchen – (continued)

10:30-2:30	Kitchen Clean-Up (8:30 to 10)
Sigrid Straub	Dean Nickols
Sue McKee	Wendy Nickols
Gary McKee	(unassigned)
Suzanne Cohodes	(unassigned)

Satellite Cookie & Water Sales

10:30 to 2:30	2:30 to 6:30
Genie Menzia	Kelly O'Neil
Laura Wells	Carolyn Palmquist

Clean Up Crew - Saturday evening late (Time: TBA)

Gary Birschbach	Randy Hess	Perry Sabet	Tom Frank	Charlie Dulkoski	Haleh Sabet
Matt Grenning	Debra Fisher	Paul Marusek	Bill Fisher	Caryn Skebelsky	Mary Santry
Greg Fechik	Craig Schwenn				

Available for any Job

9 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9
Elizabeth Dempsey	Randy Hess	Denise Huff
Jill Birschbach (all day)	Mona (all day)	Noreen (all day)

Volunteer Coordinator

9 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 9
Sheri Hess/Mona Frisbie	Sheri Hess/Noreen Coussens	Sheri Hess

Front Office

Susan Mazarrella, Linda Takei

Treasurer

Cathy Busse, Laura Di Vietro

Judges Room

Lois Melkovitz

Photographer

Denis Jones

Notes for festival volunteers:

- Dress code is business casual (preferably no faded jeans). If you have an orange shirt –you should wear it. If you are on the Friday set-up crew or Saturday evening clean-up crew, don't worry about the dress code, you should just dress comfortably. Everyone working at the festival should wear comfortable shoes.
- On Saturday, April 4, plan to arrive 10 minutes before your shift begins. When you arrive, please check-in at the volunteer office (we are using the school's main office). At check-in we will provide you with your name badge, and other materials you will need for your job. We do not provide name badges for Setup or Cleanup crew volunteers.
- Some jobs have a lot of down time so you might want to bring a book, newspaper or hobby to keep you busy during the down time.
- Kitchen volunteers can bring an apron, if they have one, to protect their clothing.
- When the next shift comes to relieve you, please check OUT at the volunteer office and turn in your name badge before you leave the building. If no one shows up to replace you, please notify the volunteer office.
- If you plan to leave during your shift to see your son/daughters performance, please let us know when you check-in and we will make sure we have a substitute for your job while you enjoy the performance.
- We need a lot of ice for the festival. We would really appreciate if you could bring in some ice when you report for your job, or better yet - if you come on Friday evening bring some ice and we'll store it in the kitchen freezers. You can bring in ice from your ice maker at home, or bag(s) of purchased ice. Please drop off all ice donations on Friday or Saturday in the cafeteria.

I promise that you will have a lot of fun volunteering at the festival, and you will have an opportunity to meet other wonderful band parents – just like you. Enjoy your spring break and see you in April.

INCOMING FRESHMEN ARE REMINDED OF THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ORIENTATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 7
7 to 8:30
JHHS Band Room

Any incoming freshman's parent that can not attend will be asked to attend a makeup meeting later in the month, date tba.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAZZ ENSEMBLES ON JAZZ IN THE MEADOWS PERFORMANCES

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

The jazz ensembles performed extremely well at Jazz in the Meadows and were again recognized for excellence in this field. Jazz I and Jazz II placed second their class and the Jazz Combo won first place in their respective class. Congratulations to all!

JAZZ CONCERT TO FEATURE CHICAGO-AREA DRUMMER, JOEL SPENCER, APRIL 28

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Jazz 1, Jazz 2 and the Jazz Combo will perform a concert featuring jazz great Joel Spencer on April 28. Mr. Spencer has performed with just about every great jazz artist in America today, including Wayne Shorter, Count Basie, Chet Baker and Wynton Marsalis, to name a few. This will be an outstanding concert to be held in the black box theatre at 7:30 pm. This will be the last performance of Jazz 2 for the school year.

IHSA SOLO ENSEMBLE RESULTS

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Congratulations to all that participated in the Solo Ensemble event on March 7. This is an extremely important event in our school year and our students performed extremely well. We had over 120 entries this year with **75 superior ratings** given.

Regardless of the rating given, students benefit from this activity in many, many ways. In particular, the following students were awarded "Best of the Day" in their respective performance room or a perfect score: **Kelly Nyquist, Eric Chung, Angela Yang, Valerie Neff, and Ryan Palmquist**. Congratulations to all that participated.

FRANCE DATES AND INFO DUE

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Please be sure to watch for e-mail describing important upcoming dates and items that will be due.

Mandatory rehearsals will begin next month.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VALERIE NEFF, MUSIC FOR ALL NATIONAL HONOR BAND!!!

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Valerie Neff was selected via audition to the National Honor Band and will participate in the band March 18-21 in Indianapolis, IN with students representing all corners of the United States.

DINE 'N SHARE EVENT – CANTA NAPOLI, MT. PROSPECT, APRIL 13

Laura DiVietro

Please join the Jazz Combo Band for another dine 'n share event. They will perform at 7 pm at Cantà Napoli, in downtown Mount Prospect (corner of Busse Avenue and Emerson Street). On Monday, April 13, Cantà Napoli will donate 15 percent of your purchase back to the music program for dine-in or carry-out. A coupon will be created and distributed prior to the event—simply bring it to the restaurant that night and give it to your server.

Visit the [Canta Napoli website](#) to see their menu options.

SAVE THE DATE – SPRING BAND AWARDS BANQUET: FRIDAY, MAY 15

Christine Johnson

Invitations will be sent via e-mail after spring break to current band members and their families.

If you have any questions or would like to help on this committee, please contact Christine Johnson via e-mail or phone.

BAND CAMP 09-10!! READ CAREFULLY

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Next Fall, the marching band will be competing in two or three competitions, to be determined. In August, particularly 8/10 to 8/14, we will be learning 75 percent of what is performed throughout the Fall season. A small portion of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing for the July 4 parade. A majority of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing Fall season material and fundamentals. Therefore, regardless of attendance at the July 4 parade, June/July rehearsals are EXTREMELY important.

Absences from Summer dates:

In the event of family vacations that conflict with June rehearsals, an explanation of conflict should be directed to Mr. C from the parents. Any summer camps are also excused; notify Mr. C immediately. Students should make sure that job schedules, etc. are adjusted. **August band camp rehearsals are mandatory for all. Freshmen are STRONGLY encouraged not to miss June rehearsals.**

Please adjust calendars and avoid conflicts with the following dates, **particularly in August:**

June (Students excused from these June/July dates in the event of family vacation)

1	6 to 9 pm	All incoming Freshmen only and available section leaders
8	5:30 to 9 6 to 9 pm	Section Leaders Freshmen
15	5 to 8 pm	Section Leader Session/Dinner
16	5:30 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm	Section Leaders Freshmen Battery percussion only
30	5:30 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm	Section Leaders ALL MEMBERS

July

1	6 to 9 pm	Battery percussion only
2	5:30 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm	Section Leaders ALL MEMBERS
4	10 am	Report Parade

August

6	3 to 4:30 pm	New section leaders
7	8 am to 5 pm 12:30 to 5 pm	ALL section leaders ALL Freshmen
10 to 14	12 pm to 9 pm	ALL
18	5 to 9 pm	Band Big Activity Night
19 & 20	5 to 9 pm 9 to 11 pm	ALL Band activity
21	5:30 pm	Picnic/Parent Fall Preview
26	First day of school	

POP, SNAPPLE AND WATER DONATIONS NEEDED!

Sharon Gaske

The CICBF Food Committee Needs Your Help! We are asking that every family donate at least one case (24 cans) of name brand soda, Snapple or water (0.5 liter bottles), to be sold at the festival. Please have your student bring it to the band room.

Watch for and take advantage of sales! Thanks in advance for your contributions!

MANNA NEWS

Tricia Dulkoski
Denise Huff
Kelly O'Neil

Two more chances to purchase manna cards this year and build up your band account! The next order is due Wednesday, April 1st, with pick-up the following Wednesday. Don't forget to stock up on cards for Easter baskets, end of year teacher gifts, first communions, and graduations! Check out mannagroup.net to see the variety of cards that are available. If you've not yet placed an order this year and would like to try it, you first need to email Tricia Dulkoski for a password and instructions.

If you have any questions and/or if you're interested in helping on the manna committee next year, contact one of us! Thanks to all for supporting this great fundraiser!

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE: WINE TASTING EVENT PART DEUX

Laura & Danny DiVietro
Linda Takei

Due to popular demand, we are planning another wine tasting event to benefit the trip to France. An invitation was sent via e-mail last week. This event will take place on Friday, April 17 from 7 to 10 pm at Club Casa Café, located at 353 N. River Road in Des Plaines. The cost is \$30 per person and will include a variety of wines, fruit, cheeses, salamis, olives and crackers. You will have the opportunity to order the wines at the event.

If you are interested in making a reservation or have questions, please contact Laura or Linda soon! We must limit participation to the first 100 people.

GET YOUR PASSPORT NOW!

Linda Takei • Corresponding Secretary

Everyone travelling to France must have a valid passport book—a passport card won't suffice! If you don't have a passport (or you need to renew yours) please do not hesitate! It takes several weeks (the US Department of State recommends applying several MONTHS in advance) to process. Here is some helpful information:

Get your passport photos taken – You can get this done for about \$8 at [CVS](#) (there is a \$2 off coupon you can print on their website) or [Walgreen's](#). Either place will take the photo (which meets the standards for a submission to the Department of State for a passport) and print it while you wait. You CAN have this done at some passport agencies, but they generally charge twice the fee (\$15).

Complete the necessary application – Applications will vary depending on your specific situation (e.g., if you are renewing, your age, et.al.). There are a couple of different ways to get the application completed:

- By Hand – If you prefer to fill it out by hand, you can get an application at any post office and at many public libraries—just be sure you are using the right form for your specific situation
- Online – The US Department of State has a really [easy-to-use application wizard](#) that allows you to make the proper selections, completes the application, then allows you to print a copy

Make sure to follow instructions completely – Applying isn't a difficult process—you just have to pay attention to details and follow their specific instructions (like – “use black ink” or “you must also submit this form”). Many of you will probably need to complete the [Statement of Consent](#) form if your child is under 16 and only one parent is taking him/her to apply for the passport (this form requires notarization).

Be aware of the fees and acceptable forms of payment – Depending on where you go for your passport, you may have to make separate payments to the agencies involved (e.g., if you are going to a passport agency or applying by mail, you can write out one payment; but if you are going to the post office, you need two separate checks). A partial list of fees is shown below (for a full list, [click here](#)):

Type of passport	Acceptance Fee	Application Fee	Total
Passport Book (16 and over)	\$25	\$75	\$100
Passport Book (Under 16)	\$25	\$60	\$85

Other helpful information:

- You will be required to have some additional supporting documents/records:
 - Proof of citizenship – for example, your birth certificate
 - Identification – for example, your driver's license or government ID
- All post offices supply passport applications but not all are acceptance facilities. The closest five acceptance facilities are:
 - Arlington Heights – 909 W. Euclid Avenue
 - Prospect Heights – 9 S. Elmhurst Road
 - Buffalo Grove – 255 N. Buffalo Grove Road
 - Wheeling – 250 W. Dundee Road
 - Palatine – 440 W. Colfax Street
- For more detailed information please visit the [US Postal Service website](#) or the [US Department of State website](#)

Be sure to take care of this soon—this isn't something to leave until the last minute. Everyone going on the trip will need a valid passport book.

FRANCE TRAVELERS: PREPARE YOUR CELL PHONES!

Cathy Busse

If you or your student will be going on the France trip, check with your cell phone carrier before you go. Some phones need to be unlocked before you leave the country in order to operate abroad. Other carriers charge exorbitant rates or require you to purchase a SIM card from the country to which you are traveling.

Call before you go so your cell phone works in France and you are not unpleasantly surprised by a huge bill when you get home.

2008-2009 Band Calendar

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

March		
19	Concert/Cadet Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
21-29	Spring Break	
22	Lincolnway East Guard Competition	
28-29	MWCGC Championship (Color Guard)	
31	Classes Resume	
April		
1	Manna Orders Due	By 3 pm
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8 pm
3	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	pm
4	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival (will need lots of student and parent help)	All day to evening
7	Incoming Freshmen (2013) Orientation	7 to 8:30 pm
8	Manna Pick Up	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
13	Dine 'n Share – Cantà Napoli Restaurant	7 pm performance time
17	Wine Tasting Part Deux	7 to 10 pm
22-25	Hersey Musical Performances	
28	Jazz Concert with Joel Spencer	7:30 pm
29	Symphonic Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
May		
6	Manna Orders Due	By 3 pm
9	Symphonic Band to Superstate (HONOR BAND!!!)	All day to evening
12	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Manna Pick Up	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Spring Band Concert (tentative)	7:30 pm
15	Formal Band Awards Banquet	TBA
20	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
22	Night of Percussion	TBA
22-25	"Once Upon An Island" Musical	
25	Memorial Day Parade	TBA
27	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	5:30 to 7 pm
June		
3	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
7	Graduation	
10	Non-Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
12	Last Day of School	
17	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 9 pm
18	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 9 pm
19	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 9 pm
20	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	1 to 4 pm
21-29	France Trip	

June, July and August Band Camp Schedule – [See schedule included in this newsletter](#)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jill Birschbach • HIA Vice President

The Nominating Committee has been formed and will begin the process of putting together the HIA Board slate together for the 2009-2010 school year. The committee must be comprised of the director, two current board members and two non-board members. Thank you to Mr. Casagrande, Cathy Busse, Jill Birschbach, Lorrie Ellison and Kelly O'Neil for serving on this important committee. If you are interested in a board position or would like information about any of the various HIA board positions please contact one of the nominating committee members. The new slate will be presented and then voted on at the general meeting in May.