



Take Note

Newsletter of the Hersey Instrumental Association

April 2010
Volume 3, Issue 8

Hersey Instrumental Association

an affiliate of:
The John Hersey High School Bands
1900 E. Thomas Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
School Office: 847.718.4800
Band Office: 847.718.4941

www.herseyband.com

Director: Scott Casagrande
Hscott.casagrand@d214.org

2009-2010 HIA Board

President: Jill Birschbach

Vice President: Sheri Hess

Project Chair: Jorgia Connor

Treasurer: Cathy Busse

Recording Secretary: Laura DiVietro

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Takei

General Information:
Hherseybandinfo@herseyband.com

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

Mark your calendars!
Freshman Orientation Meeting for incoming freshmen and parents

Monday April 12
6:30 to 8:30
Band Room

See February newsletter on Hersey band website for additional details

Amazing Orchestra Hall at Chicago Symphony Center Performances!

Director's Message ♦ Mr. Casagrande



Concert/Cadet Band photo by Denis Jones



Symphonic Band photo by Denis Jones

What a wonderful experience for all of our band students to perform last Wednesday on the famous and historic Orchestra Hall stage, shared with Lockport in honor of the Canevas, founders of our respective Lockport and Hersey band programs. I heard a percussionist describe the stage as "sic" (apparently a compliment...) and saw many mouths agape as we entered the stage for the first time. After the astonishment subsided, students in both bands performed beautiful concerts for a packed house.

Personally, the concert is something that I will remember for a lifetime. After attending hundreds of concerts at Orchestra Hall over the years, it was a thrill to look at the audience from the stage. More importantly, I feel a sense of professional accomplishment to expose our students to the amazing experience of performing in that great venue, in hopes that they will patronize a concert at Orchestra Hall in their adult years and, for a few individuals, aspire to perform there again. Thanks to all of our parents that helped make this experience possible and I hope that all who attended experienced a memory for their lifetime.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

President's Message • Jill Birschbach • HIA President

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the last stretch of the school year! With spring comes many performances for the students. The Symphony Center on March 17 was a fantastic experience for us all, students and parents alike. Next comes the Chicagoland Concert Band Festival in April as well as Solo-Ensemble, which will be held at Hersey this year. We look forward to the Spring Concert on May 19 and Night of Percussion on May 28. See you at the concerts!

Don't forget that we need **every parent** to sign up for a job at the Chicagoland Band Festival. This event is run entirely by our band parents and we need everyone to help out. There are still quite a few jobs open so please sign up, even if you can only help for a few hours – any time is greatly appreciated. Contact [Sheri Hess](#) to volunteer or visit the Hersey band festival website and click on the volunteers tab.

We are already beginning to plan for next year and will need to fill some committee chair positions. We also need people to shadow those who will be leaving when their students graduate in June 2010 and 2011. The positions we need to fill for next year are:

Calling Tree Coordinator	Band Camp Kits
Chaperone Chair (need shadow)	Fan Bus
Spirit Wear (need shadow)	Uniform Co-chair
Magazine Sale	Cheesecake Sale Co-chair
Wine Tasting	Water Coordinator (for Football Games)
Ticket Sales Coordinator	Various CICBF Positions (need shadows)

Please consider taking one of these positions. You will have an opportunity to get to know many wonderful parents and students too and have a great time when you're involved in the HIA. Think about asking a friend to co-chair something with you and share in the fun! Please [contact me or any board member](#) if you have questions about any of these positions. Thank you again for all you do to support the band program. This is one of the reasons why our band program is so successful. Parents, your involvement really does make a difference.

APPLAUSE FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sheri Hess • HIA Vice President

HIA would like to thank all our volunteers who are working in front of and behind the scenes to help keep the Hersey Band program running smoothly.

Symphony Center: Thank you to **Cheryl Lindholm, Caryn Skebelsky, Grace Aiello, Lois Melkovitz, Jill & Gary Birchbach** and **Randy Hess** for serving as chaperones, and to **Cathy & Jerry Busse** for providing and driving the equipment truck for the trip to the Symphony Center. Thanks again to **Denis Jones** for sharing his video talents with us! You give us a gift that keeps on giving - I have forward all of your videos to the Hess Girls who are away at college. They feel like they are home when they see your videos. In addition, thanks to **Grace Aiello** for capturing the day with her camera. It was truly an amazing experience for all of us.

ORIENTATION MEETING FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

MONDAY, APRIL 12
6:30 TO 8:30
JHHS BAND ROOM

Any incoming freshman whose parents cannot be there will be asked to attend a make up meeting later in the month (date TBA)

Visit our web page at www.herseyband.com
Band info, FAQ, schedules and more

IMPORTANT SOLO ENSEMBLE INFO, APRIL 15

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Students have submitted their accompanist music, they have been assigned accompanists (if they requested one) and they have paid fees. Students will have one rehearsal with their accompanist unless they request an additional rehearsal. Students are reminded of the following:

- solos should only be **six minutes long**,
- they should give only **original music** to judges (no copies)
- the judge's music should have **measures numbered**
- soloists should be prepared to play **major and chromatic scales**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL JAZZ ENSEMBLES AT JAZZ IN THE MEADOWS

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 placed 4th, Jazz II placed second in their class and the Jazz Combo won first place in their respective class. Congratulations to all on great performances and thanks to our great audiences that attended!

2010-2011 HIA BOARD NOMINATIONS

Jill Birschbach ♦ HIA President

A nominating committee was formed to consider nominations for board positions for the 2010-2011 year. The nominees are:

- President: Sheri Hess
- Vice President: Genie Menzia
- Project Chair: Jill Birschbach
- Treasurer: Tami Johnson
- Corresponding Secretary: Joannell Hoijer
- Recording Secretary: Kelly O'Neil

Thank you to our nominees for their willingness to serve on the HIA board. Thanks to Sheri Hess, Kelly O'Neil, Jill Birschbach and Mr. C for serving on the committee.

BAND CAMP 10-11! READ CAREFULLY

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Next Fall, the marching band will be competing in two or three competitions, to be determined. In August, particularly 8/9 to 8/13, 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)		
3	6 to 9 pm	All incoming Freshmen only and available section leaders
10	5:30 to 9	Section Leaders
	6 to 9 pm	Freshmen
28	5 to 8 pm	Section Leader Session/Dinner
29	5:30 to 9 pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9 pm	Freshmen
	6 to 9 pm	Battery percussion only
30	5:30 to 9 pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9 pm	ALL MEMBERS
July		
1	5:30 to 9 pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9 pm	ALL MEMBERS
5	9:30 am	Report Parade
August		
5	3 to 4:30 pm	New section leaders
6	8 am to 5 pm	ALL section leaders
	12:30 to 5 pm	ALL Freshmen
9 to 13	12 pm to 9 pm	ALL
17	5 to 9 pm	Band section olympics
18 & 19	5 to 9 pm	ALL
	9 to 11 pm	Band activity
20	5:30 pm	Picnic/Parent Fall Preview
24	First day of school	

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 21 Band Awards Banquet at Manzo's in Des Plaines

Invitation and information [included in this newsletter](#)
For questions contact Christine Johnson via
newsletter@herseyband.com

POP, SNAPPLE & WATER DONATIONS

Sharon Swanson • Lisa Farrington • Committee Co-chairs

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 sales!

We also need donations of paper plates. These may also be brought to the band room. Thanks in advance for your contributions!

MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

Laura Hynes • Kelly O'Neil • Program Co-chairs

Manna sales for March were over \$13,000. Thanks to the families that participated. Don't forget to order your Mother's Day gift cards in April so you'll have them on time. There is a gift card for everything and it is never too late to start. Instead of writing a check for the Awards Banquet, wouldn't you love to say "take it from my account?" With Manna you can! Your normal monthly purchases (groceries, prescriptions, gas, pet food, coffee) can put money in your student's account if you use a gift card instead of cash or credit. Manna is an important fundraiser that helps you as well.

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 ahead of time, please contact her. The next ordering/check deadline is **Wednesday, April 7 at 3 p.m.** Pick up will be on Wednesday, April 14. If you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs.

CICBF VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Sheri Hess • CICBF Volunteer Chairman

Many hands make easy work!!

The Festival is right around the corner and I REALLY DO NOT want (or like) to make phone calls and beg so...PLEASE, PLEASE, if you have not yet signed up to help on Saturday, April 10, visit the [Hersey band festival website](#), choose a couple of jobs you are interested in and [e-mail me](#). If you would rather you may also call me @ 847.392.9868. We have enough help for Friday Set Up but everything else is open. Hall monitors, clinic monitors, homeroom monitors and stage coordinators are in great need of volunteers! There is a job for everyone! If you are unavailable to help on Saturday, please let me know as well.

A BIG thank you to those of you who have already signed up! I will be sending a reminder and details the last week in March/first week in April. If you need to make any changes or have any questions, please contact me at volunteers@herseyband.com.

A REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Cathy Busse • HIA Treasurer

Unused funds Do carry over from year to year and may be passed to siblings in the band program if/when the student graduates or leaves the program. If a graduating senior has funds remaining in their account and no younger siblings in the program, the funds go to the Caneva scholarship fund.

Don't forget, student accounts may be used to pay for the Band Banquet coming up in May. Check your student account balance online by going to www.herseyband.com and clicking on "account login". The super-secret password is herseyband!

CICBF WEBSITE NOW LIVE!

Linda Takei • CICBF Chairman

For the first time, we are hosting a website for the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. This site will be a great resource for the Hersey band family and for visitors who will be attending the festival.

Please take a moment to see visit the site. Click [here](#) for access or click on the "Chicagoland Fest" tab on the home page of the [Hersey band website](#).

WISH LIST FOR NEEDED ITEMS

Linda Takei • HIA Secretary

It can't hurt to ask, right? We are in need of several items and we thought we'd make an appeal to you. If you are willing to donate these items (in part or whole) please contact me via newsletter@herseyband.com.

- Flowers for seniors at the band banquet
- The cost for a DJ for the banquet

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

SAVE THE DATE! SPRING WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Laura & Danny DiVietro • Linda Takei • Event Co-chairs

All friends of Hersey band are welcome to attend our upcoming Spring Wine Tasting event. The date has been set for the evening of **Friday, April 30**. We are in the process of finalizing details so watch for additional communications via e-mail.

We do know that we will be having a silent auction at this event and we are looking for donations. If you would like to have more information or donate an auction item, please contact [Linda Takei](#).

2009-2010 Band Calendar

Subject to change. Watch for updates to calendar.

Unless otherwise indicated, dates/times apply to all members. Changes are highlighted.

March		
29	Classes Resume	
31	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
April		
8	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
12	Incoming Freshman Orientation Meeting	6:30 to 8:30 pm, Band Room
14	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
15	Solo & Ensemble at Hersey	PM
21-24	CHICAGO, The Musical	
27	Spring Jazz Concert	7:30 pm
28	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7 to 8:30 pm
May		
7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	7 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	7:30 pm
31	Memorial Day Parade	9 am
June		
5	Graduation	
11	Last Day of School	
Please see article above for summer schedule		
July		
5	Parade	Report 9:30 am

Support Fine Arts Scholarship



Winner of 10 Tony Awards – Best Musical

Sunday, April 18, 2010 – 2 pm

Ford Center/Oriental Theatre

Return to:

Joann Langley – John Hersey High School

1900 East Thomas

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

847-718-4942

Billy Elliott Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Seat Location: Loge _____ @ \$118 each = _____
of tickets total due

Please make checks payable to John Hersey High School



The HIA invites you to celebrate Hersey Band's Annual Spring Awards Banquet

For all band and color guard students, their parents and special guests

- WHEN:** FRIDAY, MAY 21
WHERE: MANZO'S BANQUETS
ADDRESS: 1571 ELMHURST ROAD, DES PLAINES
TIME: ARRIVE BETWEEN 5:30 AND 6 PM (OPEN SEATING)
DINNER SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:30
EVENT ENDS AT 11 PM
- DRESS:** SEMI-FORMAL
RSVP: PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION SHEET (BELOW)
AND PAYMENT* BY MAY 1 TO LOCKED BOX IN MR.
C'S OFFICE
- DINNER:** FAMILY STYLE DINNER INCLUDES: CHICKEN
VESUVIO, LONDON BROIL, PASTA WITH TOMATO
BASIL SAUCE, OVEN ROASTED POTATOES, SOUP,
SALAD AND DESSERT
- COST:** \$30 PER PERSON, SENIORS WILL BE HONORED
WITH A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER
- AGENDA:** DINNER
AWARDS PRESENTATION
DANCING

*CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: HIA OR YOU MAY SELECT AN OPTION TO PAY FROM YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Johnson 847.392.0076 or cjwj@sbcglobal.net.

HERSEY BAND'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION SHEET

Dinner and Awards Presentation

High School Seniors will be honored with a complimentary dinner

Dinner will be family style. Courses include Chicken Vesuvio, London broil, pasta with tomato basil sauce, oven roasted potatoes, soup, salad and dessert

Name	HS Senior?	
	Y	N
	Y	N
	Y	N
	Y	N
	Y	N
	Y	N

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad - \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad = \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Total Guests Number of HS Seniors Total # Paying Guests

(Example: 5 guests – 1 HS senior = 4 paying guests)

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \times \quad \$30 \quad = \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Total # Paying Guests Total Amount Due

- Check attached
- Deduct \$ _____ from student account

Sorry, we will not be able to attend
Name: _____

RSVP no later than May 1, 2010

Return this form and check made payable to HIA to locked box in Mr. C's office to the attention of Christine Johnson. If you have any questions, please contact Christine at 847.392.0076 or cjwj@sbcglobal.net.