



Take Note

Newsletter of the Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA)
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Upcoming Schedule

Important dates to remember

April dates		Time
6	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	5:30 to 7pm
8	CICBF Set-Up	~4 PM
9	CICBF (need lots of help)☺	ALL DAY/PM
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13	Solo & Ensemble at JHHS	PM
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7	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All Day to PM
9	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm

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Carnegie and NY Success

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande

"..These kids were clearly well-prepared, as they were always solidly together with tight rhythm, unusually good intonation and sparkling percussion." - New York Concert Review



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

What a wonderful experience for all of our band students to perform on the famous and beautiful Carnegie Hall stage for an amazing audience. Both bands played outstanding concerts and students acted wonderfully throughout the entire trip. Thanks to all of the parents for supporting this trip and thanks to so many of you that travelled to be with us on this memorable occasion. Standing ovations in Carnegie Hall from strangers is not an easy task to accomplish and all should be proud of the overwhelming response that our ensembles received. Of course, there were many highlights throughout the weekend (Sesame Street, Gnoshing Tour, "wave your napkin", Times Square, etc) and I was particularly proud of our students handling the exit from American Idiot with class and maturity. However, the musical experience on this stage will provide a lifetime memory for everyone. Thanks, of course, to our wonderful chaperones that contributed to a very smooth running trip and we had a good time, as well.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Hersey Instrumental Association

An affiliate of the John Hersey High School Bands

2010-2011 HIA Board

President: Sheri Hess

Vice President: Genie Menzia

Project Chair: Jill Birschbach

Treasurer: Tami Johnson

Recording Secretary: Kelly O'Neil

Corresponding Secretary: Joanel Hoijer

HIA President's Message

HIA President • Sheri Hess

It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the school year! Carnegie Hall was an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience for all! Next comes Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival on April 9 followed by Solo/ensemble Contest, April 13. We can then look forward to the Spring Jazz Concert-Senior's Choice, which is unbelievably enjoyable (April 26), the Spring Concert (May 18), the Band Awards Banquet (May 20) and Night of Percussion on May 27. These are some events that you surely do not want to miss! Please call if you have questions regarding any of these events.

As quickly as this year is flying by, the summer will go even more quickly and then starts marching season 2011-12! We are 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 2012. As we gather this information from current chair people, we will be sending an email asking those who are interested to please let us know. In the meantime, be thinking about how the Hersey Band Program could best use your gifts and talents. It's a win-win situation!

The (my) FINAL HIA meeting of the year will be on May 9th @ 7:30pm.
I look forward to seeing you there!

REMINDER: INCOMING FRESHMEN

An extremely important Orientation Meeting

**Monday, April 11
6:30-8:30
JHHS Band Room**

Any incoming freshmen's parent that can not attend will be asked to attend a makeup meeting later in the month, (date TBA).

Important Solo Ensemble Info April 13

Mr. Casagrande • Director



When we return from break, Students will submit their accompanist music, they will be assigned accompanists (if they requested an accompanist) and they have paid their fees. Students will have one rehearsal with their accompanist unless they request an additional rehearsal. Students are reminded that 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 and soloists should be prepared to play major and chromatic scales.

Congratulations to all of the Jazz Ensembles on their performances 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 won their class and the Jazz Combo was second in their respective class. Congratulations to all on great performances and thanks to our great audiences that attended!



Thanks for lending a hand...

Genie Menzia * Vice President

It's nice to know that there is always someone who is able to lend a hand and this month is no different.



The HIA board and I would like to thank Holly Anderson and Patrick Burke for accompanying the kids to Elk Grove for the Elk Grove Percussion Festival. I know that giving up a Saturday is not always easy to do.

Thanks again.

FESTIVAL BEVERAGE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Sharon Swanson • Food Committee Co-Chair
Lisa Farrington • Food Committee Co-Chair



The Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival is Saturday, April 9th!

The Food Committee needs your help! This is the band's biggest fundraiser, and most of the funds come through the food and beverage sales. The committee is asking that **every family** donate a case (24 cans) of name brand soda, water (0.5L bottles) or other beverage in our wish list:

Name Brand Sodas (diet/reg)
Nestea Iced Tea
Gatorade

Any brand water
Propel

Snapple—flavors: (no diet)
Raspberry, Peach, lemonade



We also are in need of **paper plates** or a Gift Card to purchase the supplies.

Check the newspaper ads for SALES!! The festival is next week...*Please have your student bring these items to the band room.*

Bring Soda...Bring Water...Bring Soda...Bring Water...Bring Soda... Bring Water...Bring Soda...

CICBF WEBSITE NOW LIVE!

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair



Once again, we are hosting a website for the **Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival (CICBF)**. 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 visit the site. Click on the "Chicagoland Fest" tab on the band home page of the [Hersey band website](#).

CHICAGOLAND BAND FESTIVAL CD ORDER

Peter Hynes • CD Committee chair



A Wonderful keepsake...A great gift (mother's day/father's day)... What a terrific way to keep the memories of the band's performance last.

Buy a CD of the music performed at the festival. You can play it in your car or share it with friends...



Pre-orders will be taken before the festival for \$15 (*such a deal*)

CD Sales at the festival will cost \$20

Send in your order with your check payable to HIA

Use the Order form found on page 4



**John Hersey High School
Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival
CD Order Form for Hersey Students**

At the Festival, Hersey's performance will be professionally recorded and mixed by Harkins Productions to create an audio CD for purchase.

To be included on a mixed CD and preserve this wonderful event for your memories, **Hersey must have a minimum of 20 CDs sold** in advance of the event to cover the recording/production costs.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a professionally mixed CD of this terrific event. Perhaps you have a relative who may want a CD?

Please note, if Hersey doesn't sell the minimum 20 required, our band cannot be included on the CD. Take advantage of our **pre-event discount rate of \$15.** (Orders placed the day of the event will be \$20.)

Hurry! Orders are due back to Mr. Casagrande by Wed, April 6.

CDs will take 5 - 7 weeks for delivery and will be mailed directly to Mr. C for distribution. If Hersey does not meet the minimum number of orders, your check will be returned to you. For questions, please contact Peter Hynes at lphynes@yahoo.com or 847-788-1413. Send your check in today!

Please write legibly and complete all fields.

Checks may be made payable to: **Hersey Instrumental Association.**

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Quantity: _____ @ \$15 each for a total cost: _____

Your e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please allow 5 to 7 weeks for delivery. All orders will be mailed to Mr. Casagrande for distribution. If Hersey does not meet the minimum number of 20 orders prior to the event, you will not receive a CD and your check will be returned. Order due date is April 6.

Hungry?

Be sure to stop by our Cafeteria
And support the
Hersey Instrumental Association

Snacks and Treats

Donuts	\$.50
Bagel & Cream Cheese	1.00
Fruit	.50
Fresh Baked Cookies (or 3/\$1.00)	.50
Pretzels & Chips	.75
Dairy Queen Blizzards	3.00
Candy	1.00

Entrees

Hot Italian Beef Sub Sandwiches	\$ 5.00
Cold Sub Sandwiches:	
Turkey, Italian, Ham & Cheese	4.50
Pizza	2.50
Cheese, Sausage or Pepperoni	

Beverages

Coffee	\$.50
Pop, Water	1.00

**Check out the Festival Menu and Plan for your lunch or dinner on
April 9th**

Band Decal Fundraiser

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair

Students and Parents, show your support for the Hersey Bands and purchase a vehicle decal! They are only \$3 each. Get one for each of your cars! Decals will be available for purchase on the evening of the trip meeting, which is Wednesday, February 23rd. If you would like to purchase decals before that date please contact Jill Birschbach @ 847-818-9353.



MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

Laura Hynes Manna Program Co-chair
Kelly O'Neil Manna Program Co-chair

Think spring and order your April gift cards today. Don't forget about Easter, confirmation/graduation gifts, outdoor planting, spring cleaning, Mother's Day! 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 never too late to get started. Parents of incoming 8th graders can also start earning money in their student accounts now. 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.

To place your first order, please contact Laura Hynes to receive your password and instructions. Once you have placed your order online, submit a check payable to HIA in the Manna mailbox. The next ordering/check deadline is **Wednesday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m.** Pick up will be on Wednesday, April 13. If you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs via herseybandinfo@herseyband.com

For Sale:

Guitar Amp: Fender Bullet Reverb - model PR241

Great! 15 watt practice or small venue amp that includes separate normal and drive channels, a headphone jack, treble, mid, bass and reverb controls.

Other special features include a spring reverb and an external speaker jack.

Size: about 14" X 14"

Adult owned, good condition. Same amps for sale on E-Bay go for \$99 and \$125.

I'm asking \$85. Call Dave at [847-363-8870](tel:847-363-8870)

HIA Board Nominations

Sheri Hess • President

A Nominating Committee was formed to consider nominations for board positions for the 2011-2012 school year.

2011-2012 HIA Proposed Slate:

President: Genie Menzia

Vice President: Peggy Cusick

Treasurer: Tami Johnson

Project Chair: Jill Birschbach

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Corresponding Secretary: Joannell Hoijer

Thanks to our nominees for their willingness to serve. Thanks to the nominating committee: Sheri Hess, Genie Menzia, Peggy Cusick, Laura Polfuss, & Mr C.

Band Camp 2011 - 2012!!

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Next Fall, the marching band will be competing in three competitions, to be determined. In August, particularly 8/8-8/12 we will be learning 75% of what is performed throughout the Fall season. A small portion of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing for the July 4th parade. A majority of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing Fall season material and fundamentals. Therefore, regardless of attendance at the July 4th 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 to not miss June rehearsals.**

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

Next Year's Home Football Games:

9/9	vs Barrington
9/23	vs. Prospect
9/30 Homecoming	vs. Buffalo Grove
10/6 (Thursday)	vs. Wheeling

Competitions: TBA

9/10	Lake Park
10/8	Prospect
10/22	U of I

June (Students excused from these June/July dates in the event of family vacation)		
1	6 to 9pm	All incoming Freshmen only and section leaders
9	5:30 to 9pm	Available Section Leaders
	6 to 9pm	Freshmen
27	5 to 8pm	Section Leader Session/Dinner
28	5:30 to 9pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9 pm	Freshmen only
	6 to 9pm	Battery percussion only
29	5:30 to 9pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9pm	ALL MEMBERS
30	5:30 to 9pm	Section Leaders
	6 to 9pm	ALL MEMBERS
July		
4	9am	Report Parade
August		
3 (Wed)	3 to 4:30pm	New Section Leaders
4(thurs)	8am to 5pm	ALL Section Leaders
	12:30 to 5pm	ALL Freshmen
8 - 12	12pm to 9pm	ALL
16	5 to 9pm	Section Olympics
17 & 18	5 to 9pm	ALL
	9 to 11pm	Band activity
19	5:30pm	Picnic/Parent Fall Preview
23		First day of school

SAVE THE DATE!!

Band Awards Banquet
Friday, May 20th
Manzo's in DesPlaines

Invitation & information included in this newsletter (pages 7 & 8).

For questions contact Christine Johnson via newsletter@herseyband.com

WISH LIST FOR NEEDED ITEMS

Christine Johnson ~ Banquet Chairperson

It can't hurt to ask right?

We are need of donations for the **Senior flowers** for the end of the year band banquet. If you are willing to donate in part or whole please contact Christine Johnson via newsletter@herseyband.com

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

The HIA invites you to celebrate...

HERSEY'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS BAND BANQUET

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

WHEN: FRIDAY MAY 20, 2011

WHERE: MANZO'S BANQUETS

ADDRESS: 1571 ELMHURST ROAD, DES PLAINES

TIME: ARRIVE BETWEEN 5:30-6:00 PM (OPEN SEATING)

DINNER SERVED PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM

EVENT ENDS AT 11:00 PM

DRESS: SEMI - FORMAL

RSVP : PLEASE RETURN SIGN UP SHEET BY MAY 1ST HIA BOX IN
MR. CASAGRANDE'S OFFICE

CHECK PAYABLE TO HIA OR PAY FROM STUDENT ACCOUNT

DINNER: FAMILY STYLE DINNER INCLUDES; Chicken Vesuvio, London Broil, Past with Tomato Basil Sauce, Whipped Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Soup, Salad and Dessert.

COST: \$30.00 per person

SENIORS WILL BE HONORED WITH A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

AGENDA: Dinner, Awards presentation, Senior Roast, Slide Show

*If you have any questions please contact Christine Johnson
(847)226-8833 or cjwj@sbcglobal.net*





HERSEY'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS BAND BANQUET
Reservation sheet

Dinner and Awards Presentation

High School Seniors will be honored with a complimentary dinner

Name	High School Senior
	Y or N
	Y or N
	Y or N
	Y or N
	Y or N
	Y or N
Option to deduct from student account	

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 Total Guests Total HS Seniors Total paying guests

Total Paying Guests X \$30 = \$----- Total amount due

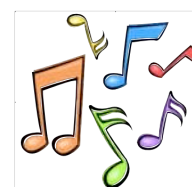
Check attached # -----

Deduct \$ ----- from student account

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

RSVP no later than May 1, 2011

Return this form and *checks made payable to HIA* to locked box in Mr. C's office to the attention of: Christine Johnson. If you have any questions, please call Christine at (847)226-8833 or email cjwj@sbcglobal.net



2010-2011 JHHS Band Calendar

March

28	Classes resume	
30	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30

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27	Night of Percussion	
30	Memorial Day Parade	

June

4	Graduation	
10	Last Day of School	

*We make a living by what we do, but we
make a life by what we give.*

~Winston Churchill