



Take Note

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Symphonic Band Will Perform as HONOR BAND at Superstate Festival

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande

Congratulations, again, to the Symphonic Band on their selection to the Illinois Superstate Band Festival as HONOR BAND this year. This is a huge honor for our band, school and community. It is the first time in Hersey's colorful band history to be selected as Honor Band. This is Hersey's ninth consecutive selection to Superstate. The concert will be held in the Foellinger Great Hall in the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Illinois campus in Champaign. Only 9 bands from around the State are selected each year in Class AAA and only two bands (Libertyville and Hersey) have been selected each year. Here is the Symphonic Band schedule for the day:

10:30 am	Report to JHHS in appropriate "convention" attire
10:45	Depart
1:30	Arrive in Champaign; lunch in Campustown (on your own)
2:30	Transfer to Krannert Center
5:30 pm	PERFORM
6:15	Listen to U of IL Wind Symphony
6:45	Awards Ceremony
7:00	Alexander's Steakhouse
8:00	Depart for JHHS
10:30pm	Arrive at JHHS

Teamwork At Its Best

President's Message • Mona Frisbie

What an outstanding demonstration of teamwork, and what a terrific group of band parents at Hersey High School. On April 4, eighty-five percent of the band families volunteered for 141 parent-jobs that were required to run the Band Festival. While many parents took on one, two and even three different jobs, more than 130 parents pitched in to volunteer for different jobs and shifts throughout the day. Dozens of parents came in to help with the setup and cleanup crew and stayed late in the evening until the job was finished. A few parents brought along their younger children as helpers, and as a bonus, they managed to get in some quality family time. Many parents worked alongside other parents they had never met before and made some new acquaintances. Even a few parents with schedule conflicts generously offered to donate items that we used at the festival. Running this festival is a huge effort and it requires all the band families to lend a hand. As a result, every individual's effort collectively contributed to make this event successful. When parents volunteer at a school event like this, your involvement is a wonderful message that you send to your kids regarding your support for this program and your support for the work they are doing in the band.

On behalf of the HIA, I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the parents for all that you do to support the band program. We are very fortunate to have so many supportive parents in the program. If for some reason you were not able to volunteer at this year's festival, we hope you will be able to join us on April 10, 2010, when we do this all over again!

We hope to see all of you at the **Spring Awards Banquet** on May 15. All parents are invited to this banquet and it's a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the band students. Make sure you turn in your reservations for this event.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Jill Birschbach • HIA Vice President

It's been a very busy month in the Hersey Band Program! Thank you very much to **ALL** of the outstanding volunteers, both parents and students, who gave their time to help at the Concert Band Festival this month. Most of our families volunteered in some capacity and your efforts are greatly appreciated! It was such a success and that is due to the cooperation and team work of everyone! A special thank you to Linda Takei, the festival chair, and all the committee chair people who have worked very hard behind the scenes since October to make this festival so successful. We are very fortunate to have so many supportive parents in the band program. Thanks for making a difference!

A note of thanks to:

Chris Johnson and Juanita Kamp: For planning the refreshments for the incoming freshman/parent meeting.

Laura DiVietro: For organizing the Dine 'n Share fundraiser at Cantu Napoli Restaurant.

Danny & Laura DiVietro, Linda Takei: For planning the Wine Tasting II Fundraiser for the France trip. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the band's trip to France

MAY EVENTS

Mr. Casagrande • Director

The usual May rush of activity is upon us. Please check the May calendar carefully – there are a recent few additions.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE CHICAGOLAND BAND FESTIVAL!!

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Please see my letter in this mailing...

PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BAND BANQUET

Mr. Casagrande • Director

The annual semiformal Band Banquet will be held on May 15. This evening is a highlight of the year as many students are recognized for excellence. Seniors are honored and our year is celebrated with speeches and a video prepared by students. An excellent dinner is served and dancing with a DJ ends the evening (parents can leave after the dinner and awards, if they choose)! This is a special night that parents will not want to miss!

See attached invitation and flyer with this newsletter.

09-10 JAZZ ENSEMBLE I AND II AUDITIONS

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Those students interested in auditioning for the award-winning Hersey Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Ensemble II should plan to audition on **Tuesday, May 19** after school and evening. Times will be posted for specific instruments soon. The material will include next year's IMEA audition song, "For Gil," sightreading and optional improvisational soloing on F Blues. The prepared piece will be made available at school (interested middle school students will receive it from their teachers).

Jazz I meets as a class every day during school – please direct ANY questions regarding scheduling to Mr. Casagrande. **Jazz II** will again be a class offering available for graduation credit. It will meet after school one day a week in the Fall and Spring, from 3 to 4:30 pm, and meet two days a week from November through March from 3 to 4:30 pm. We will work through practice conflicts for to enable athletes to participate in Jazz I and II.

09-10 DRUMLINE AUDITIONS

Mr. Casagrande • Director

All percussionists should audition for next year's drumline. There are two sessions (dates listed below). The first session is intended as a workshop and the second session is the audition. Students should attend **both** sessions. Material has been available in the band room and distributed to junior highs. Good luck!

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Those students that are attending summer music camps have scholarship money available to them this year. The Caneva Scholarship is \$200 or \$400 available to a freshman or sophomore and will be presented to a most improved player at the banquet. Additional scholarship money is available through the Fine Arts Scholarship fund available from Mr. Schiferl.

FRANCE DATES AND INFO DUE

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Please be sure to watch for e-mails describing important upcoming dates and items that will be due. Mandatory rehearsals have begun.

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	Section Leaders Freshmen
30	6 to 9 pm 5:30 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm	Battery percussion only 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	

WINTER GUARD ENDS SEASON SUCCESSFULLY

Paul Wiercioch ♦ Manager and Designer, Hersey Winter Guard

Recently, the eleven members of the John Hersey High School Winter Guard competed in the Midwest Color Guard Circuit Championships in La Porte, Indiana. This would mark the final performance of their program titled "Orbis" which drew music from the movie, *The Ring Two*. The weekend began with a 5:45 am call time to depart for La Porte, where they had to compete as one of the first groups. After a Starbucks stop to get the members charged up and some bus hype to a little "Bohemian Rhapsody," the members were ready to make the final push in the two-day competition.

Their performance in prelims was a good one, but gave the staff clear things they needed to address during our rehearsal that afternoon. The kids worked extremely hard during the three-hour rehearsal and made significant progress to their program. Once they were done practicing, it was back to La Porte High School to get cleaned up and head out to dinner to celebrate the season's accomplishments. The kids were very excited in anticipation of the final competition. Time was spent watching some of Lake Park's Winter Guard rehearsal, and watching a movie where the members and staff would be spending the night. We spent the night sleeping on air mattresses, or for some, just a sleeping bag and a hard floor.

The members woke up at 7 am for breakfast and a long warm-up before their finals performance. The warm-up was very focused and there was an energy that had not been there all year. They took the floor for the last time as a group and gave their best performance of the season by far! There was a sense of pride and accomplishment that these members had never felt before. There was not a doubt in anyone's mind that the kids had given their all, and it finally showed up when it mattered most. Hersey ended up 6th in their class out of 9 units. There was a buzz at the end of the competition about the direction that Hersey's program was going in, one that people in the Color Guard community are looking forward to seeing next season.

When the light shined brightest this group stepped up and had an amazing performance, one that the group can build on for next fall. The members represented John Hersey High School with class and showed their peers respect and joy for the other competing units' hard work. In the end, the staff could not have been more proud of its members. Their hard work and dedication this season is something that is so rare to find in a group of people their age.

On behalf of Mr. C, the parents, and the staff I would like to say congratulations on an amazing season. I cannot wait to start again to take another step forward in the fall!

HERSEY GUARD NOTEBOOK

Jim Rheingruber • Guard Parent

Winter Guard is over for this year, and the Guard finished with their best performance of the season at the championships in LaPorte, Indiana. We heard many reports from spectators that they were very impressed and moved by the show. The guard members and staff worked very hard and had a great time putting together this show. Memories and experiences that will last a lifetime were made and shared.

Special thanks go to the staff; Angela Majetic, Paul Wiercioch, and Peter LePage for their dedication to making this a great season.

We also could not have managed without our parent volunteers. Barb Swanke is the chaperone extraordinaire, and the entire Makara family was always there helping every step of the way. Thanks also to all of the parents who worked on the set up and take down crews at the competitions.

I'd like to close with some excerpts from an article in the program from the competition at Lincoln-Way East High School that really captures what it takes and what the guard means to these incredible performers.

*Color Guard isn't a hobby, an activity, or simply something to pass the time. It is an art form **and** a sport. It requires energy, strength, talent, and personality. It's spending your days, nights, weekends, and summer vacations on a gym floor, pouring your heart and soul into a 6-foot flagpole, a 3-½ pound rifle, or an unbalanced saber. It's power, grace, emotion, and an intensity that remains with you, and it is the pride in yourself, and the pride in the incredible talent that you and your team possess.*

It's performing unbelievably advanced work and drill with equipment that could easily knock you unconscious. It's performing with injuries, while you're sick, and so tired you think you'll drop.

It's sleeping on busses, eating fast food when you even have time to grab a meal. It's practicing for hours and hours hoping you'll get a break soon, and then coming back and doing it all over again. (Editor's note: the band kids know all about this!)

*It's being able to laugh about that time that you really screwed up and being able to recover without even thinking about it. It's sharing life stories, and showing everyone your "amazing" hidden talents. It's the hugs, smiles, frowns, and tears that come with a great show **and** from your worst performance ever. It's sitting in a circle and reminiscing about that 'one time at guard camp' and rolling on the floor laughing about it. It's stories that you can tell your children and grandchildren, and never regret a minute of it.*

*It's the way you feel knowing that you are a part of something **GREAT**. That regardless of the judge's scores or opinions, that you have the best Guard because of the people in it. It's how you feel when graduation comes, and whether you are graduating or not, a piece of you and your Guard is missing. It's how you feel when you **FINALLY** get it! When everything finally clicks! When you feel that true sense of unity in everything you're doing as a team and knowing that hard work really does pay off. It's how you feel when you **know** you're doing what you love, and that even when your guard career is over, a large part of you will always remember the friendships, the performances, the good times and the bad times, and the feeling that you are a changed person, and that you could never be who you are now without Color Guard.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jill Birschbach • HIA Vice President

The Nominating Committee met and the following is the proposed HIA Board slate for the 2009/2010 school year:

President: Jill Birschbach,
 Vice President: Sheri Hess,
 Corresponding Secretary: Linda Takei,
 Recording Secretary: Laura DiVietro,
 Treasurer: Cathy Busse
 Project Chair: Jorgia Connor.

Thank you to the nominating committee and everyone who has decided to serve on the board next year. The slate will be voted on at the general meeting in May.

WISH LIST ITEMS NEEDED!

Jill Birschbach • HIA Vice President

We have some openings available for some of the HIA committees next year. Help is wanted for these committees:

- Manna (monthly gift card fundraiser).
- Picnic (marching preview picnic in Aug.)
- Web Page (maintaining the Hersey band website)
- Spirit Wear (organizing the sale of Hersey band apparel throughout the year)

If you would like more information or are interested in helping out with any of these committees please contact me.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM MR. C

The 9th Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival hosted by our program and school is history. Once again, the accolades from participants, directors, judges and community members are numerous. This event means so much to our program and students. Students benefit not only from the great musical experience provided to all participating bands, but they benefit from watching the “behind-the-scenes” process of other bands, they benefit from working together and they benefit from **WATCHING THE GREAT EXAMPLE THAT THEIR PARENTS PROVIDE BY VOLUNTEERING**. We are training the leaders of tomorrow and the parent example is such a powerful message.

On behalf of our school and community, THANK YOU to all of the parents who took time out of their busy weekend and/or a precious Friday/Saturday night. You make the difference.

Congratulations to our students on all of the work that they did on this special day. It is gratifying to watch the self-discipline that presents itself everyday in class, spill over into so many other areas of my students' lives.

We again had a great festival committee that began meeting in October. The communication was outstanding, the commitment was outstanding and we even had some fun, too. Thanks to ALL of the parents that did their part outside of the festival day in the months preceding April 4. You helped to organize and create. You contributed to our festival being successful.

Lastly, a HUGE thank you to our festival committee chairperson, Ms. Linda Takei for all her effort and contribution to our festival this year. In addition, we wish to thank Tom and Mary Jane Frank for their contributions to our festival over the years. They are the only family that has been involved with all of nine of our festivals – we wish them well as they “graduate” from our program.

Thanks to everyone for a great festival and I look forward to next year! Mark **APRIL 10, 2010** on your calendar!

Sincerely,

Scott Casagrande

EVEN MORE FESTIVAL THANKS

Linda Takei • Festival Chairman

What a relief to have the 2009 festival under our belts! Believe it or not, the festival committee has been preliminarily identified and is already beginning to think about plans for next year's festival on April 10.

It takes many hands to make this event come off as seamlessly as it did. I am so thankful to have had a committee of capable, talented and dedicated people working on this project with me. When you think about how well the event went, please remember to thank:

- Mona Frisbie, Shari Hess and Noreen Coussens – For taking on the daunting task of recruiting volunteers for the festival
- Sharon Swanson, Lisa Farrington and Sharon Swanson – For keeping us and several hundred of our closest friends fed
- Danny DiVietro, Craig Schwenn and Paul Swanson – For managing the set-up and take-down
- Greg Holz – For organizing the recordings and CD sales
- Susan Mazzarella – For staying on top of efforts in the festival office
- Laura DiVietro – For organizing the photographer, managing judge's hospitality and overseeing the student ad sales incentive program
- Mary Jane Frank and Carolyn Jarosz – For their efforts in creating the festival program
- Lois Melkovitz – For handling all meals for judges
- Jill Birschbach – For managing student ad sales
- Cathy Busse – For keeping track of all festival funds
- Barb Mack – For staying on top of all of our communications efforts
- Diana Hubberts and Jorgia Connor – For their efforts in obtaining festival exhibitors

I must also thank all of our family and friends who volunteered their time to make this event a success. The group effort is what made this year's festival go off without a hitch. I sincerely thank you and respect and admire your dedication to this program. I am proud to have worked alongside all of you.

HERSEY BAND'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS BANQUET

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

When: Friday, May 15

Where: Manzo's Banquets
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 (attached) **by May 1** to HIA BOX in Mr. Casagrande's office.
Please make checks payable to: HIA.

DINNER: FAMILY STYLE DINNER INCLUDES CHICKEN VESUVIO, LONDON BROIL, PASTA WITH TOMATO BASIL SAUCE, OVEN ROASTED POTATOS, SOUP, SALAD AND DESSERT

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

Seniors will be honored with a complimentary dinner

AGENDA: DINNER, AWARDS PRESENTATION, DANCING

If you have any questions please contact Christine Johnson.

MARKET DAY

Sharon Gaske

Sale Day is **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**
Hersey Cafeteria, **3:30 to 5:30 pm**

- Order online at www.marketday.com by noon, 5/9/09
- Paper orders due to the Hersey main office by 5/6/09, forms available at main office or band room

Support HIA by ordering from Market Day.

Thank you to Jill Birschbach for volunteering at the Market Day sale days.

The Market Day Program at John Hersey High School is looking for a new chair. If interested in this volunteer opportunity please contact Nancy Reese or Sharon Gaske. If no one is found the Market Day program at JHHS will cease to exist as of this summer.

MANNA NEWS

Tricia Dulkoski
Denise Huff
Kelly O'Neil

Last chance this year to purchase manna cards will be Wednesday May 6th. Thanks to ALL band families who participated in this great monthly fundraiser. In April we had sales of over \$16,000! A great way to build your band account, if you are able, is to plan ahead and purchase cards for gas and groceries each month, and even try to buy a couple more to stock up for special events. You'll find your band account building slowly but surely; consider it dollar cost averaging for band activities:

Don't forget end of year teacher gifts, first communions, and graduations! Check out mannagroup.net to see the variety of cards that are available.

We're looking for a couple new volunteers to join Kelly O'Neil on the Manna Team. (Denise and Tricia both have graduating seniors.) This is not very time consuming, and it helps you get to know other band families! If you have any questions and/or if you're interested in helping on the manna committee next year, puh-leeze contact one of us!
Happy May!

WINE TASTING PART DEUX: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENING

Linda Takei

The second wine tasting event has come and gone. I think it's safe to say that a great time was had by all who attended. Special thanks to **Danny and Laura DiVietro** who, once again, worked their magic to make this event such a success. Through his contacts at Caputo, Danny was able to get the bulk of the food donated, which means more profit for the France trip. Please be sure to remember Caputo's the next time you go shopping (Nat Caputo, owner; Mike Macrito, manager; Maurizio Farazullo, deli manager)! In addition, Danny and Laura made a huge donation of items for the raffle.

I would also like to **Pete and Debbie Duffy** for their generous donation of wines for everyone to enjoy, and our set-up/take-down team: **Mona and Pat Frisbie, Cathy Busse and Craig Schwenn**. In addition, thanks so much to all of the families who donated items for the silent auction: **Anderluh, Buffa, Busse, Delahanty, DiVietro, Duffy, Frisbie, Gaske, Korleski, Kovacik, Swanson, Witzke, Workman**.

Finally, thanks to our attendees. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you for participating and thank you for buying raffle tickets and bidding on silent auction items. The proceeds exceeded our expectations, which is great news for the kids attending the France trip!

2009-2010 Band Calendar

Subject to change. Watch for updates to calendar.

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

April		
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

2009-2010 Band Calendar (continued)

May		
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		
1	Freshmen and Section Leaders Only	6 to 9 pm
3	Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
7	Graduation	
8	Section Leaders	5:30 to 9 pm
10	Non-Mandatory France Trip Rehearsal	6 to 8 pm
12	Last Day of School	
15	Section Leader Session/Dinner	5 to 8 pm
16	Section Leaders	5:30 to 9 pm
	Freshmen	6 to 9 pm
	Battery Percussion Only	6 to 9 pm
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	
30	Section Leaders	5:30 to 9 pm
	All members	6 to 9 pm
July		
1	Battery Percussion Only	6 to 9 pm
2	Section Leaders	5:30 to 9 pm
	All members	6 to 9 pm
4	Report Parade	10 am
August		
6	New Section Leaders	3 to 4:30 pm
7	All Section Leaders	8 am to 5 pm
	All Freshmen	12:30 to 5 pm
10-14	All Members	12 to 9 pm
18	Band Big Activity Night	5 to 9 pm
19-20	All Members	5 to 9 pm
	Band Activity	9 to 11 pm
21	Picnic/Parent Fall Preview	5:30 pm
26	First Day of School	
	First Wednesday Night Rehearsal (All)	6 to 8:30 pm
28	First Home Football Report	5:15 pm
29	Rehearsal (All)	1 to 6 pm
September		
12	Lake Park Marching Festival	Late morning through late evening
15	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
17 (Thurs)	Home Football Game Report	5:30 pm
28 (Yom Kippur-Mon)	Rehearsal	1 to 5 pm

2009-2010 Band Calendar (continued)

October		
2	Home Football Game Report	5:30 pm
3	Prospect Marching Competition	Late afternoon through late evening
9	Homecoming Football Game Report	5:30 pm
12 (Columbus Day)	Rehearsal	1 to 6 pm
14	IMEA Dist 7 Band Auditions (select)	After school
	No Wed PM Rehearsal	
15	Rehearsal (All)	6 to 8:30 pm
17	U of I Marching Festival	All day to late evening
23	Last Home Football Report	6 pm
26	Concert/Symphonic Auditions begin	
28	Marching Party	TBA
November		
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
11 (Veteran's Day)	Symphonic Band Camp	11 to 6 pm
14	District 7 Jazz Festival (select)	All day
18	First PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
21	IMEA District 7 Music Festival (select)	All day
24	Jazz Night Club Concert (Jazz I and II)	7:30 pm
December		
4	Dress Rehearsal	3 to 5 pm
6	Holiday Concert (Two Performances)	1 pm and 3 pm
18	Holiday School Assembly	9 am
January		
4	Classes Resume	
12	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
22-23	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
27-30	IMEA All-State to Peoria (select)	
February		
6	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All day to late evening
	Percussion to Vandercook	All day
17	Symphonic Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 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
20-28	Spring Break	
29	Classes Resume	
April		
9	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
10	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival (will need lots of student/parent help)	All day to late evening
15-16	Solo & Ensemble at Hersey	PM
May		
1	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day to evening
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 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	

HERSEY'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS BAND BANQUET

Sign up sheet

Dinner and Awards Presentation

High School Seniors will be honored with a complimentary dinner

This year will be family style; courses include Chicken Vesuvio, London broil, Pasta with tomato basil sauce, oven roasted potatoes, soup, salad and dessert

Name	Check box if a Senior	Dinner \$25 per person
TOTAL		

Sorry we will not be able to attend
Name:

RSVP no later than May 1, 2009

Return this form and checks made payable to HIA to box in Mr. Casagrande's office attn: Christine Johnson. If you have any questions, please call Christine.

