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Another "Congrats" and "Thank You"

Director's Message ♦ Mr. Casagrande

Although most of the seniors still have another "event" to go, I will extend another "congratulations" and "thank you" to our graduating seniors for four great years in our program. It was a privilege to teach you. Thank you very much for the fishing lures and restaurant certificates! Keep playing your instruments and enjoying music!

Thank you, also, to all of our families that contributed in some way, big or small to our program. A big thank you to Christine Johnson and all of the parents that contributed to our end of the year banquet. The banquet was a great evening in many, many ways. Thanks, again, to all of our parents that helped promote our band program and the arts this year. A list of students receiving awards at the banquet is included in this newsletter.

Time Well Spent

President's Message ♦ Mona Frisbie

Over the past five years that I have been an HIA parent and volunteer, I have had the best of times. Taking into consideration the knowledge, friendships and personal experiences I have gained from volunteering, I would do it all over again in a minute. My life is richer because of these experiences and I encourage all parents to get involved in the HIA. You won't regret it – I promise. Volunteering is time well spent and an opportunity to make a difference.

I would like to wish all of our seniors the very best as they leave Hersey to begin a new chapter in their lives. I hope they leave with many wonderful memories from their experience with the band.

This summer I look forward to band camp where I'll be one of many parent volunteers helping out with the band camp in August. If you are available in August, think about signing up to help. It's a lot of fun.

My best to the 2009-2010 HIA Board members and don't forget to call on me whenever you need a parent volunteer next year for marching band events, parades, band camp, picnic, festival, uniforms, or any job that needs to be filled.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in August!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

🎵 **THURSDAY, JUNE 4** – JAZZ ENSEMBLE I CONCERT, HARMONY PARK, TIME TBA

🎵 **THURSDAY, JUNE 18** – FRANCE PREVIEW CONCERT, HARMONY PARK, 7 pm

MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!

Jill Birschbach • HIA Vice President

As the year winds down, the HIA has been busy organizing many end of the year events that require volunteer time from many of our parents. In addition to those parents who head-up and plan these events, I would like to thank all the volunteers that pitch in to make these events run smoothly. Thank you for making a difference. We really appreciate ALL that you do!

Superstate

Thank you to Greg Holz and Jay Ilg for chaperoning this event

Spring Concert

- Thank you to Chris Johnson, Juanita Kamp and Wendy Nickols for planning and setting up the refreshments for after the concert.
- Thank you to Mona and Pat Frisbie and Gary Birschbach for helping with ticket sales

Awards Banquet

- Thank you to Chris Johnson for planning the Awards Banquet and to Juanita Kamp who served as co-chair. It was an outstanding banquet and our thanks to the team of parents that worked on specific jobs to make this all happen including:
 - Laura DiVietro for coordinating the DJ and chaperoning
 - Mary Pat Bushnell for ordering the flowers
 - Holly Anderson and Cathy Lundstrom for helping with check-in
 - Dirk Huntley, Noreen Coussens, Mona Frisbie for chaperoning
 - Val Neff and Theresa Fisher for putting together the slide show
 - Thank you to Cathy Busse for processing all those checks
 - Thank you to all the parents and students that pitched in to make this evening a success

Night of Percussion

Thank you to Nancy and Rob Salt for coordinating the Night of Percussion ticket sales and distribution

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE EXCELLENT MAY PERFORMANCES

Mr. Casagrande • Director

The success of the last two concerts by our Symphonic and Concert Bands is obvious – CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

We look forward to the **Night of Percussion** and the **Memorial Day Parade** (report at 8 am) this weekend and the Jazz Ensemble I performance at Harmony Park on Thursday, June 4. Don't miss the France Preview Concert (also at Harmony Park) on June 18.

SENIOR CONCERT UNIFORMS, BAND FEES, MEDICAL RELEASE/INFORMATION SHEETS

Mr. Casagrande • Director

SENIOR concert uniforms used by those of you **NOT** traveling to France should be professionally dry cleaned and returned in their dry cleaning bag with the receipt attached by MEMORIAL DAY.

09-10 band fees and medical release/information sheets were due **May 7**. Additional fee forms are located in the band room

FRANCE TRIP UPDATE

Mr. Casagrande • Director

If you missed the France Trip meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 pm, please contact Mr. C ASAP. Paperwork that is due was explained and distributed at the meeting. The final cost of the trip will stay at \$2400 a student. The preview concert on June 18 should not be missed! Any student that has any conflicts with scheduled rehearsals is required to submit a recording of all music to be performed in France.

FOR INFORMATION, FORMS,
NEWSLETTERS, AND MORE,
CHECK OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.HERSEYBAND.COM

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	6 to 8:30 pm	First day of school First Wednesday Night Rehearsal

"Your schooling may be over, but remember that your education still continues."

-Unknown

MARKET DAY

Sharon Gaske

Sale Day is **Wednesday, June 10, 2009**
Hersey Cafeteria, **3:30 to 5:30 pm**

- Order online at www.marketday.com by noon, 6/6/09
- Paper orders due to the Hersey main office by 6/3/09, forms available at main office

Support HIA by ordering from Market Day.

Thank you to Jill Birschbach and Mary Jo Harper for volunteering at the Market Day sale day.



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Cathy Busse ♦ cbussee@airtechenv.com ♦ 847.824.4743

Please note that 2009/2010 band fees will not be deducted from student accounts until after July 1, 2009. Have a great summer!

HELP WANTED

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)
- "Shadow" for corresponding secretary role (to take the role for 2010-2011 year)

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

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Congratulations to the following students for their dedication, perseverance and hard work which earned them the following honors presented at the Spring Awards Banquet:

Outstanding Class Members:

Freshman: Eric Chung, Thomas Martin, Angela Yang

Sophomore: Megan Duffy, Rachel Lundstrom, Melissa Neff, Michael Plankey, Erin Wells

Junior: Andrew Birschbach, Kristin Holz, Kelly Nyquist, Catherine O'Donnell, Mike Ozga, Ilona Widomska

Most Improved Class Members:

Freshmen: Shea Anderluh, Arne Anderson, Duncan Baird, Allison DeFrancesco, Mariel Fechik, Scott Jones, Mike Price, Joe Sessions, Peter Siepiora, Matt Straub

Sophomores: Annie Bruce, Jordan Connor, Liam Coussens, Andy Hess, Tyler Kamp, Megan Kearns, Kendra Lindholm, Sam O'Neil, Mike Obstoj

Juniors: Erol Atac, Gerry Busse, Anne Coussens, Maria DiVietro, Lauren Frisbie, Marilyn Gaske, Nicole Hall, Andrew Kovacik, Neil Melkovitz, Ryan Witzke

Seniors: Gabby Allen, Emil Bielecki, Pat Bushnell, Joe Bussert, Steve Butler, Theresa Fisher, Kamila Glowacki, Becca Grenning, Dani Hess, John Hubberts, Ashley Ilg

Solo/Ensemble Superior Rating Recipients (120 entries/77 Superior Ratings)

School District 214 Honors Band and Orchestra

Catherine O'Donnell (1st), Ilona Widomska (1st), Theresa Fisher (1st), Erin Wells (1st), Kelly Kawabata (1st), Valerie Neff (1st), Josh Huff (1st), Joe Bussert (1st), Kelly Calabrese (1st), Kevin Kerr (1st), Andrew Birschbach (1st), Kelly Nyquist (1st), Hasumi Murase, Kristin Holz, Kamila Glowacki, Gabby Allen, Peter Drogos-Phyall, Mark Swanson, Mike Ozga, Andy Hess, Andrew Kovacik, Becca Grenning, Ryan Witzke

Illinois All-District VII Jazz Ensemble/Band/Orchestra

Hasumi Murase (2nd chair), Valerie Neff, Kristin Holz, Kelly Kawabata, Josh Huff, Erin Wells, Andrew Kovacik (concert and jazz) Kelly Calabrese, Gabby Allen, Andrew Birschbach (concert and jazz), Kelly Nyquist (4th chair), Michael Plankey (4th chair jazz tenor), John Hubberts (5th chair jazz alto) Andrew Frank (5th chair jazz and concert), Peter Drogos-Phyall (jazz), Maria DiVietro (jazz), Melissa Neff (jazz) and Liam Coussens (4th chair jazz bass)

Illinois All-State Band Members: Kristin Holz, Josh Huff, Hasumi Murase and Valerie Neff

National High School Honor Band and District 214 Concerto Competition Finalist: Valerie Neff

Most Spirited Band Member

Dani Hess

Outstanding Concert Band Member

John Hubberts

Most Improved Concert Band Member

Tyler Kamp, Megan Kearns

Most Improved Symphonic Band Member

Kamila Glowacki

Donald Caneva Scholarship Winner

Mariel Fechik

Outstanding Service Award

Kelly Calabrese, Andrew Frank

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Peter Drogos-Phyall

John Philip Sousa Award

Valerie Neff

2009-2010 Band Calendar

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

May		
22	Night of Percussion	TBA
25	Memorial Day Parade	TBA
26	Mandatory France Trip Meeting for parents/students	6:30 pm
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
4	Jazz I Performance, Harmony Park	TBA
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	France Preview Concert, Harmony Park	7 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
October		
2	Home Football Game Report	5:30 pm
3	Prospect Marching Competition	Late afternoon through late evening

2009-2010 Band Calendar (continued)

October		
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	



Help Wanted!



PLEASE READ: Because the success of the band is largely dependent on volunteer help, our expectation is that every family contributes a minimum of six volunteer hours per band member (not including volunteer hours during the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival). Let us know which activities interest you. Yes—volunteering takes time, but it is time well spent!

I/We would consider helping with (marking something DOES NOT commit you—it just lets us know what you might be interested in):

- Band Camp (August) - various duties: provide water/snacks, pick up and deliver clinician lunches
- Picnic (August)
- Uniforms (fitting, distribution, upkeep and collection)
- Being a chaperone (Please "X" those you may be interested in)
 - Band Big Nights (August)
 - Car Wash
 - Parades (during transit & walking along in the parade)
 - Competitions (during transit & while at the event)
 - Football Games (home games only)
 - Organizing meals for competitions
- Help distribute water to the Marching Band before home football games
- Helping with receptions for concerts/hospitality
- Calling Tree
- Spring Banquet (May)
- Concert Ticket Sales & Distribution
- Help with hospitality (serve beverages after concerts)
- Photography/Videography
- Fundraising Activities (Please "X" those you may be interested in)
 - Magazine Drive (September)
 - Cheesecake Sale (October)
 - Cookies By the Pound (December)
 - Market Day
 - Manna (Each Month - Gift certificate program)
 - Band Shirts - Sales & distribution
- Concert Band Festival Planning Committee

*Many of you are new to the program. If you have questions before you want to complete this form, no problem! Please feel free to contact **Sheri Hess**. In addition, **each family** will be asked to volunteer at our major fundraising event, the Chicagoland Concert Band Festival in the spring. A separate volunteer sheet will be sent for that event.*

Name(s) of Volunteer(s): _____

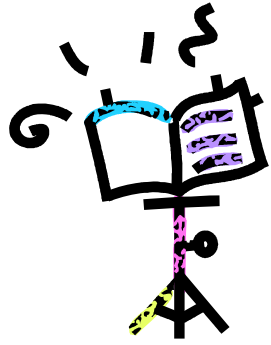
E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Band Member's Name/Grade: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____ Phone _____ e-mail

Hey this form has two sides—take a look!



What else can you do?

Not only are we interested in having you volunteer—we're also interested in your special talents and your connections! We never know when we'll need an animal trainer or someone who can knit or someone who has a friend in the videography business or a person who can read Italian! Please list any skills/talents/connections that you have that may benefit the bands. Some examples are given in parentheses—don't leave anything out!

Profession (your job): _____

Special Training (first aid, braille, Web design): _____

Hobbies (sewing, painting, running): _____

Skills (calligraphy, carpentry, foreign language): _____

Connections (neighbor manages a grocery store, cousin has a fleet of coach buses): _____

Thank you for taking interest in the bands. It can be such a rewarding experience for your kids—why not be part of it? Upon completion, you can drop it off in the band room or send it to Sheri Hess (see e-mail or print version of newsletter for contact info—withheld here for privacy).