

John Hersey High School Bands



Take Note

Newsletter of the Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA)
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Upcoming Schedule

Important dates to remember

June dates		Time
27	Section Leader Session/Dinner	5 to 8 PM
28	Section Leader	5:30 to 9 PM
	Freshmen/Battery & Percussion	6 to 9 PM
29	Section Leader	5:30 to 9 PM
	ALL MEMBERS	6 to 9 PM
30	Section Leader	5:30 to 9 PM
	ALL MEMBERS	6 to 9 PM
July dates		Time
4	Parade Report	9 AM
August dates		Time
3 (W)	New Section Leaders	3 to 4:30 PM
4 (TH)	Section Leaders	8 to 5 pm
	Freshmen only	12:30 to 5pm
8-12	ALL -Band Camp	12 to 9 pm
16	Band Section Olympics	5 to 9 PM
17/18	ALL Rehearsal	5 to 9 PM
	Band Section Olympics	9 to 11 pm

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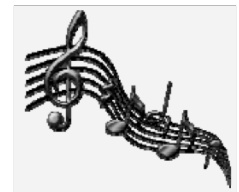
- (1) Congrats & Thank You - Mr. C
- (2) Color Guard Recruiting - Mr. C
- (2) Thrilling Superstate Performance-Mr. C
- (3) Congrats Marching Band Leadership - Mr. C
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- (3) VP message - Genie Menzia
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Another "Congrats" and "thank you"

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande

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 ALL that you have contributed to our program - 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.



Congratulations on excellent May performances!!!

The success of the last two concerts by our Symphonic and Concert Band is obvious - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!! In addition, the Night of Percussion came together for a wonderful evening and the Memorial Day parade was well performed despite the heat and lack of preparation time.



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 is with a heavy heart that I write this final note to my Hersey Band Family.
Please know that: because I knew you...I have been changed for good!
 During the past 7 years, I have been truly blessed with memories that I could have only dreamed of. I've met so many wonderful parents and have made friendships that will continue forever. I've watch hundreds of awkward, just barely teens, grow to become well-rounded, hard working, smart, compassionate young adults. The discipline and camaraderie gained from going through this program is monumentally life changing. As you reflect on its impact...even many years from now (say 30+), I hope you will look back with an overwhelming sense of pride and thanksgiving for the ones who made it all happen: your director, your parents, others' parents and your peers.

Every action in our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.
 ~Edwin Hubbel Chapin

I wholeheartedly believe that we were all brought together for a purpose ~ the realization of that purpose is ours to enjoy.
 My very best to all!

Thanks for the memories!

CALLING FOR 2011-2012 COLOR GUARD MEMBERS

Mr. Casagrande • Director



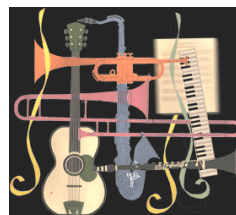
The color guard is such an **important part** of our marching band and band program. All of us depend on the quality of the color guard and it has been a positive experience for so many over the years. We currently have 10 members in our color guard for next year and need to expand another 10 girls into the guard. If you have friends, neighbors, acquaintances that would be good members of our color guard, PLEASE forward names and contact info to Mr. C, ASAP.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS!!!!

*Donald Caneva
 Scholarship Recipients
 Grace Cusick
 Hannah Drake*

Superstate: A THRILLING PERFORMANCE

Mr. Casagrande • Director



The subjectivity of judging music can be a frustrating aspect of our activity, as it was at Superstate this year. I would rank our performance as one of the top three performances of any band that I have ever conducted in my 23 year career. The ARTISTRY and conviction of the band was just absolutely a thrill and it is a performance that I will remember for a very, very long time.

CONGRATULATIONS to the band on all their work and that outstanding performance. You always take that which you give, and the Symphonic Band is a testament to that this year. You have left a great legacy for next year's band.

Congratulations to our 2011-12 Hersey Marching Band Leadership Team!

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Drum Majors

Grace Cusick
Hannah Drake

Section Leaders

Flutes: Claire Birschbach, Allison DeFrancesco

Clarinets: Claire Hynes, Matt Lebherz

Saxes: Eric Chung, Mike Price

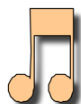
French Horn: Austin Menzia, Claire O'Donnell

Trumpets: Thomas Martin, Scott Jones

Trombone/Baritone/Tuba: Paul Matthopoulos, Peter Siepiora

Drum Captain: Chris Murphy

Percussion: Joey Fiorito, Arne Anderson, Ty Nocita, Mariel Fechik, Joe Sessions



Thanks, from Sheri...

A sincere thanks to all of the committee chairs. The countless hours you've dedicated to this program add to its success. I know that many a meal was sacrificed for planning, staging and executing the task you gladly took on. And to those who helped at these events, our appreciation and heartfelt thanks. We all benefit from your selflessness and most importantly the students benefit from your example. May they, too, become band parents for their children so they truly understand "why" you chose to be there to help.

To the HIA Executive Board, my deepest gratitude for your insight/foresight, depth of character and wisdom that guided this program this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you. Welcome to Peggy Cusick as our newest HIA Board member! You will be an awesome addition to the team. Again, thanks to all!

You're the best!

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU!

Genie Menzia * Vice President

On behalf of the HIA, thanks to everyone who headed-up, planned, or volunteered for the following events. Thank you for making a difference and ensuring that these events went smoothly. We really appreciate ALL that you do.

Jazz Night Concert

- ❖ Thank you Jan Nocita and Laura Polfuss for being outstanding hostesses.
- ❖ Christine Johnson for providing coffee and all who contributed something special to munch on.

Spring Concerts

- ❖ Thank you Clare Marvin for once again organizing and running ticket sales.
- ❖ Special thanks to Sherrie Grischow, Sue Milanez, Gail Guglietta, Krista Burke, Caryn Skebelsky, and Tami Johnson for helping out that day.
- ❖ Juanita Kamp and Christine Johnson for planning and setting up the refreshments for the concert.

Camera Men

- ❖ Thanks to Denis Jones and Patrick Burke for always being there to capture the moment.

Superstate

- ❖ Thank you Joanell Hoijer, Kelly O'Neil, and Paul Marusuk for chaperoning this event.

Spring Band Banquet

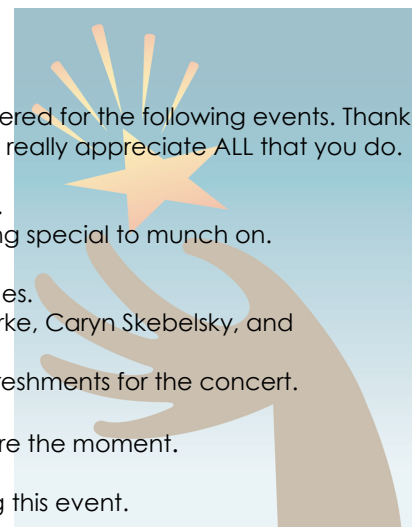
- ❖ A big thanks to Christine Johnson and all the parents that contributed to our end of the year banquet.
- ❖ Thank you Karen Schumann for sharing your talents and making all the corsages and boutonnieres for our graduating seniors.

Manna

- ❖ Thank you Kelly O'Neil and Laura Hynes for the countless hours you have put into this fundraiser. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Memorial Day Parade

- ❖ Thanks goes out to all of our hydration specialists: June Lingner, Peggy Cusick, Carrie Voltz, George Milanez, John Kellerhals, Maria Kellerhals, Amy Stomper, Julie Nemmer, Joyce Stenzel, Jill Birschbach, Holly Anderson, Peter Guglietta, Tom Stomper, Pam Berg
- ❖ Thank you van drivers: John Kapinos and Dave Cusick
- ❖ And thank you Roland Lapid and Tim Nemmer for helping load the vans



The JAZZ ENSEMBLE I CONCERT
AT THE METROPOLIS CENTRE
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
WAS AWESOME!



THANKS TO ALL WHO
ATTENDED

UPDATE:
2010-2011
HIGHLIGHT DVD



Delivery will be postponed due to some technical difficulties. Copies should be ready for delivery sometime the week before the July 4th Parade. If you are a senior family I will contact you to make arrangements to deliver them. Please watch for an email regarding the pickup date in July. Thank you for your patience. For further questions please contact Jill Birschbach via herseybandinfo@herseyband.com

Orchestra Hall and Steven Bryant
Commission • 2011-12

Mr. Casagrande • Director



In 2010, the Hersey bands shared a concert with the Lockport Bands at Orchestra Hall in the Chicago Symphony Center. The concert was initiated to perform in this world class performance hall, as well as initiate a fundraising drive to support a music commission in honor of Don Caneva (first Hersey director) and his father, Ernie (first Lockport director). Hersey raised over \$11,000 that year to pay for our end of the commission. On **MARCH 16, 2012**, Hersey will host Mr. Steven Bryant all day and he will rehearse all of the bands, orchestras and choirs. The Symphonic Band will return to Orchestra Hall with the Hersey Symphony Orchestra and Choir to perform the music of Steven Bryant, including the commission in honor of Don and Ernie Caneva. Mr. Bryant is arguably one of the most notable living composers and it will be a wonderful experience for our entire program to work with this world-class musician and composer.

Lend A Hand And Help The Band!

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair

We are beginning to plan for next year and there are many volunteering opportunities available. Please contact me if you are interested in helping chair any of these important fundraisers: **Magazine Sale, Dine 'N Share, Cheesecake**, and co-chair **CICBF Concessions**. Plus, we are looking for a person to "shadow" the **Cheesecake** chair position and the **CICBF Program Book**, as well. If you would like more information regarding any of these positions please call Jill Birschbach @ [847-818-9353](tel:847-818-9353).

BAND BANQUET - THANK YOU!

Christine Johnson • Chair
Juanita Kamp • Chair



Thanks to all that helped out with this year's band banquet!

Our appreciation goes to **Sheila Finnegan, Joanne Mullen-Muhr, George Milanez** who kindly volunteered to check in guests.

Karen Schumann for making the beautiful corsage and boutonniere for the Senior Students and the board members. They were beautiful.

Tami Johnson for managing the checks and payments along with many emails back and forth.

And finally, to my co-chair **Juanita Kamp** for everything else!

AWARDS PRESENTED AT BAND BANQUET ON MAY 20, 2011

Mr. Casagrande • Director



Parent Appreciation

Hersey Instrumental Association Executive Board

Letters, Bars and Plaques

Freshman

Students Changing Instruments

Outstanding Class Members:

Freshman

Liam Burke, Mary Casagrande, Brian Ellison, Andy Jones, Kevin Kapinos, Sammi Lapid, Lisa Norling, Josh Popovici, Serena Voltz

Sophomore

Grace Cusick, Claire Hynes, Justin Kamp

Junior

Arne Anderson, Eric Chung, Allison DeFrancesco, Mariel Fechik, Scott Jones, Thomas Martin, Mike Price, Alex Roznai, Peter Siepiora

Most Improved Class Members:

Freshman

Conor Cimo, Colleen Cusick, Michael Feltes, Sam Guglietta, Matt Joo, Katie Lindholm, Mike Lorkiewicz, Rino Nozawa, Jack O'Neil, Heather Polfuss, Tom Santry, Marie Spychala, Rachel Stenzel

Sophomore

Angela Andolfi, Claire Birschbach, Meghan Cwiok, Hannah Drake, Jon Kerr, Steve Landeweer, Matt Lebherz, Fred Lingner, Monika Mroz, Anna Mullen-Muhr, Ben Scott

Junior

Wes Crim, Jacob Harper, Paul Matthopoulos, Austin Menzia, Chris Murphy, Ty Nocita, Claire O'Donnell, Jack Santry, Joe Sessions

Senior

Rebecca Dempsey, Natalie Hoijer, Tyler Kamp, Megan Kearns, Danny McGovern

Solo/Ensemble Superior Rating Recipients

116 entries/79 Superior Ratings

School District 214 Honors Band and Orchestra

Eric Chung, Michael Price (1st), Kendra Lindholm, Justin Mazzarella, Claire Hynes, Allison DeFrancesco, Claire Birschbach, Mary Casagrande (1st), Melissa Neff (1st), Serena Voltz, Peter Siepiora (1st), Natalie Hoijer (1st), Erin Wells (1st), Megan Duffy, Thomas Martin, Claire O'Donnell, Austin Menzia, Justin Kamp, Colin Marusek (1st), Mike Obstoj (1st), Rachel Lundstrom, Arne Anderson, Mariel Fechik

District 214 Concerto Competition Finalists

Melissa Neff, Erin Wells; Honorable Mention: Thomas Martin

Music For All National High School Honor Band

Melissa Neff

Illinois All-District VII Jazz Ensemble/Band/Orchestra

Melissa Neff (3rd concert, 3rd jazz), Liam Coussens, Michael Plankey (4th chair jazz, 1st concert), Mike Price, Colin Marusek (jazz and concert), Thomas Martin (jazz and concert), Mariel Fechik (4th chair jazz, concert), Liam Burke, Erin Wells, Megan Duffy, Eric Chung, Tyler Kamp (2nd chair), Andy Hess, Serena Voltz (1st) Peter Siepiora (3rd chair), Mike Obstoj,

Illinois All-State Band Members

Melissa Neff, Michael Plankey, Tyler Kamp, Peter Siepiora, Erin Wells

Most Spirited Band Member

Andy Hess

Most Improved Concert Band Member

Katie Lindholm, Fredrick LIngner

Donald Caneva Scholarship Winner

Grace Cusick and Hannah Drake

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

Melissa Neff, Liam Coussens

Outstanding Concert Band Member

Michael Johnson

Most Improved Symphonic Band Member

Rebecca Dempsey, Danny McGovern

Outstanding Service Award

Megan Duffy, Rachel Lundstrom

John Philip Sousa Award

Michael Plankey



MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

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



Manna sales for May and June were both over \$10,000. Thanks to all the families that participated this school year. The next ordering deadline will be Wednesday, September 7th. We will email information for new parents when school starts in August. Until then, have a great summer! Of course, if you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs via herseybandinfo@herseyband.com

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



Coming to a JHHS Band Member this Summer...

BAND CAMP NEWSLETTER

Filled with exciting activities & Important Dates

Watch for it Mid July!!

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! Don't forget that any window in your house will work nicely, too! What about your instrument case? Decals will be available for purchase in the Fall at the Preview Picnic. If you would like to purchase decals before that date please contact Jill Birschbach @ 847-818-9353.



ORDER MAGAZINES ALL YEAR ROUND!

Place orders directly through the QSP Website:

<https://www.qsp.com/store/lightreg.aspx>

School/organization #: 425008584

This is an ongoing fundraiser and your student will get credit to their student band accounts with your order.

HIA WISH LIST

Water misters—using during Marching Season

The Band needs a few more misters to be used during HOT weather events such as the upcoming 4th of July Parade & Band Camp. If you are interested in making a donation towards this purchase please contact Genie Menzia via herseybandinfo@herseyband.com



Enjoy Summertime!!!

Read

Relax

Have Fun

Play your Instrument

2011-2012 JHHS Band Calendar

June

Students excused from these June/July dates in the event of family vacation/music camps

1	All incoming Freshmen & section leaders	6 to 9pm
9	Section Leaders Freshmen	5:30 to 9pm 6 to 9 pm
27	Section Leader Session/Dinner	5 to 8pm
28	Section Leaders Freshman	5:30 to 9pm 6 to 9 pm
	Battery percussion only	6 to 9 pm
29	Section Leaders	5:30 to 9pm
	ALL MEMBERS	6 to 9 pm
30	Section Leaders ALL MEMBERS	5:30 to 9pm 6 to 9 pm

July

4	Report Parade	9 am
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August

3 (wed)	New Section Leaders	3 to 4:30pm
4 (thurs)	Section Leaders Freshman only	8 to 5pm 12:30 to 5pm
8-12	ALL	12PM-9PM
16	Band Section Olympics	5 to 9pm
17 & 18	ALL(rehearsal)	5 to 9pm
17 & 18	Band Section Olympics	9 to 11pm
19	Picnic/Parent Fall Preview	5:30 pm
23	First Day of School	
24	Wednesday night rehearsals begin	6 to 8:30
27 (Sat)	Rehearsal	1 to 6pm

September

9	Home Football	5:15pm Report
10	Lake Park Lancer Joust	10 am to 11 pm
13	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
23	Home Football	5:15pm Report
29 (thurs)	Rehearsal	1 to 5pm
30	Homecoming Football Game	5:30pm Report

October

6 (thurs)	Home Football	5:15pm Report
8	Prospect Knight of Champions	3 to 11 pm
10 (Columbus Day)	Rehearsal	1 to 6 pm
12	IMEA District VII Auditions (select students)	
	No Wednesday pm Rehearsal	
13 (thurs)	Thursday Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 pm
22	U of I Marching Illini Festival	Late AM to late evening
26	Marching party	
31	Auditions begin	

November

8	HIA general meeting	7:30 pm
11 (Veteran's Day)	Symphonic Band Camp	9 to 5 pm
12	IMEA District 7 Music Festival (select students)	All Day
16	First Wednesday night Symphonic rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
19	District 7 Jazz Festival (select students)	All day
22	Jazz Night Club Concert – Jazz I and II	7:30 pm

December

2	Holiday Concert dress rehearsal	3 to 5 pm
4 (Sun)	Holiday Concert	1 pm and 3 pm
5	District Concerto Competition (select students)	
16	Holiday School Assembly	9 am

January

2	Classes Resume	
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
20-21	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
25-28	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select students)	

February

4	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All day to Late Evening
	Percussion to Vandercook	All day
15	Symphonic Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
25	Jazz I and II to Jazz in the Meadows	All day to early evening
27	Second semester auditions begin	

March

6	Concert Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
8	District 214 Honors Music Festival at Forest View (select students)	7:30 pm
13	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
16	SYMPHONIC BAND TO ORCHESTRA HALL	8pm concert
23	Spring Break begins	

April

2	Classes resume	
13	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	pm
14	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival (will need lots of student and parent help)	All day

May

5	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day to evening
7	Concert/Cadet Band concert with Thomas feeder schools	7pm
8	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
16	Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm
18	Formal Band Awards Banquet	
25	Night of Percussion	
28	Memorial Day Parade	

June

4	Graduation	
10	Last Day of School	