



Take Note

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Thanks for the Help This Summer!

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande

Thanks to **all** of the parents that helped with our big projects this summer. In particular:

- **Lorrie Ellison, Kim Nyquist and all of the great parents** who helped with fittings and the execution of all of the logistics of our new marching uniforms
- **Sheri Hess** for organizing the Fall Preview Picnic
- **Jill Birschbach** for organizing the chaperones for our evening activities last week and for organizing the water and food for Band Camp and all of the parents who helped with this
- **HIA Executive Board** for a productive and supportive start to the school year

Welcome Back!

President's Message • Jill Birschbach

It was great to see everyone at the band picnic and preview on Friday night and it was a pleasure to meet so many new band families and reconnect with the returning families from last year. Thank you to all of the fantastic uniform, band camp and picnic volunteers. Without you, we couldn't have made everything happen this month! A special thank you to Sheri and Randy Hess for organizing the picnic once again.

Now that you have seen the beginnings of the show, "**Copland's America**," and even learned a few marching fundamentals yourself, I strongly encourage you to come see it evolve at the home football games and at the competitions. It is truly amazing to watch the progress! By attending these performances, you not only get to watch your kids and show your support, but it is also a fantastic opportunity to meet other band parents. The competition dates are: Lake Park on September 12, Prospect on October 3, and the University of Illinois on October 17. See you there!!

I hope you will join me in congratulating Mr. Casagrande on recently being elected to membership in the American Bandmasters Association! This prestigious national honor recognizes outstanding achievement in the concert band area. The membership is by invitation only and involves a rigorous three-year screening process which began in 2008 and will end with his induction in March 2010. Congratulations Mr. C!!

As always, if you have **any** questions, please contact me or one of the other board members. I hope to see everyone at the HIA General Meeting on September 15 at 7:30 pm in the band room. These meetings are a great way to keep informed, and provide an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The '09-'10 HIA Board members' names are listed in the left margin of this newsletter. If you have questions/comments, please feel free to contact any of them.

MANY THANKS!

Sheri Hess ♦ HIA Vice President

The school year is just beginning and there are already many volunteers to be thankful for!

July 4th Parade: Many thanks to those who “stepped up” to help keep our marching members hydrated! Although it was not unusually hot that day, many hands were needed to ensure our kids stayed “cool.” Thanks to Linda Fredrick, Dave Landeweer, Jill Birschbach, Mona Frisbie, Kelly O’Neil, John Kellerhals, Jorgia Connor, Grace Aiello, Dirk Huntley, Joanne Hall, Sue Andolfi and Susan Mazzarella.

Thanks to Bill Gaske for driving the equipment van, Linda Takei and Craig Schwenn for driving the water van and to Mary Casagrande and Patrick Hamann for refilling water bottles. A special thanks to Holly Anderson for volunteering to bake cookies for our kids after parades and special marching performances. They really appreciate it!

Uniform fittings: Thanks to Lorrie Ellison and to Kim & Scott Nyquist for seeing to it that our band “looks” as sharp as they perform!

Booster packet mailing: Thanks to Jill Birschbach and Jorgia Connor for stuffing and licking in support of our band! Please remember to be a Band Booster! Your ‘boost” helps the band accomplish great things!

BAND CAMP VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to all who helped at band camp this year. Outstanding volunteers make work easy and fun! Thanks to:

Band Camp kits: Linda Takei

Providing water: Joanell Hoijer, Mona Frisbie, Maureen Cwiok, Lauri Delahanty, Barb Roznai, Jackie Dotson, Sally Cleveland, Peggy Cusick, Susan Mazzarella, Kelly O’Neil and Jill Birschbach

Providing delectable delights for clinicians’ dinners: Lauri Delahanty, Sherrie Grischow, Bridget Clancy, Barb Roznai, Jackie Dotson, Mona Frisbie, Sally Cleveland, Joanell Hoijer, Maureen Cwiok, Susan Mazzarella, Kelly O’Neil and Jill Birschbach

Chaperoning band activity nights: Joanell and Bill Hoijer, Sharon Gaske, Genie Menzia, Jill Birschbach, Mona Frisbie, Bridget Clancy, Grace Aiello, Cheryl Lindholm, Teresa Presto, Kelly O’Neil, Mary Holada, Laura & Danny DiVietro, Barb Swanke, Jorgia Connor, Tim Menzia and Cathy Busse

THANK YOU TO OUR PICNIC VOLUNTEERS!

Sheri Hess ♦ Picnic Coordinator

A special thank you is extended to all who volunteered at the Preview Picnic. It was a fantastic turnout in spite of the rain and everyone seemed to enjoy the time together. Thanks to the soggy hotdog crew ~ Gary Birschbach, Bill Hoijer, Rick Johnson and Randy Hess for cooking up about 600 dogs!

Set-up, wrapping and serving awards go to an incredible group of individuals who see things that need to be done then do it! It was truly a pleasure to work with Dominic, Bill & Joanell Hoijer, Grace Aiello & Alexander, Clare Marvin, Betsy Yager & the Yager Kids, Mary Holada, Sharon Gaske, Lauri Delahanty, Sally Cleveland, Jan Nocita, Owen Connor, Susan Mazzarella, Denise Dawson, Cindy & Kevin O’Donnell, Juanita Kamp, Sherrie Grischow, Genie & Tim Menzia, Bridget Clancy, Amy Stomper, Kristine Klingner, Maria Kellerhals, Barb Swanke and Jeff & Mary Bayer.

In addition, the Hoijers, Linda & Rachel Fredrick, Denise Dawson, Laura Hynes, Sherrie Grischow, Jan Nocita and Mark & Mary Santry cleaned up and made the cafeteria & kitchen sparkle better than when we entered. A job well done by everyone and to you a **sincere** THANK YOU! Sheri Hess

FOR UPCOMING NEWS
PHOTO GALLERY, CALENDARS, FAQs AND MORE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.HERSEYBAND.COM

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 2 WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Jazz Ensemble 2 will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept 8 from 3 to 4:30 pm. Here is the schedule for this ensemble for the year:

September-October	Every Tuesday 3 to 4:30
November-February	Tuesdays & Thursdays 3 to 5
March-May	Every Tuesday 3 to 4:30

- **All** Jazz 2 students should be registered for a class (Pass/Fail is acceptable for this class)
- All athletes with conflicts in Fall and Spring will be excused from many rehearsals. This will be discussed on Tuesday, 9/8.

COMPETITIONS – PLAN TO ATTEND!

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

When students hear your voices and applause at competitions, they are more confident. We really need your help!

Please plan to attend our upcoming competitions at Lake Park (9/12 – prelims and hopefully finals), Prospect (10/3) and U of IL (Oct 17 – a.m. to late afternoon). Here is the tentative schedule for the Lake Park Lancer Joust:

Lake Park 9/12:

9 am	Rehearsal at Hersey
11	Load trucks, eat lunch, load buses
12:30 pm	Depart
1:30	Arrive and watch bands
2:30	Go to warmup
4 pm	PERFORMANCE
4:30	Picture and change out of uniform, watch bands
5:30	Awards Ceremony and finals announcement
5:45	Dinner
7:30	Finals begin
9:30	Departure if we don't make finals
10:15	Finals Award Ceremony
10:30	Depart
11:30	Arrive at Hersey

PRIVATE LESSONS AT HERSEY

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Due to the improved facilities and improved abilities of our students, we are turning away many private teachers that would like to be a part of our program. I have interviewed and selected all of the private lesson teachers on staff at Hersey from a large pool of applicants in the past. **This group of professionals is arguably the finest collection of musician/teachers that I have been able to offer students in my career.** The resumes are impressive and personalities appropriate. All of the teachers at Hersey have gone through the same **security checks** that all teachers in District 214 must clear. I ENCOURAGE you to have your son/daughter study with one of these **hand-picked** teachers. Currently, ALL members of the Symphonic Band study privately and approximately 80 percent of the concert band study privately.

Flute	Marcia Rudin - Excellent fundamental teacher
Oboe	Christina Schupple - Hersey and U of I grad
Clarinet	Judy Morrison - Outstanding teacher with lots of great experience Youna Cho - Hersey graduate, Northwestern grad student and busy freelancer in the Chicago area Sally Gerber - Excellent local teacher
Saxophone	David Fivecoate - One of the most in-demand teachers in Chicagoland area
Trumpet	Guillaume Fortin - Graduate of Northwestern, member Civic Orchestra and Milwaukee Ballet
French Horn	Kelly Schurr-Hofman - Freelance horn player in the Chicago area and Northwestern grad
Trombone	Reed Capshaw - South Bend Symphony and busy freelance performer
Baritone/Tuba	Jared Bulmer - In-demand freelancer
Percussion	Tom Leddy and Joe Sonnefeldt - Both local musicians with lots of excellent playing and teaching experience

Please check out the bios of these teachers at www.herseyband.com, or e-mail me for additional information to study with one of these HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TEACHERS at Hersey.

SENIOR NIGHT – OCTOBER 23

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Marching Band seniors **and their parents** will be honored before the home football game scheduled tentatively on Friday, October 23. Parents should plan to arrive at approximately 6:45 pm for this ceremony that will take place on the track before the game. More details and a confirmation will be sent home with your son/daughter.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Hersey Auditions: Hersey auditions will begin the week of **October 26**. They will consist of two short etudes and the scale sheet. Freshmen, particularly, should start work on the scale sheet as soon as possible to be ready by that time. There will also be sightreading. The etudes and scales will be available to students before Labor Day. They can be found on the [IMEA Website](#).

IMEA District VII Band: District Band pre-auditions will be held the week of **September 14**. All players sitting in the top three chairs of their section (or more) in Symphonic Band should be auditioning for District Band. The etudes are the same as last May's audition and this October's audition (entire etude used, however).

MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

Laura Hynes ♦ Manna Co-chair

Kelly O'Neil ♦ Manna Co-chair

For newcomers to the JHHS Band Program – welcome! We want you to know that the band has a monthly fundraiser that is simple, convenient and doesn't involve selling a thing! Each month you can buy gift cards at their FACE VALUE. There are many different vendors/denominations of gift cards from local stores that you probably frequent such as Jewel, Dominick's, Walgreens, Home Depot and Starbucks.

Each vendor designates a percentage of the card's value to benefit our group. One percent of that amount goes to the Manna organization as an administrative fee. The remainder is split between the general fund of the Hersey Instrumental Association (30 percent) and your child's band account (70 percent). The funds in this account can be used by YOU for any band fee. Example: If you typically spend \$100 per week on groceries at Jewel and pay with a gift card, you would have over \$120 in your account at the end of the school year – just from your regular shopping.

Ordering is done online. To place your **first** order, please contact Laura Hynes to receive your password along with some simple online ordering instructions for mannaorders.net (your password always stays the same). At this time, Manna does not accept credit card payments. And because the money goes to HIA and **they** pay Manna for the total order, you must submit an old-fashioned, hand-written check payable to HIA. Your check must be in the Manna mailbox by the pre-determined deadline (see schedule below). NOTE: The box is IN the band room (not to be confused with the HIA mailbox in Mr. C's office).

Simply put - you place an order online, get the check to the Manna box by the deadline, and pick up your cards the following week at Hersey. With prior approval, you can have your band student pick up your order. Otherwise, pick up your order in front of the band room on the pick-up day at the designated times.

This program has provided more income each year than any other fundraiser for the band program, and it really costs you nothing! E-mail either of the co-chairs with questions. Start building up that band account to pay for next year's fees and future trips. One last note - the new team of Kelly O'Neil and Laura Hynes is in need of another volunteer for a couple of hours per month. Please call one of us--we'd be happy to have you!

Online order submitted, check in Manna box by 3 pm on Wednesday:	Pick up Date (Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted)	Pick up Times	
September 2	September 9	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
October 7	Thursday, October 15	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
November 4	November 11	No afternoon pick up	6 to 6:30 pm
December 2 (Holiday shopping?)	December 9	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
January 6	January 13	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
February 3	February 10	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
March 3	March 10	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
April 7	April 14	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm
May 5 (Order enough for summer!)	May 12	2:45 to 3:15 pm	6 to 6:30 pm

COLOR GUARD NOTEBOOK

Jim Rheingruber • Color Guard Parent

Greetings from the Color Guard!

The Guard is excited about a new year with the Marching Band. Through diligent recruiting efforts, we are now up to 22 members, the largest group we've had in many years! This includes 12 returning members. We are also overjoyed to have the same staff continuing this year. Just wait and see how great it will look with 10 more performers dancing, spinning, tossing and adding their skills to the look of the band at the competitions.

Members who were able to go to France had a wonderful time. Not only had the French people not seen a marching band, they hadn't ever seen a Color Guard! All in all, the parades seemed to be a big hit. Thank you to everyone from Mr. C to the parents, to the chaperones, etc., who helped make it such a wonderful experience for everyone. Experiencing this with the band helped reinforce the ever growing sense of being "part of the Marching Band," instead of "just the auxiliary."

As I write this, the girls are at the end of two hard weeks of camp. Two weeks, you may ask? Yes, the Guard held their five-day camp starting August 3, learning the drill and choreography that they will be performing with the band. Then of course there's the week of band camp where all of it starts to get put together. Fortunately, it wasn't too hot or too rainy. Everybody worked very hard, and had a great time!

Don't forget to look at this spot next month where we'll start introducing the members.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Cathy Busse • HIA Treasurer

Throughout the year, band students are asked to participate in various fundraising efforts. Of the funds raised, a portion will go to the HIA general fund (to help fund various band-wide expenses) and the remainder goes into the student account. 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 had funds remaining in their account and there are no younger siblings in the program, the funds go to the Caneva scholarship fund.

Are you unsure of what can be paid for from a student's band account? Don't know your balance? Not getting monthly statements? Do you want to use your balance to pay for a band expense and are not sure how? Don't hesitate to drop me a note via e-mail.

FAN BUS TO U OF I MARCHING FEST

Linda Takei

The fan bus to U of I has become a band tradition over the last few years. We rent a bus for fans and split the cost among the riders (usually \$25 to \$30 per person).

I am usually able to get a group rate on the admission tickets for the riders. If you are interested in riding the fan bus to U of I, please let me know via e-mail. The bus will fill quickly.

The event is on Saturday, October 17.

SHEA'S CRUSADERS

Linda Takei on behalf of the Anderluhs • Band Family

One year ago, then-freshman band member, Shea Anderluh had a CT scan to find the cause of a paralyzed vocal chord. A large mass was found in her chest—the diagnosis was Hodgkins lymphoma, stage 2A. Recently, Shea relapsed and the disease had spread to her lungs. She is currently undergoing additional rounds of chemo and it is likely that she will have a stem-cell transplant sometime soon.

On Saturday, September 12 (unfortunately the same day as the Lake Park competition) the CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation is sponsoring a walk in Lincoln Park, Grove 13. CureSearch supports the Children's Oncology Group, the world's premier cancer research collaborative. Registration and check-in is at 8 a.m. with the opening ceremony and walk starting at 9.

The Anderluhs have invited the band family to join their team, "Shea's Crusaders," for the walk, but since it occurs on the same day as the marching competition, this will be impossible. You can still show support, however, by [making a donation](#) to their team's efforts (or maybe you know someone who may want to join the team).

Thanks for considering this. Please keep up those positive thoughts for Shea!

2009-2010 Band Calendar

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

August		
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		
9	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
12	Lake Park Marching Festival	Late morning through late evening
14	IMEA District VII pre-auditions begin	
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
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
	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
17	U of I Marching Festival	All day to late evening
23	Last Home Football Report	6 pm
	Senior Night	
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
	Manna pick up day	6 to 6:30 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
9	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
18	Holiday School Assembly	9 am
January		
4	Classes Resume	
12	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
22-23	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
27-30	IMEA All-State to Peoria (select)	

2009-2010 Band Calendar (continued)

February		
6	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All day to late evening
	Percussion to Vandercook	All day
10	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
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
10	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 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
14	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
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
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	TBA
31	Memorial Day Parade	TBA
June		
5	Graduation	
11	Last Day of School	

NEW THIS YEAR! HIA IS GOING GREEN(ER)

WE WILL NO LONGER BE SENDING "TAKE NOTE" BAND NEWSLETTER
VIA POSTAL MAIL **UNLESS YOU REQUEST IT!!!**
THIS YEAR, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT VIA E-MAIL
(OR YOU CAN ALWAYS ACCESS ON THE HERSEY BAND WEBSITE).

TO REQUEST HARD COPY BY MAIL,
PLEASE CONTACT LINDA TAKEI