

John Hersey High School Bands



Take Note

Newsletter of the Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA)
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Upcoming Schedule

Important dates to remember

August dates		Time
27	First Home football	Report 5:15 pm
28	Saturday Rehearsal (All)	1-6pm
September dates		
3	Home Football	Report 5:15 pm
5	Jazz1 to Chicago Jazz Festival in Grant Park	AM to late PM
11	Naperville Classic	10am to 11pm
14	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
16	Home football	Report 5:15 pm
Weds thru 10/13	Wed Night rehearsals -Percussion Battery -Percussion Front Line -Brass & Woodwinds	3-5, 6-8:30 5-8:30pm 6-8:30pm
10/11	Rehearsal (All)	1-6pm

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Thanks for the help this summer!

Director's Message Mr. Casagrande

Thanks to **all** of the parent's that helped with our big projects this summer. Particularly, **Lorrie Ellison and all of the great parents** that helped with fittings and executing all of the logistics of our new marching uniforms. **Joannell Hoijer and Sheri Hess** for organizing the Fall Preview Picnic, **Genie Menzia** for organizing the chaperones for our evening activities last week and for organizing the water and food for Band Camp, as well as all of the parents that helped with activities during band camp. We have a great group of generous parents and our organization is the model for other booster groups in the school and the school district.

We are off to a great start!



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: Joannell Hoijer

Welcome Back!

President's Message • Sheri Hess

What awesome gifts you all are to the Hersey Band Program! If August is any indication of how the year will go it is sure to be amazing! It was a privilege to meet and work with so many "new to the program" and to reconnect with those I have known for years. Thanks to the many volunteers who gladly endured the heat and valiantly fought off famished mosquitoes during band camp. A special thank you to Genie Menzia for organizing the volunteers and for keeping everyone happy.

Marching season is the easiest way to meet band parents and students. It is a short season, so I recommend that you try your best to attend every home football game and marching competition. The show is just in its infancy – you will truly be amazed by its transformation at the end of the season. The grumbling you may be hearing now, turns into puffed up chests filled with pride, as the Marching Huskies become a polished, well oiled machine that works with exceptional precision and accuracy. I promise you "goose bumps" at the U of I competition, as it is the last and usually their very best performance of the season.

Reminders: READ your emails and the ENTIRE newsletter each month! Mark your calendars and keep the newsletter handy for the month. Visit www.herseyband.com. Communicate conflicts, concerns and questions! Come to the HIA meetings – first one is September 14th @ 7:30pm in the band room. Hope to see you all there!

Thanks for lending a hand...

Genie Menzia • Vice President

The school year hasn't even begun and there are already many volunteers to be thankful for!

4th OF JULY PARADE: Many thanks to those who helped keep our marching members hydrated. It was hot and humid, so every volunteer was needed to make sure the kids stayed "cool". Thanks to Jill Birschbach, Kelly O'Neil, Janet & Dave Landeweer, John Kellerhals, Sue & Leo Andolfi, Peggy Cusick, Carrie Voltz, Patrice Feltes, Susan Mazzarella, and Sharon Neff.

Thanks to Tim Menzia and Dave Cusick for driving the vans, and Julia Casagrande, Olivia Menzia, and Maggie Marusuk for refilling water bottles. A special thanks to Holly Anderson for volunteering to bake delicious chocolate chip cookies for the kids, which are always appreciated.

UNIFORM FITTING: Thanks to Lorrie Ellison, Cathy Buffa, Kathy Smigiel, and Marianne Kerr for making sure the kids look good.

BAND CAMP VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to all who helped at band camp this year. It was an exceptionally "hot" week, and keeping the kids hydrated was vital to the bands success. Those who helped include...

Band Camp Kits: Mary Santry, Janice Casagrande, and the Casagrande girls.

Providing water: Mary Jo Harper, Sharon Neff, Gail & Peter Guglietta, Jill Birschbach, Angela Ashley, Tina Popovici, June Lingner, Sally Cleveland, Adrea Wojeiechowski, Maria Kellerhals, Peggy Cusick, Laura Havel, Sharon Swanson, Laura Polfuss, Sigrid Straub, and Kelly O'Neil.

Providing delectable delights for the Clinicians' dinners: Yolanda Vorndran, Catherine Maxwell, Noreen Coussens, Janet Landeweer, Debbie Kearns, Amy Stomper, Chris McGovern, Sigrid Straub, Tina Popovici, Laura Polfuss, Laura Hynes, Angela Ashley, JoAnne Muller-Muhr, and Julie Leber

Chaperoning band activity nights: Laura Polfuss, Tim Menzia, Gail & Peter Guglietta, Tina Popovici, Caryn Skebelsky, Janice Casagrande, Peggy Cusick, Cathy & Roger Lundstrom, Noreen Coussens, Jill Birschbach, Joyce Stenzel, Angela Scott, Joanel Hoijer, and Sharon Swanson.

My apologies if anyone were left off the list!

If you want to "Lend A Helping Hand" (volunteer), go to the band website at www.herseyband.com to sign up.

APPLAUSE TO OUR PICNIC VOLUNTEERS!

Joanell Hoijer & Sheri Hess • Picnic Coordinators



Many thanks to all who volunteered at the Picnic Preview! Such an event could not be successful without many helping hands. There was a great turnout, and even though the parents missed out on their opportunity to march, everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to the hotdog crew: Gary Birschbach, Bill Hoijer and Tim Menzia cooked 500 hot dogs!

The kitchen crew was simply awesome! From set-up to wrapping to serving & running, we had incredible volunteers who knew exactly what to do and how to make things run smoothly. It was a pleasure to work with Clare Marvin, Sherrie Grishow, Caryn Skebeksky, Amy Stomper, Mark & Sally Cleveland, Susan Mazzarella, Mary Holada, Denise Dawson, Linda Fredrick, June Lingner, Laura Hynes, Mary Scott, Dorothy Lorkiewicz, Sigrid Straub, Jocelyn Lapid, Debby Kearns, and Randy Hess.

And to the many volunteers that returned after the NY talk to help with clean up—you all were fantastic. Everyone kept working until the cafeteria & kitchen sparkled better than when we arrived. Many thanks to Mark & Mary Santry, Tom & Yolanda Vorndran, Peggy Cusick, Denise Dawson, Sigrid Straub, Linda Fredrick, Susan Mazzarella, Dominic Hoijer, Mic Santry, Justin Vorndran and Randy Hess –Hope I didn't miss any helping hands!

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Sheri Hess for guiding me through the "how to" for this fun event!

DON'T MISS IT! OUR JAZZ 1 PERFORMANCE at THE CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL on SUNDAY, SEPT 5th AT 2:25 PM

in GRANT PARK

Mr. Casagrande • Director



It is indeed a great honor for our jazz band, band program, school and community to be represented this year at the 32nd Annual Chicago Jazz Festival. We will be performing at the Young Lions Stage from 2:25 to 3:15 pm and will spend the day at the festival. It will be a great opportunity for our students to perform for such a large and knowledgeable audience, to experience "behind the scenes" at the festival and to participate in one of the most respected jazz festivals in the world. More info can be found about the festival at:

http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en/things_see_do/event_landing/special_events/mose/chicago_jazz_festival.html

JAZZ ENSEMBLE 2 will begin Sept 7th and will travel to the Chicago Jazz Festival on 9/5

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Jazz Ensemble 2 will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, Sept 7 from 3-4pm. Here is the schedule for this ensemble for the year:

September-October	Every Tuesday 3:00-4:30pm
November-February	Every Tues & Thurs 3:00-5:00pm
March-May	Every Tuesday 3:00-4:30pm

- **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, 9/7. In addition, I will have information regarding our trip to the CJF distributed during the regular band class.

"If you can make it there, you'll make it anywhere..."
NEW YORK!!!

Details regarding our upcoming trip were explained at the recent Fall Preview and Picnic. Highlights include a performance at **Carnegie Hall** and participation in a **Sesame Street** show taping, the Broadway Tony Award-winning **American Idiot**, in addition to many other New York attractions. The first payment will be due in early Sept, as explained at the meeting. If you missed the meeting, please contact Mr. C immediately for more details.

Competitions – Plan to Attend!

Mr. Casagrande • Director

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

Please plan to attend our upcoming competitions at **Benedictine University** (Naperville) on 9/11 (evening performance) **Prospect** on 10/2 (evening performance) and **U of I** on October 16. On all of these dates, an extended practice will occur before the band departs. Exact schedules will be distributed when performance times are sent to schools, which should be very soon for the Naperville show.

University of Illinois changes contest format

Just to let you know, the University of Illinois has changed their format for the Marching Illini Festival. They have eliminated the parade portion of the contest and have adjusted the judging format to have judges on the field, as well as, 6 classes based on school size (we will be 5A). We will practice at Hersey in the am and leave around 10 or 11am. More info will be forthcoming when the performance schedule is sent to schools.

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. *This group of professionals is arguably the finest collection of musician/teachers that I have been able to offer students in my career.* Their 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 *handpicked* teachers. Currently, ALL members of the Symphonic Band study privately and approximately 80% of the concert band study privately.

Flute	Marcia Rudin - excellent fundamental teacher
Oboe	Christina Schupple - Hersey and U of IL 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 (NEW)	Mr. Chris O'Hara - founding member of the Synergy Brass Quintet
French Horn	Ms. Kelly Schurr-Hofman - Freelance horn player in the Chicago area and Northwestern grad
Trombone	Mr. Sean Solberg - local professional musician
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 email me for additional information to study with one of these HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TEACHERS at Hersey.

Senior Night

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 6:45pm 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.

A Note from the Treasurer

Tami Johnson • Treasurer

Throughout the year band students are asked to participate in various fundraising efforts. A portion of funds raised go to the HIA general fund to support various band expenses and the remainder goes into your student account. Money in the student accounts can be used for trips, private lessons and any band activities. You will be able to view your student account on line through the band web page. If you have any questions about your account you can email me directly at

herseyband@gmail.com.

Upcoming Auditions

Mr. Casagrande • Director

IMEA District VII Band: District Band pre-auditions will be held the week of **September 13**. 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). As in the past we can only send the top 18 auditioners to audition for the IMEA Band. This is also a great opportunity for students to be prepared for their upcoming auditions, which will consist of the same material.

Hersey Auditions: Hersey auditions will begin the week of **October 25**. 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 were made available to students in June and are still available in front of the band room. They can also be found at: <http://www.ilmea.org/division.html>

MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

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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 does not involve selling a thing. Each month you can buy gift cards at their FACE VALUE. There are many vendors/denominations of gift cards from local stores that you probably frequent such as Jewel, Dominick's, Walgreens, Home Depot and Starbucks as well as restaurants and hotels. 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). You can use the funds in this account 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.

All ordering is done online. To place an order, first email Laura Hynes (laurahynes@wowway.com) to receive your password/participant code along with some simple instructions for manna orders.net. 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 a check payable to HIA. Your check must be in the Manna mailbox by the pre-determined deadline (see schedule below). NOTE: The Manna 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 3:00 p.m. deadline, and pick up your cards the following week at Hersey. With prior approval, you can have your 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 is an important fundraiser that benefits both you and the band program, and it costs you nothing! Email either of the co-chairs with questions. Start building up that band account to pay for this year's NY trip, the band banquet and next year's fees.

Manna 2010-2011 Order/Pick-up Deadlines

Order placed online, check in Manna box by 3 p.m. on Wednesday:	Pick up in front of band room on Wednesdays, unless noted	<i>Pick Up Times</i>	
September 1	September 8	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
October 6	Thursday, October 14	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
November 3	November 10	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
December 1	December 8	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
January 5	January 12	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
February 2	February 9	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1	March 9	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
April 6	April 13	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
May 4	May 11	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
June 1	June 8	11:30 a.m. to noon	6 to 6:30 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair

Enclosed in this newsletter is the HIA Sponsorship Form. Please consider being a band sponsor. The sponsorship program assists the HIA in providing scholarships, purchasing equipment, sponsoring learning opportunities, hosting family and student events and funding various band programs.

As a sponsor you will receive **free admission** to all the band concerts for the year according to the sponsorship level you choose. Please help support the Hersey Bands! If you have any questions please contact Jill Birschbach @ gjbirsch@comcast.net.

2010-2011 Hersey Band Sponsorship Program



Every year, the Hersey Instrumental Association raises funds to provide scholarships, sponsor learning opportunities, host family and student social events, purchase needed equipment, allow the marching band program to participate in competitions, and fund other band programs. This is your opportunity to become a sponsor and participate in the growth of the Hersey Band Program.

Sponsorship is open to the entire Hersey community, whether you have a student in the program or not. If you enjoy the half-time show, attend one of the concerts, or have pleasant memories of your own high school band days, please consider helping our band program.

The following levels of sponsorship are available:

Silver Level \$20.00- 49.00 Individual Sponsorship

Includes a listing in all band programs and one admission to all concerts including the Concert Band Festival

Gold Level \$50.00 – 199.00 Family Sponsorship

Includes a listing in all band programs and admission for all immediate family members (parents and siblings) to all band concerts including the Concert Band Festival

Platinum Level \$200 and up Corporate Sponsorship

Includes a listing in all band programs, ½ page ad in the 2011 Concert Band Festival program, and admission for all immediate family members. Corporate Sponsors will be contacted by the Festival Committee for their ad. Students who bring corporate sponsorships will have their account credited with 20% of the amount contributed.

Name _____

(Please print as you would like it to appear in the band programs)

Address _____

_____ E-mail _____

Phone number _____ Student's Name _____

Level of Sponsorship and amount: Silver \$ _____ Gold \$ _____ Platinum \$ _____

Please mail this form with a check made payable to HIA to either:

*HIA Sponsorship Drive
c/o John Hersey High School
1900 E. Thomas St.
Arlington Heights, IL 60006*

or

*Jill Birschbach
1522 E. Rosehill Drive
Arlington Heights, IL 60004*

If you have any questions please contact Jill Birschbach @ 847-818-9353 or gjbirsch@comcast.net. Confirmation of your donation will be **e-mailed** to you unless otherwise indicated:

I would prefer to receive my confirmation by email

2010-2011 JHHS Band Calendar

August

25	First Wednesday Night Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 pm
27	First Home football	Report 5:15 pm
28	Rehearsal	1 to 6 pm

September

3	Home football	Report 5:15 pm
5	JAZZ 1 TO CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL IN GRANT PARK	PERFORM 2:25; MORNING TO LATE EVENING
11	Naperville Marching Classic	10 am to 11 pm
13	IMEA District VII pre-auditions begin	
14	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
16	Home football	Report 5:15 pm

October

2	Prospect Knight of Champions	3 to 11 pm
8	Homecoming football game	Report 5:15 pm
11 (Columbus Day)	Rehearsal	1 to 6 pm
13	IMEA District 7 Band Auditions (select students)	
	No Wednesday pm Rehearsal	
14	Thursday Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 pm
15	Home football	Report 5:15 pm
16	U of I Marching Festival	All day to late evening
20	Marching party	
25	Auditions begin	

November

9	HIA general meeting	7:30 pm
11 (Veteran's Day)	Symphonic Band Camp	11:30 am to 5 pm
13	IMEA District 7 Music Festival (select students)	All Day
14	Honors Orchestra concert (select students)	3 pm
17	First Wednesday night Symphonic rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
20	District 7 Jazz Festival (select students)	All day
23	Jazz Night Club Concert – Jazz I and II	7:30 pm

December

3	Holiday Concert dress rehearsal	3 to 5 pm
5	Holiday Concert	1 pm and 3 pm
6	District Concerto Competition (select students)	
17	Holiday School Assembly	9 am

January

3	Classes Resume	
11	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
21-22	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
26-29	IMEA All-State to Peoria (select students)	

February

5	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All day
	Percussion to Vandercook	All day
16	Symphonic Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
26	Jazz I and II to Jazz in the Meadows	All day to early evening
28	Second semester auditions begin	

2010-2011 JHHS Band Calendar (continued)

March

2	District 214 Honors Music Festival at Forest View (select students)	7:30 pm
2-7	CARNEGIE HALL/NEW YORK TRIP	
14	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
15	Concert Band Festival at BGHS	7:30 pm
19	Spring Break begins	
28	Classes resume	

April

8	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	Late afternoon
9	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival (will need lots of student and parent help)	All day to late evening

May

7	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day to evening
9	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
18	Spring Band Concert	7:30 pm
20	Formal Band Awards Banquet	
27	Night of Percussion	
30	Memorial Day Parade	

June

4	Graduation	
10	Last Day of School	

For more information, calendars, photos and more, visit our website at www.herseyband.com

*The Future Belongs to those
who Believe in their Dreams
--Eleanor Roosevelt (1888-1962)*