

John Hersey High School Bands



Take Note

Newsletter of the Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA)
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Upcoming Schedule

Important dates to remember

September dates	Event	Time
9	First Home football	Report 5:15 pm
10	Lake Park Lancer Joust	10am-11pm
Week 9 - 12	IMEA Pre-Auditions begin (select students)	
13	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
23	Home football	Report 5:15 pm
29	Thursday Rehearsal	1 - 5 pm
30	Homecoming Football Game	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
10/6	Home football (THURS)	Report 5:15 pm
10/8	Prospect Knight of Champions	3 - 11 pm
10/10	Rehearsal	1 - 6 pm

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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 marching uniforms. **Joannell Hoijer, Jocelyn Lapid and Gail Guglietta** for organizing the Fall Preview Picnic, **Genie Menzia and Peggy Cusick** 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

2011-2012 HIA Board

President: Genie Menzia

Vice President: Peggy Cusick

Project Chair: Jill Birschbach

Treasurer: Tami Johnson

Recording Secretary: Kelly O'Neil

Corresponding Secretary: Joannell Hoijer

Welcome Back!

President's Message • Genie Menzia

It was such a pleasure to work with so many great families over band camp. I hope that new band families feel at home in our band community, and that returning families are continuing to have memorable experiences. A big "Thanks" goes out to uniform, band camp, and picnic volunteers who have donated their valuable time to the band. Without all of you, band camp would not have run as smoothly.

Now that you've seen a portion of the 2011 show, and have done some marching yourself, you will have a whole new appreciation for what these kids will accomplish throughout the marching season. You will be amazed at the transformation at each football game, I promise you "goose bumps" at the U of I competition. Whenever possible, wear orange, be loud, be proud, and support your Marching Huskies.

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 meeting on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 in the band room.

Thanks for lending a hand...

Peggy Cusick • Vice President



Many thanks to all the wonderful people who have already volunteered this year.

4th OF JULY PARADE: It was hot and humid as usual, but we had a large team of volunteers who kept our students hydrated at the parade. Thanks to Leo Andolfi, Susan Andolfi, Pam Berg, Jim Bruckman, Patrice Feltes, Sheila Finnegan, Gail Guglietta, Peter Guglietta, Bill Hoijer, Joanel Hoijer, June Lingner, Genie Menzia, Cindy O'Donnell, Karen Schumann and Carrie Voltz.

Thanks to Dave Cusick and John Kapinos for driving the vans, and Maribeth Broms, Brian Cusick, and Grace Hynes for refilling water bottles.

A special thanks to Holly Anderson for baking delicious chocolate chip cookies and then handing the cookies out to the kids after the parade.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Thank you to Denis Jones for taking such amazing photographs and videos at the 4th of July parade, Band Camp and the Preview Picnic.

UNIFORM FITTING: Thanks to Lorrie Ellison, Cathy Buffa, Kathy Smigiel, Barbara Baczanski, Denise Huff, Lisa Kuntz, and Kristine Lundgren for making sure the kids look good.

BAND CAMP VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to all who helped at band camp this year. Many parents volunteered for multiple duties and worked on several nights.

Organizing and assembling the Band Camp kits: Mary Santry

Providing water: Susan Andolfi, Angela Ashley, Jill Birschbach, Janice Casagrande, Cathy Heuck, Barb Baczanski, Gail Guglietta, Peter Guglietta, Tina Kalafatis, June Lingner, Chris McGovern, Julie Nemmer, Tim Nemmer, Laura Polfuss, Tina Popovici, Barb Roznai, Karen Schumann, Sigrid Straub, Margaret Tobias and Jane Treppa.

Providing delicious side dishes for the Clinicians' dinners: Susan Andolfi, Barb Baczanski, Soha Barakat, Jill Birschbach, Sally Cleveland, Laurie Drake, Sheila Finnegan, Teri Frankiewicz, Linda Frederick, Laura Hynes, Beth Jabek, Linda Koutris, Chris McGovern, Julie Nemmer, Joyce Stenzel and Jane Treppa.

Chaperoning at the Band Activity Nights: Angela Ashley, Barb Baczanski, Cindy Brooks, Janice Casagrande, Sally Cleveland, Caryn Fechik, Sheila Finnegan, Doug Fuller, Gail Guglietta, Peter Guglietta, Joanel Hoijer, Linda Koutris, June Lingner, Kristine Lundgren, Kelly O'Neil, Tina Popovici, Karen Schumann, Ken Spsychala, Joyce Stenzel, Sharon Swanson, Margaret Tobias, Jane Treppa, Carrie Voltz, Andrea Wojciechowski & Anne Ziegenhorn.

Ordering and delivering several main entrees for Clinicians' dinners: Gail Guglietta and Peter Guglietta

My apologies if anyone were left off the list!

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

Needed: Public Relations Chairperson

Peggy Cusick • Vice President

The HIA is searching for a talented writer to fill the new role of Public Relations Chairperson. With the help of a PR Chairperson, the HIA hopes to increase awareness about our award-winning Hersey Band program, attract more people to attend band concerts and gain support of our fundraising activities from the local businesses.

We are looking for a person who enjoys writing and submitting articles to local newspapers and local news websites.

If you are interested in becoming the PR Chairperson, please contact Peggy Cusick at peggycusick@comcast.net.

Jazz Ensemble 2 will begin Sept 12th

Mr. Casagrande • Director



Jazz Ensemble 2 will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 12, 4-5:30pm. This is a different schedule than in previous years to accommodate our new director in the Fall and Spring, Mr. Patrick O'Connor, who is also the Orchestra and Jazz director at Prospect HS. Here is the schedule for this ensemble for the year:

September-October	Every Monday 4:00-5:30pm
November-February	Every Tues & Thurs (tentative) 3:00-5:00pm
March-April	TBA

- 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 Monday, Sept. 12th.

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 **Lake Park HS on September 10th** (afternoon AND evening performance); **Prospect on October 8th** (evening performance) and **U of IL on October 22nd**. On all of these dates, an extended practice will occur before the band departs.

Schedule for Lake Park on Sept 10th:

- 8:15 Section Leader breakfast
- 9:30 Report
- 12:00 Lunch provided
- 1:00 Depart for LP
- 2:00 arrive and watch bands
- 4:15 PRELIM PERFORMANCE
- 6:00 Eat Dinner (provided)
- 7:30 Finals begin
- 9pm Depart if we don't make finals
- 11:00 Depart if we make finals
- 11:45pm arrive at Hersey



HIA GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday, September 13, 2011
7:30 PM
Band Room

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Tina Kapinos • Magazine chair



Earn money for your student's band account with HIA's annual QSP magazine drive, going on now.

All band students present at practice the evening of Wednesday, August 24, received kits with forms, catalogues and procedures. There are extras in the band room in a large box marked "Magazine Drive." Please help yourself if you did not receive a packet or need extra forms.

A large variety of magazines, books and CDs are available from QSP. Order or renew subscriptions through HIA, and 30 percent of the purchase price will be added to the seller's band account. For example, for every \$20 in magazine subscriptions sold, HIA receives \$8, \$6 of which goes directly into the student's own account. What an easy way to set aside money for band fees, banquets and trips!

Orders are due by **Monday, September 12**. Turn in orders at the magazine drive box in the band room. If you have any questions, contact Tina Kapinos at 847-308-6554 or by e-mail at tina@kapinos.com.

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.* The resume's 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 app. 80% of the concert band study privately.

- Flute **Marcia Rudin** - excellent local teacher
- Oboe **Nancy Colbert** - excellent local teacher
- Clarinet **Judy Morrison** – outstanding teacher with lots of great experience
- 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, September 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

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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's account. Money in the student's account 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. Simply go to the account login in. The user name is your student's ID number and the password is herseyband. The balances should be updated by the first of September. If you have any questions about activity on your student's 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 12**. 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 as the Hersey auditions.

Hersey Auditions: Hersey auditions will begin the **week of October 31**. They will consist of two short etudes and the scale sheet. Freshman, particularly, should start work on the scale sheet **as soon as possible** to be ready by that time. There will also be sight reading. The list of etudes and scales were made available during band camp and the exact etudes will be available to students at the beginning of September. They can also be found at: <http://www.ilmea.org/division.shtml>

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, Mariano'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 the total purchase goes to the Manna organization as an administrative fee. The remainder is split between the general fund of the Hersey Instrumental Association (30%) and your child's band account (70%). 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.

All ordering is done online. To place your first order, contact Laura Hynes (herseybandinfo@herseyband.com) to receive your password/participant code along with some simple instructions for www.mannaorders.net. Manna does not accept credit card payments and because the money goes to HIA and they pay for the total order, you must submit a check payable to HIA. Your check must be in the Manna mailbox by the monthly deadline (see schedule below). NOTE: The Manna box is IN the band room - not to be confused with the HIA lockbox in Mr. C's office.

It's so easy - 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 outside Mr. C's office 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 private lessons, the band banquet or next year's fees.

Manna 2011-2012 Order/Pick-up Deadlines

Order placed online, check in Manna box by 3 pm on Wednesday:	Pick up in front of band room on Wednesdays, unless noted	Pick Up Times	
September 7	September 14	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
October 5	Thursday, October 13	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
November 2	November 9	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
December 7	December 14	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
January 4	January 11	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
February 1	February 8	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
March 7	March 14	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
April 4	April 11	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
May 2	May 9	2:45 to 3:15 p.m.	6 to 6:30 p.m.
June 6	June 13	11:30 a.m. to noon	6 to 6:30 p.m.

APPLAUSE TO OUR PICNIC VOLUNTEERS!

Joanell Hoijer, Gail Guglietta, Jocelyn Lapid • Picnic Coordinators



Many thanks to all who volunteered at the Picnic Preview! Such an event could not be successful without so many helping hands. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the parents had their opportunity to march this season's drill.

Thanks to our flexible hotdog "boilers": Gary Birschbach, Bill Hoijer and Peter Guglietta. The kitchen crew was simply awesome! From set-up to wrapping to serving & running, we had incredible volunteers who starting helping and knew exactly how to make things run smoothly. It was a pleasure to work with Karen Schumann, Kristine Lundgren, Chris & Owen McGovern, Linda Fredrick, Margaret & Jeff Tobias, Cathy Heuck, Sharon Swanson, Andrea Wojciechowski, Eileen Carillo, Katherine & Tim Mikkelson, Ann & Tom Ziegenhorn, Duana Cleveland, Toni Fuller, Sherrie Grischow, Laura Hynes, Janice Casagrande, Laura Polfuss, Sheila Finnegan, Ken Spychala, Sigrid Sraub, Kristine Klingner, Susan Andolfi, and Cindy O'Donnell.

And thanks to the many volunteers that returned to help with clean up—you all were fantastic. Everyone kept working until the cafeteria & kitchen sparkled better than when we arrived.

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Gail Guglietta and Jocelyn Lapid who are awesome co-chairs and wonderful to work with while planning this fun event to kick-off our band year!

THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU

Cudos to The Burke's for purchasing the Utility cart for the band.

Cudos to the Guglietta family & the Straub family for the donation of 2 new couches for the band room

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SPONSORSHIP

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair



Enclosed in this newsletter is the 2011/12 HIA Sponsorship Form, found on page 7. I hope that you will all consider becoming a band sponsor this year. The sponsorship program assists the HIA in providing music camp scholarships to students, purchasing needed equipment and instruments, sponsoring learning opportunities for all students, hosting family and student events and funding various band programs. All students benefit from this very important fundraiser.

As a sponsor of the band you will receive **free admission** to all the band concerts throughout the year based on the sponsorship level you select. This is a fantastic saving to all families! This is your opportunity to become a sponsor and participate in the growth of the Hersey Band Program! Sponsorship contributions are accepted throughout the year. If you have any questions please contact Jill Birschbach at gjbirsch@comcast.net.



2011-2012 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 2012 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 gibirsch@comcast.net. Confirmation of your donation will be e-mailed to you unless otherwise indicated:

I would prefer my to receive my confirmation in the mail

2010-2011 JHHS Band Calendar

September

9	Home Football	5:15pm Report
10	Lake Park Lancer Joust	10 am to 11 pm
Week of 9/12	IMEA Pre-Auditions begin (select students)	
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 & II to Purdue	
25 - 28	IMEA All State at Peoria	
29	Steel Bands to Mt. Prospect	

February

4	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All Day/ Late Evening
4	Percussion to Vandercook	All Day
15	Symphonic Band Festival @ BGHS	7: 30 pm
25	Jazz I & II to Jazz in the Meadows	All Day/ Late Evening
27	2 nd semester auditions begin	

2010-2011 JHHS Band Calendar (continued)

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/Evening
18	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hersey	3 – 9 pm

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

3	Graduation	
8	Last Day of School	

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

Band Directory will soon be Updated

A new login is already activated
(info sent to all subscribers)

Remember to LOGOUT !!