



Take Note

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The Good News and the Bad News of Lake Park

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande

Congratulations on a great preliminary performance at the recent Lake Park Marching Band competition. We proved that our band could perform at a high level and pull off a great show that was entertaining to many. Unfortunately, despite good energy, the band did not perform as well in the evening. Hopefully, we learned that the correct mindset and approach can make a huge difference in our performance and that we need to approach performances with the correct balance of passion and focus.

Every detail matters in our performances. Students worked extremely hard throughout the day and I was particularly proud of our support of Shea Anderluh, who couldn't be with us. We look forward to the Prospect show on October 3!

THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARENTS THAT HAVE HELPED THE BEGINNING OF OUR YEAR RUN SMOOTHLY! There has already been countless hours put in by our outstanding parent group.

Making a Difference

President's Message • Jill Birschbach

Once again we have a fantastic group of students and parents involved in the Hersey band program. I feel very fortunate to be a part of such an amazing organization.

Your students have been working very hard since band camp in August, and already have one marching competition under their belts! Congratulations to the band for making it to finals at the Lake Park Competition on Saturday! Also thank you to all the volunteers who chaperoned, set up equipment, provided food and made sure that the band looked great! We couldn't do this with out all of your help! Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer the band on. You truly make a difference!

Remember to come and support the band at the home football games. I look forward to seeing the band perform at the Prospect Competition on October 3, and at the University of Illinois Festival on October 17. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the competitions so please mark your calendars. You don't want to miss either of these spectacular performances! Look for information on the Fan Bus to U of I in this newsletter.

Thank you to the many volunteers who have helped with any aspect of Marching Band. Your willingness to lend a hand at band camp, home football game performances, helping with uniforms and pitching in to organize details make this program possible. Thanks for all that you do! As always, if you have any questions or concerns please call or e-mail me. I hope to see you at the upcoming games and competitions.

Visit our new and improved website:

www.herseyband.com

Calendars, photos, archived newsletters and more!

FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS

Sheri Hess ♦ HIA Vice President

September has been a very busy month and October promises to be even busier! Please help me in thanking all our fabulous volunteers who give so graciously of their time and talents so our kids can be successful. They couldn't and wouldn't want to do it without you!

THANK YOU FOR...

Printing the dot books: **Mike Price**

Volunteering during the last 2 football games including:

Chaperoning – **Mary Scott, JoAnne Mullen-Muhr, Cathy Busse, Sally Cleveland, Lois Melkovitz and Amy Stomper**

Providing yummy 3rd quarter snacks – **Betsy Yager, Denise Dawson, Nancy Beidleman (twice!), Jenny McEntire, Peggy Cusick, JoAnne Mullen-Muhr and Mary Jacks**

Being fantastic hydration specialists – a special thank you to organizers **Joanell & Bill Hoijer** and volunteer helpers: **Rick Johnson, Genie Menzia, Susan Mazzarella**

Equipment moving team (*football games and Lake Park*) – a special thank you to organizer and volunteer mover **Paul Swanson** and his great team: **Mike Nocita, Randy Hess, Jeff & Mary Bayer, Tim Menzia, Jeff Korleski, Bill Gaske, Mark Santry, Kevin Crowe and Bryan Coussens**

Being our VERY lovely and most patient uniform moms (*footballs games and Lake Park*): **Lorrie Ellison and Kelly Nyquist**

In addition, thank you to **ALL the parents** who **distributed gloves** and **helped check uniforms** before and after the halftime shows. Many hands make quick efficient work!

Taking video/photos during football games and Lake Park: **Denis Jones and Greg Holz**

Chaperoning at Lake Park: **Mary Holada, Barb Swanke, Kelly O'Neil, Dirk Huntley, Paul Marusek, Lois Melkovitz, Cathy Busse** and a special thank you to **Noreen Coussens** for organizing the chaperones and being a chaperone

Baking delicious cookies for the ride home from Lake Park: **Holly Anderson**

Organizing the HIA calling tree: **Teresa & Greg Holz**

Many thanks to all volunteers and those behind the scenes who may not be mentioned here. It truly takes an army of volunteers to keep this organization running smoothly. THANK YOU!

AUDITIONS LOOMING...

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Audition dates for ALL band members(after school/early evening):

- 10/26** Clarinets
- 10/27** Flutes
- 10/28** Bass Clarinets and Horns
- 10/29** Saxophones
- 10/30** Trumpets - 1 pm
- 11/2** Percussion - 10 am
Trombones - 11am
- 11/3** Baritones and Tubas
- 11/4** Oboes and Bassoons

The audition will consist of an etude excerpt, music excerpt, the scale sheet and sight reading. The etudes and scales have been available since the beginning of September.

Students will need considerable practice time to prepare these items. Be sure to take them to your private lessons and get some help. Good luck!

PROSPECT SCHEDULE, OCTOBER 3

Mr. Casagrande ♦ Director

Here is the TENTATIVE schedule for the day for the Prospect competition:

- 3 pm** Report for rehearsal
- 5:30** Load trucks, eat dinner, load buses
- 6:30** Depart
- 6:45** Arrive and watch Glenbrook South, Warren
- 7:30** Change to uniforms
- 8:15** Move to warm-up
- 8:30** Warm-up
- 9:15** Perform
- 10:15** Awards
- 10:40** Depart
- 11** Arrive at Hersey

U OF I PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17 for the University of Illinois Marching Festival. The Marching Huskies will be participating in both the parade and field show competitions. The day's schedule is not yet finalized, but we do know our performance times:

12:39 Parade performance
5:30 Field-show performance

Watch for additional details on the day's schedule via e-mail and the [Hersey Band website](#).

END OF SEASON MARCHING PARTY

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Students should mark **Wednesday, October 28** on their calendars to celebrate our marching season.

A DJ, video, pizza, cake and MANY awards are given in a very fun evening. This event will begin at 6 and end at 8:30 pm. All band members are expected to attend. Watch for more details.

SYMPHONIC BAND EVENING REHEARSALS AND VETERAN'S DAY

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Students interested in Symphonic Band should add the following very important Wednesday night Symphonic Band Rehearsals to their calendars (similar to previous years' schedules):

Date(s)	Event	Time
November 11 (Veteran's Day)	Camp	11 to 5 pm
November 18	Rehearsal	5:30 to 7 pm
December 2, 9	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
January 6, 13	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
February 3, 10	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
February 16 (Tuesday)	Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 pm
March 10, 17, 31	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
April 7, 28	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
May 7 (Friday)	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm

We will have a few clinicians work with the band and we will have sectionals on these evenings in preparation for our February concert, Chicagoland Band Festival in April and our tentative Superstate performance in May.

FROM THE TREASURER

Cathy Busse • HIA Treasurer

You can now obtain student account balances directly from the Hersey Band website. Just go to the herseyband.com website, click on Account Login (on the left). Put in your student ID number. The password is herseyband. The student balance will appear.

Remember, negative balances indicate funds available for you to use for band activities, positive balances indicate funds owed the HIA. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

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

The September Manna program got off to a great start with 23 families placing over \$15,000 in total orders. This added \$416 to the student accounts – basically free money for doing everyday shopping. If you haven't participated in Manna yet, here is what you need to know about this 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 hundreds of vendors including local stores such as Jewel, Dominicks, Subway, Home Depot and Dunkin Donuts as well as restaurants, hotels and even Visa gift cards. Visit www.mannagroup.net to see a complete listing. 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 HIA general fund (30%) and your student's band account (70%). The funds in this account can be used by YOU for any band expenses.

Ordering is done online. To place your first order, please contact Laura Hynes to receive your password and instructions. Once you have placed your order, submit a check payable to HIA in the Manna mailbox. If you would prefer to deliver a check directly to Laura Hynes ahead of time, please contact her. The next ordering/check deadline is **Wednesday, October 7 at 3 p.m.** Pick up will be on Thursday, October 15. If you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs listed above.

COLOR GUARD NOTEBOOK

Jim Rheingruber • Color Guard Parent

Last month I told you that I would introduce the Color Guard for this fall season. And here they are!

Seniors: Sam Evans, Anamaria Hernandez, Katie Rheingruber (captain), Hope Sheil, Heather Swanke (captain)

Juniors: Tyler Aldin, Rhonda Bolker, Lina Chervak, Emily Loeffler, Juliette Makara (captain), Sara Sabet, Megan Tran

Sophomores: Ashley Holada, Cassie Pinto, Grace Sinopoli

Freshmen: Vicky Clemens, Shelby Hoffman, Natalie Karasinska, Taylor Pitcher, Alexis Smith, Rachel Thompson, Sally Tran

We have 10 new members, bringing the total to 22! I'm sure you've noticed at the performances that the added members help fill the field with color.

The girls are busy practicing as much as they can. They always seem to be learning new choreography and movement. They have regular Monday practice, Wednesday with the band, and they are even devoting their lunch hours to practice.

The returning staff includes: Angela Majetic (coach), Peter LePage (choreographer), and Paul Wiercioch who is the visuals coordinator for the marching band. It's really nice to have the same staff two years in a row.

You may have noticed that the girl's costumes seem to be kind of drab. That's because the costumes haven't come in yet and they have to make do with plain matching outfits! We're hoping to see them soon. They're really pretty, and will add even more visual effect to the show. At least the new silks (the flags) are in, and I think they look great.

We'll see you at the next performance!

CHEESECAKE SALE

Susan Mazzarella
 Sherrie Grischow
 Madeline Makara

CHEESECAKE! It's what's for dessert!

The Gourmet's Delight Cheesecake Sale had been scheduled for an October kick off. The dates are as follow:

October 19 Sale starts with distribution of flyers and free samples to students.
 Color Guard will be notified separately of their kick off time.

November 4 Sale ends. Orders due.

November 19 Pick up day. Cheesecakes will be distributed from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the back of the school. They **must be picked up that day** since they are frozen and there is not storage available.

Sales Facts:

- These are restaurant quality cheesecakes that come pre-sliced, so it is easy to thaw single pieces and leave the remainder frozen
- There are 13 different flavors, plus the Variety, which features 7 different flavors
- Our earnings on each cake are \$5.50; \$4.00 goes to the students' accounts and \$1.50 to HIA General Fund

Checks should be made payable to "HIA." Orders are to be placed in Mr. C's lockbox. Please **DO NOT** put cheesecake orders in the **MANNA** box.

Volunteers are needed about 11 a.m. on 10/19 to pass out cheesecake samples and November 19 between the hours of 3 and 6:30 p.m. to help unload the truck, pack orders and/or check orders upon pick up. If you can help at all during these timeframes, please let us know. Any and all time you can help is welcome. If you do not receive your cheesecake order from or have any questions, please contact us

UPDATE: FAN BUS TO U OF I

Linda Takei • Fan Bus Organizer

At this time, the fan bus is full. There is a waiting list, but if you are still interested, please let me know and I will add you to the list. Seats DO often become available as people's plans change.

2009-2010 Band Calendar

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

September		
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
19	Cheesecake sale begins	
23	Last Home Football Report Senior Night	6 pm
26	Concert/Symphonic Auditions begin	
28	Marching Party	6 to 8:30 pm
November		
4	Cheesecake orders due	
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
11 (Veteran's Day)	Symphonic Band Camp	11 to 5 pm
	Manna pick up day	6 to 6:30 pm
14	District 7 Jazz Festival (select)	All day
18	First PM Symphonic Rehearsal	5:30 to 7 pm
19	Cheesecake pick up	4 to 6:30 pm
21	IMEA District 7 Music Festival (select)	All day
24	Jazz Night Club Concert (Jazz I and II)	7:30 pm
December		
2	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
18	Holiday School Assembly	9 am
January		
4	Classes Resume	
6	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
12	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
13	Manna pick up day	2:45 to 3:15 or 6 to 6:30 pm
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
22-23	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
27-30	IMEA All-State to Peoria (select)	
February		
3	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm

2009-2010 Band Calendar (continued)

February		
16	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6 to 8:30 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
	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
17	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
20-28	Spring Break	
29	Classes Resume	
31	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
April		
7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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
28	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
May		
1	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day to evening
7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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	