

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		Time
30	Homecoming Football Game	Report 5:15 pm
October dates		Time
6	Home Football	Report 5:15 pm
8	Prospect Knight of Champions	3 to 11 pm
10	Columbus Day Rehearsal	1 to 6pm
12	IMEA District 7 Band Auditions (select students)	
	No Wednesday PM Rehearsal	
13	Thursday PM Rehearsal	6 to 8:30pm
	Evening Rehearsal Schedule	
	-Percussion Battery	3-5, 6-8:30
	-Percussion Front Line	5-8:30pm
	-Brass & Woodwinds	6-8:30pm
22	U of I Marching Festival	All day-late PM
26	Marching Season Party	6pm - 8:30pm
31	Auditions begin	See article p.4
November dates		Time
8	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm

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LOCATE IMPORTANT INFO...at a glance

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Congratulations on a great Lake Park performance!

Director's Message • Mr. Casagrande



One of the season's goals discussed on the very first day of band camp was to perform at a level allowing our selection to participate in Finals at the Lake Park Marching Contest. Although there were a few more mental errors in the evening, this performance was inspired and I thought that everyone did a wonderful job. Of particular note, was the **DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT** in the **PERCUSSION SECTION** and **GUARD** over the last week of rehearsal. We had an excellent day, placing ahead of many programs that spend considerably more money on their show and practice anywhere from 10-15 hours more per week than our program. We have an excellent show, excellent staff, great student leaders, supportive parents and motivated students **AGAIN** this year. **THANKS TO ALL OF THE PARENTS THAT HAVE HELPED THE BEGINNING OF OUR YEAR RUN SMOOTHLY! We are off to a great start and I look forward to Prospect's upcoming weekend.....**



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: Joanell Hoijer

Thanks for making a difference!

President's Message • Genie Menzia

Congratulations to the band for making it to the finals at the Lake Park competition. The band has made remarkable progress in such a short period of time... each performance gets better and better. We can't wait for the next one.

It was such a pleasure to spend the night with both new and old friends at Lake Park. We couldn't have asked for a prettier night. According to both students and parents, the color orange dominated the stands. This kind of support means everything to the kids, and to a successful music program.

Be sure to come and support the band at the home games and competitions. Remember to wear orange, be loud, be proud, and support your Marching Huskies. Your presence makes a difference. Upcoming competitions are on the following days: Saturday, October 8th, and Saturday, October 22.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me, or one of the other board members.

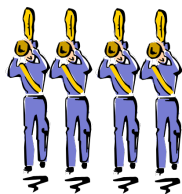
March On

PROSPECT KNIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

Mr. Casagrande • Director

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

October 8th



2:30pm	Section leaders report
3:00pm	Band report time
6:30pm	Load trucks, eat dinner and change into uniform
7:30pm	Depart Hersey
7:45pm	Arrive
8:00pm	Move to warmup
8:15pm	Warmup
9:15pm	PERFORMANCE
10:00pm	Awards Ceremony
10:30pm	Depart Prospect
10:45pm	Arrive at Hersey

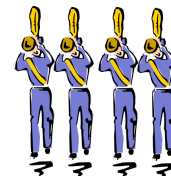
MARCHING ILLINI FESTIVAL

Mr. Casagrande • Director

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

October 22nd

9:30am	Students Report
11:30am	Load trucks and eat lunch at JHHS
12:30pm	Depart Hersey
3:30pm	Arrive in Champaign and watch bands
5:30pm	Eat Dinner - alumni welcome
6:30pm	Warmup
7:28pm	PERFORMANCE
8:10pm	Marching Illini Performance
8:45pm	Awards Ceremony
9:30pm	Depart
Midnight	Arrive at JHHS



Thanks for lending a hand...

Peggy Cusuck • Vice President



Sincere thanks to all who generously gave their time during the month of September.

SEPTEMBER FOOTBALL GAMES

Uniform Organizers: Lorrie Ellison, Cathy Buffa, and Kathy Smigiel

Pre-Game Uniform Volunteers and Chaperones: Angela Ashley, Pam Berg, Chuck Frankiewicz, Teri Frankiewicz, June Lingner, George Milanez and Karen Schumann

Half-Time Uniform Volunteers: Susan Andolfi, Pam Berg, Carla Cunningham, Kevin Feltes, Sheila Finnegan, Denise Huff, Beth Jabek, Tina Kapinos, Mary Kasper, Lisa Kuntz, June Lingner, Cheryl Lindholm, Mike Lindholm, Jan Nocita, Ken Spsychala and Jane Treppa

Third Quarter Snacks Providers: Eileen Carrillo, Chuck Frankiewicz, Dan/Linda Koutris, Jewel Kanai, Malgorzata Kuczek, Cheryl Lindholm, Cindy O'Donnell, Laura Polfuss, Cindy O'Donnell, Mary Santry, Karen Schumann and Sigrid Straub

Hydration Specialists: Bill Hoijer & Joanel Hoijer, Susan Andolfi, Larry Glassman, Sue Milanez, Ken Spsychala and Jane Treppa

Equipment Movers: Paul Swanson, Leo Andolfi, Kevin Ashley, Dave Cusick, Peter Guglietta, Dave Heuck, Rick Johnson, Dan Koutris, June Lingner, Tim Menzia, Tim Nemmer, Dan Polfuss, Tom Powers, Nelly Ramirez, Mark Santry and Ken Spsychala

Videographers & Photographers: Denis Jones and Patrick Burke

LAKE PARK LANCER JOUST

Lunch/Dinner Volunteers: Shaun Marusek, Janet Landeweer, Joyce Stenzel, Patrice Feltes, & Margaret Tobias

Uniform Moms: Lorrie Ellison, Cathy Buffa, and Kathy Smigiel, and Denise Huff

Chaperones: Jocelyn Lapid, Gail Guglietta, Mary Holada, Denis Jones, Barb Roznai, Joe Roznai, George Milanez and Caryn Skebelsky

Roadies: Paul Swanson, Kevin Ashley, Peter Guglietta, Rick Johnson, John Kapinos, Dan Koutris, June Lingner, Tim Menzia, and Ken Spsychala

Videographers & Photographers: Denis Jones and Patrick Burke

Providing scrumptious home baked cookies: Holly Anderson

HIA CALLING TREE

Calling Tree Volunteers: Carla Cunningham, Shelia Finnegan, Laura Havel, Denise Huff, Chris McGovern, Katherine Mikkelson, Jan Nocita, Julie Powers, Karen Schumann, Caryn Skebelsky, Ken Spsychala, Sigrid Straub, Jane Treppa, Carrie Voltz, Walter Zattera and Anne Ziegenhorn

Many thanks to those behind the scenes who may have not been mentioned; we couldn't have done it without you.

It's not too late...

If you haven't had a chance to volunteer yet, or if you want to submit a new form indicating your volunteer preferences, go to www.herseyband.com, click on the "Resources" (on the left hand side) and complete either the online form or download a hard copy of the volunteer form

END OF SEASON MARCHING PARTY

Mr. Casagrande • Director

Students should mark **Wednesday, October 26th** on their calendar 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 6pm. All band members are expected to attend.

FAN BUS TO U OF I

Cindy Jones • Fan Bus Coordinator

Interested in hitching' a ride to see the Marching Huskies compete, and enjoy some tailgating & great camaraderie?

Please send your request to Cindy Jones through the band email:
herseybandinfo@hersevband.com

Seats are \$30



Auditions looming.....

Mr. Casagrande • Director

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

- Tues. 11/1 Flutes**
- Wed. 11/2 Clarinets**
- Thurs. 11/3 Saxophones/Bass Clar's**
- Fri. 11/4 Trumpets**
- Mon. 11/7 Percussion/Tuba/French Horn**
- Tues. 11/8 Trombone/Baritone**
- Wed. 11/9 Oboe/Bassoon**



The audition will consist of a music excerpt, the scale sheet and sight reading. The etudes and scales have been available since the first week of school. Students will need considerable practice time to prepare these items. Be sure to take them to your private lessons and get some help. This is the largest grade of the semester for all students. An additional audition will be held in March. Good luck!

Symphonic Band Evening Rehearsals and Vet 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' schedule):

Date(s)	Event	Time
November 11 (Veteran's Day)	Camp	9 am to 5 pm
November 16	Rehearsal	5:30 to 7 pm
November 30	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
December 7	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
January 4, 11, 25	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
February 1, 8	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
February 14 (Tuesday)	Rehearsal	6 to 8:30pm
February 22, 29	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
March 14, 21	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
April 4	Rehearsal	5:30 to 7 pm
April 11, 25	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm
May 2	Rehearsal	6:30 to 8:30pm

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.

A Note from the Treasurer

Tami Johnson • Treasurer

The first student account statements will be going out via email in the next few weeks. If you don't receive anything please contact me so I can verify email information. Remember a negative balance indicates funds available to use. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: herseyband@gmail.com with any questions.



MANNA GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

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

The September Manna program got off to a great start with 19 families (including many freshman parents) placing almost \$10,000 in total orders. This added \$350 to those 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, 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 HIA general fund (30%) and your student's band account (70%). The funds in this account can be used by YOU for any band fee or private lesson. To place your first order contact Laura Hynes (herseybandinfo@herseyband.com) to receive your password/participant code along with some simple instructions.

Once you have placed your order online, 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 5 at 3:00 p.m.** Pick up will be on Thursday, October 13. If you have any questions about the Manna program, please contact one of the co-chairs listed above.

SPONSORSHIP

Jill Birschbach • Project Chair



Thank you to the 59 families and friends who have already sponsored the Hersey Band Program. Your sponsorship along with your continued support of the other fund raising activities contribute greatly to the growth and success of the band program. **It's not too late** to become a sponsor, please see the sponsorship form included in this newsletter. Remember, as band sponsor, you and your family will receive entry into all the concerts throughout the year.

Orchestra Hall Concert Update

Mr. Casagrande • Director

The Symphonic Band will definitely be performing with the Hersey Choir and Symphonic Orchestra at Orchestra Hall in the Chicago Symphony Center highlighting our commission from composer Steven Bryant on Friday night, March 16. To date, the Concert/Cadet band will TENTATIVELY be performing on this concert, as well. There will be a small charge for this concert and admission will be free for all immediate families of students.

MAGAZINE DRIVE

Tina Kapinos • Magazine Chair



The HIA magazine drive ended Monday, September 12, with students selling more than \$2,000 in subscriptions, raising \$1,053.60 for HIA and students' accounts. Total sales since Aug. 23: \$2,892

Remember, you can raise money for your students' accounts year-round by buying or renewing magazine subscriptions online through QSP. Simply go to QSP.com, use our school code--1081899--and then follow the directions online. Remember to indicate the name of the student who should receive credit for the order. And don't forget to pass the code along to friends and family members.

Students receive 30 percent of their total magazine sales through QSP, while HIA earns an additional 10 percent. So if you order \$100 worth of magazines, \$10 will go to HIA and \$30 will go into your student's personal account. What an easy way to raise money for band fees or private lessons!

Questions? Contact Magazine Drive Chair Tina Kapinos at tina@kapinos.com or [847-308-6554](tel:847-308-6554).

CHEESECAKE SALE

Sherrie Grischow • Laurie Drake • Eileen Carillo

Looking for a good dessert or hostess gift for Thanksgiving? Why give the same old gifts at the holidays? How about something decadent, delicious, and different instead? Or, do you just want to enjoy a delightful and delectable treat? Look no further – the Band Cheesecake Sale is here to help! Our Gourmet's Delight Cheesecake Sale is scheduled to kick-off on October 24 - following the University of Illinois Marching Festival.

New to band or color guard? Here are some sales facts:

- Cheesecakes come frozen and will keep for up to 6 months.
- You can thaw an entire cheesecake and refreeze the remainder to enjoy another time.
- These are restaurant quality cheesecakes that come pre-sliced into 14 restaurant size pieces. It is easy to thaw single pieces and leave the remainder frozen.
- There are 13 different flavors of cheesecakes, plus the Variety cheesecake which features 7 different flavors.

The profit on each cheesecake is \$5.50 - \$4.00 goes directly to student accounts and \$1.50 to the HIA General Fund.

The dates of the sale are:

October 24 Sale starts with samples to the students and distribution of flyers for the sale. Color Guard will be notified separately of their kick-off time.

November 2 Sale ends. Orders due.

November 17 Pick-Up Day. Cheesecakes can be picked up from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the back of the school. They **must be picked up that day** since they are frozen and no storage is available.

Checks should be made payable to "HIA". Please also include your student's name in the memo section of each check. Orders should be placed in Mr. C's lockbox. Please **DO NOT** put cheesecake orders in the **MANNA** box.

Volunteers are needed about 11:00 AM on October 24 to pass out cheesecake samples and **November 17** between the hours of 3:00 and 6:30 PM to help unload the truck, pack orders and/or check orders upon pick-up. If you can help at all during these times, please let us know. Any help that you can give during these times is very much appreciated. We are still looking for a Color Guard parent who would be willing to join us.



Please be sure to ask your student for the cheesecake information and order form on **October 24th**. If you do not receive your information and order form or have any questions, please contact us.

HIA WISHLIST

The Marching Huskies are short on rain ponchos to protect their uniforms. We need to order about 25 new rain ponchos.

If you could make a contribution toward this purchase, please contact HIA via herseybandinfo@herseyband.com

Wine Tasting Event in Early 2012

The committee has begun planning for this fundraiser and will be soon soliciting donations.

- *Do you have any business connections that would contribute a donation for this event, the raffle or silent auction?*
- *Would you like to make any type of contribution/donation to this event?*
- *Please contact us via the band email: herseybandinfo@herseyband.com*



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, 1/2 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*

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

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 my to receive my confirmation in the mail

Band Calendar 2011-2012

September		
30	Homecoming Football Game	5:30 pm
October		
6	Home Football Game	5:15 pm
8	Prospect - Knight of Champions	3-11 pm
10	Rehearsal	1-6 pm
12	No Wednesday night rehearsal IMEA District VII Auditions (select)	
13 (Thursday)	Rehearsal	6-8:30 pm
22	University of Illinois - Marching Illini Festival	TBA (late AM-late PM)
26	Marching Party	
31	Auditions begin (See Mr. C's article for exact dates)	
November		
8	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
11	Symphonic Band Camp	9 am-5 pm
12	IMEA District VII Music Festival (select)	All Day
16	First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	5:30-7pm
19	District VII Jazz Festival (select)	All Day
22	Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz I & II w/DePaul Alumni Band	7:30 pm
December		
2	Dress Rehearsal	3-5 pm
4	Holiday Concert	1 and 3 pm
5	District Concerto Competition (select)	
16	Holiday School Assembly	9 am
January		
2	Class resumes	
10	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
20&21	Jazz I and II to Purdue	
25-28	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select)	
29	Steel Bands to Mt. Prospect Library	
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 and II to Jazz in the Meadows	All day/early evening
27	2 nd semester auditions begin	
March		
6	Concert Band Festival @ BGHS	7:30 pm
8	D214 Honors Music Festival @ Forest View (select)	7:30 pm
13	HIA General Meeting	7:30 pm
16	SYMPHONIC BAND TO ORCHESTRA HALL	8pm concert
23	Spring Break begins	

Band Calendar 2011-12 (cont'd)

April		
2	Classes resume	
13	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
14	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival	All day/evening
	(will need lots of student and parent help)	
18	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hersey	3-9 pm
24	Spring Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 Concert	7:30pm
May		
5	Symphonic Band to Superstate (if selected)	All day/evening
7	Concert/Cadet Band concert w/ Thomas feeder school	7 pm
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	

I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

~Helen Keller