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From the Band Room- Mr. Massey

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Hello everyone! The school year is flying by and we are in the thick of the concert, jazz, and honor band seasons. I would like to thank all students and parents for all of their hard work this year. I would like to congratulate all band students for an outstanding performance at our holiday concert. It has worked rather nicely to have separate concerts for our concert and jazz bands. Some calendar events have changed so please check out the schedules link at the band website: www.northstarsmusic.com. Each student also received an updated calendar at school to take home. (See page 9 of the newsletter for the calendar.) This is the time of year when many students are seeking recommendations for various things. Mr. Henderson and I are always happy to write them, but please check out the information below on etiquette of this process and go through the information with your child(ren). Like always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thanks!

Student Recommendations (a teachable moment)

This is the time of year when many students seek recommendations for scholarships, camps, college admissions, and jobs. This is a teachable moment for parents and faculty to help children use mature etiquette in asking for recommendations. Please consider reviewing these tips with your child(ren). These have been adapted from guidelines used at Port Washington High School, NY.

1. Remember letters of recommendation are not entitlements; they are earned.
2. Always ask for a letter of recommendation in person
3. Provide all of the necessary information in an organized manner (and in writing)
 - A. To whom the recommendation should be written
 - B. For what purpose it is being written

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Of special interest:

- Soup and Pie Supper
- Chicago Trip
- Fundraisers
- Updated Calendar

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C. Does the reader of the recommendation provide any instructions? If so, include them.

D. What is the deadline?

E. Provide an envelope with the reader's name/address, etc.

F. If the writer is to comment on your participation, honors, awards, etc., provide a list of your participation, honors, awards, etc. (*called a curriculum vitae, or c.v.*)

4. Ask at least 2 weeks before the deadline.

(It takes time to craft a well-written recommendation that reflects the uniqueness' of the student.)

5. Ask Someone Who Knows You

6. Assess Your Behavior Now and in the Past

(Ask teachers who know you best and have seen your best efforts. Don't expect a letter if you've made little or no contributions to the class)

7. The Letter of Recommendation is Not For Your Eyes

(Sign the waiver if one is provided. Do not ask if you can see the letter. It is up to the writer to make that choice. These letters are generally confidential and should at least be sealed and most likely mailed directly by the writer.)

8. Say "Thank You!"

Mr. Massey

Pictures from the Holiday Band Concert





From the "E-Team"

Ellen Dickey and Eileen Middleton, Co-Presidents

We hope all of our band families enjoyed a happy and restful holiday season. With the start of the new semester, our concert and jazz bands are now hard at work. Be sure to check the calendar for upcoming band performances and events.

Just as our band students are hard at work, the Band Parents Organization is also working hard to make sure that we finish the year on solid financial ground. Our next fundraising event is the annual Soup & Pie Dinner on January 28th. It is important that we have the participation of all of our band families to make this event a success, so plan to come and enjoy some homemade soup and pie and stay to enjoy the music of the North High Pep Band during the Boys' Basketball game against Heelan High School.

The annual frozen food fundraiser will begin in February this year. This is a little earlier than normal, but we wanted the students to have the opportunity earn some funds for the Chicago trip. All profits from this event this year will be credited to the student trip accounts balances.

Finally, at our most recent meeting we discussed the need to replace the marching band uniforms. Our current uniforms were purchased in 2000 and are starting to show their age. This will be a major undertaking for the organization. If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you!

Ellen Dickey and Eileen Middleton





Soup and Pie Supper is January 28, 2011

NORTH VS HEELAN BOYS BASKETBALL GAME

- Sponsored by:** Band Parents Organization
- Where:** North High School Commons
- When:** Friday, January 28, 2011
- Time:** Serving from 4:00 p.m. to at least 8:00 p.m.
- Game Time:** Freshman: 4:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity: 5:45 p.m.
Varsity: 7:30 p.m.
- Cost:** \$5.00 per person
- Contact Person:** Donna Samuelson
239-2379 or Donnalynn59@gmail.com



The band will serve chicken noodle soup, chili, BBQ loose meats, pie and water. This is a fun fundraiser to help with band costs.

I need volunteers for one hour shifts. Please call me, e-mail me, or sign up in band room.

We are asking every student to donate two pies (or \$10.00 per pie). Pies may be brought to the band room, preferably the morning of the event. (Or drop pies off after school in the commons.)

Your student has received 10 tickets to sell. Suggested donation is \$35.00 if you wish not to sell. All unused tickets and money should be turned in at the dinner.

WE WILL NOT HAVE THE PANCAKE FUNDRAISER IF WE REACH OUR GOAL WITH THIS DINNER. TRY REAL HARD TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

Thank you!



Hy-Vee "School Bucks" Program Resumes

Keep in mind our band when you shop Hy-Vee. The Hy-Vee "School Bucks" program is an on-going fundraiser for us, and it is one of the easiest fundraisers we do all year! Simply save your receipts every time you shop at Hy-Vee and drop them off in the box in the band room! **The band receives \$1.00 for every \$100.00** in receipts we turn in. We can make hundreds of dollars this way. Recruit your friends and family to save their receipts, too! With the holidays approaching, your grocery bill may be larger than ever, so make sure you save them and get them turned in!



Save Your Printer Cartridges!

When your desk printer runs out of ink, don't throw away the empty cartridge! Instead, donate those cartridges to the band and they will be turned in for cash. Simply bring them to the band room and place them in the designated box.





JAZZ BAND CONCERT SET FOR JANUARY 20

Plan to join us for the Jazz Band Concert that will be held in the North High Auditorium on Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. The jazz bands have been hard at work preparing music for the upcoming jazz season, so here is your chance to hear all the great music and enjoy a fine evening of jazz!



NORTH HIGH WINTER BAND CONCERT IS MARCH 3!

Mark you calendars and plan to attend the North High School band concert on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the North High Auditorium.





Fundraisers and Your Student's Trip Account

Fundraisers are important to the Band and are also beneficial to the Band member. For all monies raised by the student, a portion of it is applied to the student's trip account. The money in the student's trip account is usually applied to the cost of the trip that the Band takes every 2 years.

In general, the student receives credit for 10% of the profit of any fundraiser into their account. Say a student sells \$200 of magazine subscriptions. The Band Parents Organization receives 40% of the gross sales. Of that 40%, the student is credited with 10% into their trip account. That amount in this instance is \$8.00. So over the course of the 2 years between trips, each band member can significantly defray the cost of their portion of the trip. I have seen student's accounts where they have raised enough funds that no money had to be added to their account in order to pay for their portion of the trip. In other words, [a free trip!](#)

I hope I have shed some additional light on how fundraisers are important, not to just the Band, but how it can help the band member also.

Your Co-Treasurer,

Doug Cunningham





Chicago Music Department Trip

SIoux CITY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL BAND, CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
KEVIN MASSEY, MARK HENDERSON – BAND DIRECTORS
KATY ECKES – CHOIR DIRECTOR
SUZANNE SVITAK - ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR
DESTINATION – CHICAGO, IL
DATES: MAY 25-MAY 29, 2011

The music department trip will be here before you know it. This will be an exciting trip for all of our music students who have worked so hard and been so successful this past school year. A variety of activities are planned, including a baseball game, a tour of the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower), music clinics, shopping, eating, performances, more eating, more fun and more eating!

The upcoming frozen food fundraiser is very important because the money your child raises goes directly into his or her trip account. (See the previous article on fundraisers and your students trip account, reprinted from November's newsletter.

If you have more questions, please contact Katy Eckes in the vocal music department or talk to Mr. Massey. Your first payment was due January 15, so if you have not submitted your funds, please do so as soon as possible.

More information will be coming over the next few months.





JANUARY 2011

- 20 North Jazz Band Concert—7:00 p.m. North High School Auditorium
- 22 Jazz I Rehearsal 7:30-10:00 a.m. (possible clinic)
- 25 All City Middle School Festival at North High School—All day with evening concert with Mr. Massey conducting
- 27 Pep Band—GB vs. Heelan—Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Jazz I rehearsal 7:30—9:00 a.m. - Performance at Northern Hill Retirement Home at 10:30 a.m.



FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 Frozen Food Fundraiser Kick-off during band classes
- 2 North West Iowa District Jazz Festival at the Sioux City Convention Center
- 3 Jazz 1 performance at Briar Cliff University for Black History Month—12:00—1:00 p.m.
- 10 Pep Band—GB vs SC East—Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Morningside College Jazz Festival (slight possibility this may be moved to 2/11)
- 15 Pep Band—BB vs. S. Sioux—Meet at 6:30 p.m.
- 19 The Indianola Jazz Encounter @ Indianola Iowa
- 22 Lewis and Clark Jazz Festival at W.I.T.



MARCH 2011

- 1 All-City Honor Band at West
- 3 Winter Band Concert North High School Auditorium—7:00 p.m.
- 12 Bellevue East Jazz Festival in Omaha
- 17 USD Jazz Festival in Vermillion, SD
- 19 Briar Cliff Honors Jazz Band at Briar Cliff
- 21 All-Conference Honor Band at CBAL
- 24-26 NHS Musical



APRIL 2011

- 5 Jazz I Performance at North Middle Pie Night (Jazz I only)
- 9 State Solo/Ensemble Contest
- 12 Iowa Jazz Championships in Des Moines (must qualify)
- 28 Jazz Concert at Shrine—7:00 p.m.



MAY 2011

- 7 State Large Group Concert Band Contest in Sloan (working to raise transportation funds so we can attend)
- 11-14 IBA/ All State Jazz Band in Des Moines
- 17 Band Awards Concert—North High School Auditorium—7:00 p.m.
- 23 Graduation—7:00 p.m.
- 25—29 Chicago Music Department Trip



***All dates and times subject to change**



Northwest Iowa Honor Band Concert held January 8

The following students participated in Northwest Iowa Honor Band concert on January 8 at Eppley Auditorium on the campus of Morningside College.

2010 Northwest Iowa Honor Band

- John Dickey - Grade 12 - Trumpet - 2nd part
- Ryan Middleton - Grade 12 - Tenor Sax - 1st chair
- Annie Reiva - Grade 12 - Oboe - 1st chair
- Dana Sly - Grade 12 - Tuba - 1st chair
- Malena Carr - Grade 11 - Flute - 1st part
- Issa Ford - Grade 11 - Trumpet - 2nd part
- Jacob Kaplan - Grade 11 - Trombone - 1st part
- Zach Richardson - Grade 11 - Alto Sax - 2nd part
- Amy Samuelson - Grade 11 - Clarinet - 2nd chair
- Neil Vezeau - Grade 11 - Percussion - 1st chair
- Catherine Lippke - Grade 10 - Flute - 2nd chair
- Andrew Teutsch - Grade 10 - Trumpet - 3rd part
- Nick Marino - Grade 9 - Trumpet - 3rd part





Congratulations to the North High Color Guard!

Congratulations to the *North High Color Guard (Winter Guard)* for placing **second** at the Iowa State Dance and Color Guard Competition held in Des Moines on December 3rd. They performed to Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" and did an awesome job. Their performance will be televised on Saturday, February 5 at 8:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. on Iowa Public Television. Way to go, girls!

Winter Color Guard members are:

- Caitlyn Beck
- Haley Clark
- Elise Hawkinson
- Hannah Helseth
- Karlee Hinrichsen
- Emily Jensen, Captain
- Alexis Kasdorf
- Sarah Kelly, Captain
- Jenna Lee
- Catherine Lippke
- Kelsey Mc Cann
- Megan Mc Cann



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and we will include it in our newsletter. Please have your article written and make sure it includes all necessary information such as contact person, email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Thank you!

Cindy Lippke

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