

# TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER

## Thanks for the help this summer!

To say that parents “stepped up” this summer would be a grave understatement. THANKS TO ALL that stepped up in some way big or small, to enable our students to have a band camp experience and continue to perform music TOGETHER. From our bell cover sewers to our dinner volunteers, you were greatly appreciated. In particular, our HIA Executive Board was extremely helpful in emergency situations with getting checks signed and out to vendors for masks and bell covers, as well as countless other “last minute” tasks. You are appreciated!

## BAND CAMP

I am so proud of how our students and marching staff accepted our new reality and were flexible to wear masks, bell covers, deal with the daily health screenings, learn to keep their new ‘social bubble’ of six feet and keep a positive attitude. They sound great! I look forward to improving their playing stamina so we can last longer playing without getting tired too early. Thanks for making this band camp memorable and a positive experience.

Of course congrats to the Drumline section for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in our **annual Sectional Olympics**, due to their win in the Basics Bowl, as well as several other competitions. In addition, congrats to the Saxes and Flutes for their respective 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes. This was a great diversion and fun together both online and in-person.

## Preview Concert and Upcoming Performances!

The band camp preview concert was a great night, as always, despite our conditions. THANK YOU to families for being cooperative with our guidelines, which will enable us to perform in the future (see the calendar). Your genuine enthusiasm was much appreciated! PLEASE keep that enthusiasm for our great kids coming in future performances! We hope that everyone enjoyed the insight into what we do last Saturday. When students hear your voices and applause at our performances, they are more confident and they become more excited about our performances. We really need your help! We are off to a great start!





## Upcoming Marching and JAZZ Performances

We have three home performances scheduled on 9/11, 10/2 and 10/16. These are spaced nicely through our season and you will see significant changes to our show from one performance to the next. Please fill our stands again to support our kids! IN ADDITION, we are still planning a Virtual performance for a Bands of America judging panel as well as a D214 Marching Showcase. I will keep you posted as more info becomes available. We are considering DRIVE-IN CONCERTS for the jazz ensembles at periodic times through the fall in our parking lots at night – a fun twist to accommodate our current situation. LASTLY – we are exploring sharing our Friday night performances with other music groups. More info to follow.

## Jazz Ensemble Update

**Jazz Ensemble 1** will hold their normal 8<sup>th</sup> hour virtual class and will be responsible for weekly assignments. We will have one weekly rehearsal outside on Thursday nights from 6:15-7:30 (including the health screening) and beginning on September 3.

**Jazz Ensemble 2** will begin Thursday Sept 10, 7:45-9:15pm (including health screening). Mr. Neil Carson will again be teaching our Jazz Ensemble 2 this year. He provided some extremely creative and energetic instruction last year, and I know this will again be the case this year. In addition to being one of the top jazz calls in the city, he is a fantastic, caring teacher.

**ALL:** Thursday nights will continue until the weather changes. Be sure to check the calendar for all of the jazz ensemble concerts in November, January, February and April – they will be updated as things change to accommodate our current pandemic. Any known conflicts with ANY jazz rehearsal should be shared ASAP with Mr. C (and Mr. Carson with Jazz 2).

### **DRIVE IN CONCERTS**

We are exploring Jazz Concerts in the Hersey parking lot – sit in the back of your minivan, pickup truck, on the hood of your car - you name it. More info to follow.

## Private Lessons at Hersey– a different look this fall.

Due to the reputation and history of our band program, 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. Zoom is a reality of our current situation and our teachers have adjusted for a great experience online – this should NOT BE A DETERRENT to lessons!!!! This group of professionals are handpicked and will make a HUGE difference to our student's success!! The 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 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) Mary McDermott (excellent local teacher)
Oboe	Julie Koscinski(excellent local teacher)
Clarinet	Judy Morrison – outstanding teacher with lots of great experience Darleen Carl-Beck – very busy and outstanding professional clarinet player in the Chicago area.
Saxophone	David Fivecoate (One of the most in demand teachers in Chicagoland area)
Trumpet	Mr. Chris O'Hara (founding member of the Synergy Brass Quintet) Candace Horton (fantastic teacher and very active trumpet player)
French Horn	Ms. Dana Sherman (Freelance horn player in the Chicago area and Northwestern grad)
Trombone	Mr. Jeff Livorsi (local professional Musician)
NEW Baritone/Tuba	Corby Fahrenberger – outstanding local musician and fantastic teacher.
Percussion	Tom Leddy - local musician with lots of excellent playing and teaching experience.

You can find the email addresses of these teachers at <https://herseyband.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Private-lesson-teachers.pdf> , or email me for additional information to study with one of these HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TEACHERS at Hersey. **With auditions coming up, don't wait to get started.**



**Hersey Auditions:** Hersey auditions will begin the **week of October 26**. 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 sightreading. The sightreading component on **SMARTMUSIC** is truly outstanding and a vital tool to improving this skill in your playing repertoire, as well as improving your audition scores. The list of etudes and scales were made available in class and the exact etudes will be available to students at the beginning of September. They can also be found at: <http://ilmea.org/divisions>



## IMEA District VII Band:

We will be doing this process slightly different this year. The ILMEA auditions will be videos, but our preauditions will be on Zoom. As we get closer, I'll set up a Signup Genius for students to secure times. All players sitting in the top three chairs of their section (or more) in Symphonic Band should be pre-auditioning for District Band. The etudes are the same as last March's audition and this October's audition (entire etude used for IMEA, however). As in the past we can only send the top 18 auditioners to audition for the IMEA Band and 12 auditioners for the IMEA Jazz Bands. Hersey annually sends the most students in our district to participate, including in some years 100% of those that make the Hersey cut to audition. This is also a great opportunity for students to be prepared for their upcoming Hersey auditions, which will consist of the same material as the IMEA auditions. The one on one feedback from Mr. C is very valuable, as well.



## Homecoming and Senior Night

I have had no information on either of these Hersey traditions, but will share as soon as I know.



## HIA General Meeting Thursday, Sept. 3rd. 8:15pm ZOOM

All parents welcome to our first HIA General Meeting of the year. We hold these meetings every other month to update everyone about current band happenings.



We will share more information at our upcoming HIA General Meeting, and see page 10-11 for more info in this newsletter – this is SUCH an easy fundraiser: You buy a gift card at face value and a rebate of 2-30% goes directly to HIA and 80% of that goes into your student account to pay for fees, private lessons, etc. It's a no-brainer!!!!





## **Message from the President – Julie Siegel**

[hia.boardpresident@gmail.com](mailto:hia.boardpresident@gmail.com)

Thank you for attending the Fall Preview Performance! It was great to see the band perform. I look forward to serving you and the band program this year. I am thankful for the HIA Board Members and Chairpersons that strive to support our kids – we cannot do it without all of you!

Our band camp looked a little different this year, but it was still a successful learning and bonding time for the students. Thanks to Mark Kaiser for coordinating the meals for clinicians. Thanks also to the parents and students who jumped in to make bell covers so the band could get started right away.

It is unclear what volunteer needs we will have for the remainder of marching season, but we appreciate your willingness to jump in when needs arise.

Please let Moira Menninga, or anyone on the board know if you'd like to join the planning committee for In Good Taste. Planning will begin in September or October.

We will have parents of seniors that need shadows for next year. Please get involved – you will not regret it! Most of the chairperson roles are easily learned. Please reach out to me, or to the Vice President, Mark Kaiser, [Vicepresident@herseyband.com](mailto:Vicepresident@herseyband.com) with any questions.

Mark your calendars for our HIA General Meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 8:15 PM on Zoom. A link will be sent prior to the meeting. Please plan on attending as we share committee updates and Mr. C will provide updates on the Marching Season.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES	
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Aug 31st-Sept. 14th: Spirit Wear store open See flyer and ordering link on page 8	2nd: Marching Huskies Parent Performance: 7:30pm
1st: Chipotle Dine and Share fundraiser: 4-8pm See flyer on page 9	6th (Tues): Marching Rehearsal: 6:15-9:15pm
3rd: HIA General Meeting: 8:15pm on Zoom	7th: No Evening Rehearsal, IMEA District Auditions (select students)
11th: Marching Huskies Parent Performance: 7:30pm	8th: Lola's Pizza Dine and Share fundraiser More information available soon
28th: Tentative Marching Rehearsal: 2-5pm (Jewish students excused)	16th: Marching Huskies Final Parent Performance: Tentatively will include Jazz I: 7:30pm
	21st: End of Season Marching Party: 6:30pm
	26th: Concert/Symphonic Band Auditions Begin Virtual



**2019-2020 Band DVD is in final production and will be distributed in September to families who ordered one last year.**

**Contact Jenny Stanhope with questions**

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A Message from the  
Vice President  
Mark Kaiser



First and foremost, I would like to thank the volunteers who answered the call to support this year's band camp. Many volunteers were asked to support this endeavor in the last minute due to various changes that took place almost daily. Therefore, please make sure you take a moment to also thank the following people when you see them:

**Amy Slowinske** – Band camp kits. Amy made sure that band camp was ready to start by preparing and providing band camp kit bags prior to the start of band camp.

**Clara Menninga, Amy Grabowski, Sara Grabowski, Gail Madden, Janeen Cano, Kathy Nikolai, and Linda Scheufler** – Bell Covers. These individuals made a last minute push to sew instrument bell covers so that band camp could proceed on time and as planned. This effort was truly heroic as their fabrication of these items outpaced commercial production!

**Madi Palmer** - T-shirt design: Madi designed the creative artwork for the back of the student band shirts.

**Julie Siegel, Gail Madden, Bridget Piagari, Katie Stegman, Maureen Temple, Justyna Weirich** – Band Camp Clinician Meals. This is the group of individuals who took time out of their busy day to make sure the clinicians had meals by bringing food to them nightly.

**Reeta Chhabria and Theresa Nishimura** – Scrip Fundraiser – They work year-round to keep this fundraiser running.

It is great to have parents who are involved in HIA and take the time out of their day to help support the students. I know that this list only represents a small portion of the individuals who volunteer yearly in HIA, but never-the-less, I want to show appreciation for their efforts.

While many have stepped up, we still are in need of support for the following positions. Please take a moment to contact me if you are available to offer assistance in any of the positions listed below:

- Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Coupon Fundraiser – Collect money and forms, submit to Lou Malnati's and distribute coupons to students.

- Cheesecake Fundraiser – Run annual cheesecake fundraiser

- Social Media Chair – Update and support HIA on social media platforms

- Student Ad Sales & Exhibitors (CICBF related) – Support CICBF by collecting and coordinating student ad sales and exhibitor ads for CICBF brochure

- In Good Taste Committee Members – We are looking for volunteers to help plan the second largest fundraiser for HIA, and meetings will begin in September or October. The plan is for our event to take place on Feb 6, 2021.

Finally, thank you also to anyone who has contributed to HIA on any level. Your efforts are always appreciated.

Mark Kaiser  
HIA Vice President  
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# SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit wear is now available! The sale will run Monday, 8/31 through Monday, 9/14. Orders will be available for pick up at band practice on Wednesday, 9/23. Place your order online <https://jhhsbandsfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

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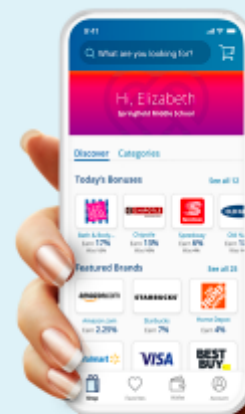
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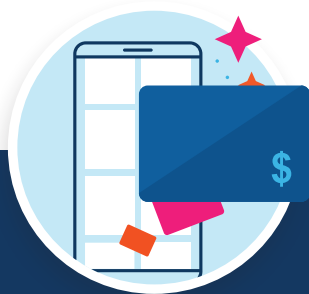


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## 2020-2021 Band Calendar

These dates/times may change,  
please check [herseyband.com](http://herseyband.com) for most current calendar

### September

3	HIA General Meeting on Zoom	8:15pm
9 (Wed)	Regular Wednesday Rehearsal	6:15-9:15pm
11	PARENT PERFORMANCE	Report 6pm (Performance 7:30)
28 (Mon) Tentative	Marching Rehearsal (Jewish students excused)	2-5pm

### October

2	PARENT PERFORMANCE	Report 6pm (Performance 7:30)
6 (Tues)	ALL - Marching Rehearsal	6:15-9:15pm
7	No Wed Rehearsal/IMEA District VII Auditions	
14	Marching Rehearsal	6:15-9:15pm
16	FINAL PARENT PERFORMANCE	Report 6pm (Performance 7:30)
	Tentatively will include JAZZ 1	7:30pm
21	End of the Season Marching Party	6:30pm
26	Auditions Begin - VIRTUAL	

### November

3 TENTATIVE	HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital-VIRTUAL	7:30 pm
4 TENTATIVE	First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6-7:30pm
14 FORMAT TBA	IMEA District 7 Music Festival - select students	All Day
21 FORMAT TBA	District 7 Jazz Festival - select students	All Day
23 (Mon) FORMAT TBA	Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2	7:00 pm

### December

1 (Tues) TENTATIVE	Small Ensemble Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	6:30-7:30pm
4 (Fri) TENTATIVE	ALL – Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	3:30-6pm
6 (Sun)	Holiday Concert - FORMAT TENTATIVE	1pm and 3pm

**2nd SEMESTER SCHEDULE WILL NOT CHANGE UNTIL WE ARE FORCED TO CHANGE IT**  
**PLEASE LEAVE ALL THESE ITEMS ON YOUR CALENDAR**

### January

5 (Tues)	Class resumes	
6	First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6:30-8:30pm
12	HIA General Meeting / Jazz Combo Performances	7:30pm
15-16	Jazz I & II to Purdue University	
27-30	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select)	

**February**

6	In Good Taste Adult Fundraiser	7-10pm
	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All Day
17	Symphonic Band Festival @ ORCHESTRA HALL	7:30 pm
22	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester auditions begin	
26	Inservice Day	
27	Jazz I & II to Jazz in the Meadows	All Day/Early Evening

**March**

2	Dist 214 Honors Music Festival @ FVHS	7:30 pm
9	Concert Band Festival @ BGHS	7:30 pm
13	MUNDELEIN JAZZ FESTIVAL	ALL DAY
16	HIA General Meeting	7:30pm
20	Spring Break begins	
29	Classes resume	

**April**

7	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30pm
8	Dress Rehearsal w/Mr. Keene-U of IL	7-8:30pm
9	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
<b>10</b>	<b>Chicagoland Concert Band Festival</b>	<b>All Day/Evening</b>
	All students AND parents (1 per student) help	
14	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hersey	4-8:30pm
20	Spring Jazz Concert	7pm
25 (Sun)	Spring Music Dept Concert	3pm

**May**

3	Concert Band concert with Thomas feeder schools	7pm
4	HIA General Meeting	7:30pm
7	Formal Band Awards Banquet	6pm
8	Symphonic Band to Superstate	All Day/Evening
17	Night of Percussion dress rehearsal	
18 (Tues)	Night of Percussion	7pm
19 (Wed)	Graduation	
27	Last Day of School	
31	Memorial Day Parade	

