

# TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER

## Congratulations on a great start to our season!

It's hard to believe that upon receiving this newsletter, we will have completed two months of in-person rehearsal. As I have stated several times, I am so proud of how our students have stepped up to this challenge we are facing. They have made the most of our opportunities. Our show this year is filled with great moments that are entertaining and fun to perform – we are making the most of a tough time. Last week was the best rehearsal of the season, so far, for me, because the majority of the material is learned – I am finally teaching and we are learning new concepts and performing! I am so very proud of their attitude and focus.

We have several performances on the horizon: Friday 10/2, Friday 10/16 AND Saturday 10/17. Saturday 10/17 is a Bands of America Live stream of our performance across the United States. We are inviting families to attend this exciting event, each student will receive 2 tickets for this last performance. It will be a fantastic cap to our entire marching season. Friday 10/16 will be a rehearsal/performance and "Senior night". We are inviting family members (number TBD) of **Seniors only** to be in the audience for this performance so we can honor the Seniors as they finish out their marching season. This performance will be live streamed for those at home.

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! I look forward to our upcoming performances, particularly a culminating performance in mid-October that will be awesome!

### AUDITIONS

#### Auditions looming.....

**Audition dates for ALL band members:** Dates and times to be announced. I keep hearing about the district transitioning to a hybrid schedule, so I am hesitant to set any dates or times. I hope to have this determined by early October. The audition will occur via Zoom or in person - Please look for additional detail.

The audition will consist of a music excerpt, the scale sheet and sight reading. The etudes and scales have been available since the end of August. Students will need considerable practice time to prepare these items. Be sure to take them to your private lessons to receive help. And if you haven't signed up for private lessons, send me an email for contact info and get moving on it. This is the largest grade of the semester for all students. An additional audition will be held in March. Good luck!

### End of Season Marching Party

Students should mark **WEDNESDAY, October 21** on their calendar to celebrate our marching season. The format for this event is yet to be determined, but either way (virtual or in person) the event will happen. I look forward to creative ideas to make this work.





### Smartmusic Scale Sheet and Sightreading – practice assignment available

All brass and woodwind students will be assigned a “practice assignment” of 90 minutes (total over several sessions) spent on Smartmusic “ILMEA Scale sheets” and sightreading before their audition coming up in October/November. This process will help you assess your performance on these scales, and improve your sightreading skills, which all students will perform for the largest grade of the semester in their upcoming audition. The assignment will be made available at the end of September. Remember that scales are graded on a 10 point scale and you lose ½ a point for every mistake during your audition. Extra credit is given for doing both sides of the scale sheet and is required for Symphonic Band members. Everyone performs sightreading on their audition.



Friday, October  
16th

Performance 7:30

Family members of **Seniors ONLY** invited to attend (number of tickets per family TBD)  
Please arrive at 7:00 pm for seating and a special ceremony to honor the Seniors as they finish their marching season. Performance will be live streamed for those at home

### Symphonic Band Evening Rehearsals

I am not sure how or when we will be able to begin these rehearsals that normally begin in early November. Anyone interested in participating in Symphonic band should keep Wednesday evenings open, as in the past. More info to follow as I know.

### Upcoming Marching and JAZZ Performances

As mentioned earlier, we have several additional home performances scheduled on 10/2, 10/16 and 10/17. Please fill our stands again to support our kids! AS SOON AS I hear back from Bands of America for our 10/17 virtual performance to be broadcast across the US I will let you know. I will keep you posted as more info becomes available. Lastly, we are considering DRIVE-IN CONCERTS for the jazz ensembles in mid to late Fall – a fun twist to accommodate our current situation. We will keep you posted!



## Private Lesson Info

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.

Email Mr. C for additional information to study with one of these HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TEACHERS at Hersey. ***With auditions coming up, don't wait to get started.***



Consider using this EASY and worthwhile fundraiser to put money into your student account. **Free** money that just requires a little organization and planning in your personal checkbook..... This is a great fundraiser to put funds in your students accounts to pay for lessons, fees, etc etc. More info on page 10 of this newsletter



### **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. Preauditions began in late September and **will finish on October 7.** 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 60-school-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.



## Message from the President – Julie Siegel

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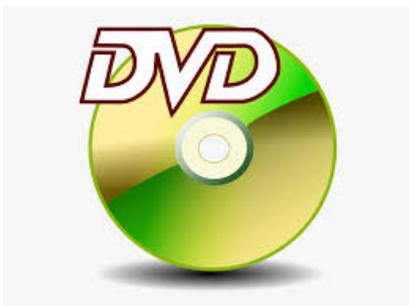
The performance at Hersey during the Homecoming show was fantastic. In the stands, the crowd cheered and rang cowbells. You were LOUD and PROUD. Congratulations to the band on their fantastic performance!

As we have mentioned, it is more important than ever to support our fundraisers. Thanks to everyone for purchasing food through our Dine n Share at Chipotle and the upcoming Dine n Share at Lola's. We are looking forward to our two new fundraisers. One is for Lou Malnatis, which will be a sale of coupons for frozen pizzas. The second one is a new online popcorn sale.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for In Good Taste, please contact Moira Menninga at [moirameninga@gmail.com](mailto:moirameninga@gmail.com). Interested in helping but cannot join the planning committee? We are looking for donations for the raffle and for the silent auction. If you know someone who has Chicago sports team tickets to offer or have a friend who would like to share goods or services from their business, we'd love to add them to our event. Contributions don't need to be large enough to stand alone, we can combine them with other items to make great packages for our auction. In Good Taste will take place on February 6, 2021 in person or online.

Mark your calendars for our next HIA General Meeting on **Tuesday, November 17th, 2020**. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES	
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
2nd: Marching Huskies Parent Performance: 7:30pm	4th: TENTATIVE: <u>First</u> Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal-6-7:30pm
3rd: Lou Malnati's Coupon Fundraiser kicks off, see <a href="http://herseyband.com">herseyband.com</a> to purchase coupons	17th: HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital-VIRTUAL 7:30 pm
6th (Tues): Marching Rehearsal: 6:15-9:15pm	21st: VIRTUAL: District 7 ILMEA Concert and Jazz Festival - select students: All Day
7th: No Evening Rehearsal, IMEA District Auditions (select students)	23rd: (Mon) FORMAT TBA: Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2: 7:00 pm
8th: Lola's Pizza Dine and Share fundraiser see flyer on page 8 of this newsletter	
16th: Marching Huskies Performance: Senior Night Tentatively will include Jazz 1: 7:30pm	
17th: Bands of America Live Stream Performance: Family members invited to attend (2 per student)	
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 October to families who ordered one last year. Contact Jenny Stanhope with questions [hia.projectchair@gmail.com](mailto:hia.projectchair@gmail.com)



Thank you to everyone who participated in the mask and ornament survey. We have determined that interest in both the masks and the ornaments was sufficient so we will be moving forward with these fundraisers in the near future.



Look for more information coming out soon!

A Message from the  
Vice President  
Mark Kaiser



Wow, how time flies! It was barely a month ago that our students were demonstrating a portion of their performance to the parents and look what they have accomplished since! Even with all the difficulties of the current pandemic climate, Mr. Casagrande and the students have shown what perseverance and leadership can accomplish to allow the rest of us feel as if life is closer to normal.

On the volunteer front, I would be remiss if I didn't again thank those who have stepped up to volunteer and chair various positions in HIA. Thank you to the following individuals for responding to our request and coming forward to assist us:

**Kim Fuller** – Social Media. Kim will be updating our HIA social media accounts so that you always are on top of band activities and happenings.

**Pam Kaiser** – Lou Malnati's Fundraiser. Pam will be running our newest fundraiser, which will be kicking off October 3rd!

**Jennifer Hasche** – Popcorn Fundraiser. Jennifer will be running our on-line popcorn sale. All items can be ordered and delivered contactless.

**Amy Grabowski** – Spirit Wear. Amy has coordinated this year's fine array of spirit wear and will be working on the distribution when it arrives.

**Cathy Waltz** – Dine n Share. Cathy has been coordinating several Dine n Share opportunities to support the band and local restaurants while giving us a break from our everyday meal preparation.

Still looking for a way to help out? Don't worry, we have various opportunities where you can contribute. No experience is needed as we will be willing to assist you throughout the process. Feel free to reach out to us and we will work to match up your time and availability with an opportunity.

As always, 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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## Fundraiser!

**Starts: 10/3      Order Site Closes: 10/18**

PLEASE HELP TO SELL FROZEN LOU MALNATI PIZZA COUPONS TO  
SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT AND THE HERSEY BAND!

- Each coupon is good for **one 9" frozen Deep Dish pizza** (cheese, sausage, pepperoni, or spinach ONLY) to be picked up by customers at any Lou Malnati's location, including Arizona and Indiana, and Wisconsin. Good for 6 months, the expiration date will be at the bottom of the coupon. At this time, a gluten free option is not available with the coupons.
- Vouchers may be used for a frozen heart shape pizza during holiday season upon availability and depending what is in stock at that location.
- THESE ARE NOT VALID FOR SHIPPING FROZEN DEEP DISH PIZZAS. Coupons must be brought in the store to be picked up.
- Certificates cannot be used towards other food items or towards shipping.

ALL COUPONS ARE BEING SOLD FOR \$13 EACH THROUGH THE HIA WEBSITE USING PAYPAL. THOSE PURCHASING COUPONS WILL NEED TO INDICATE THEIR NAME AND THE STUDENT WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THE COUPONS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

Go to <https://herseyband.com/event/lou-malnatis-coupon-fundraiser/> to order

*(\$3 TO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT AND \$2 TO BAND FOR EACH SALE)*

*Top 5 sellers receive a free Hersey Band Pillow*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam Kaiser at [pamela.kaiser@aah.org](mailto:pamela.kaiser@aah.org) or cell 847-624-1529.

Thank you for supporting the Hersey Band program!





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# Dine and Share!

## Mark Your Calendars

and

# Go!

Only On:

## October 8, 2020



Show this flyer or simply  
mention "Hersey Band" and

**10%**

of your purchase  
goes to HIA!



## ***IN GOOD TASTE***



February 6, 2021 is the date for In Good Taste, our annual wine tasting for band parents, alumni, and other adults. We are currently working out the details of how this event will run. It will most likely have an online component. We are looking for donations for the raffle and for the silent auction. If you know someone who has Chicago sports team tickets to offer or have a friend who would like to share goods or services from their business, we'd love to add them to our event. Contributions don't need to be large enough to stand alone, we can combine them with other items to make great packages for our auction. If you'd like to donate items, please send an email to Moira Menninga at [moirameninga@gmail.com](mailto:moirameninga@gmail.com).

## 2020-2021 Hersey Band Sponsorship Program

Every year the Hersey Instrumental Association (HIA) raises funds to provide scholarships, sponsor learning opportunities, host family and student social events, purchase needed equipment, and fund band programs. While this school year will be different than other years, the Hersey Band will continue to provide musical opportunities for our students. We invite you to support the band by becoming a sponsor during this challenging time. Sponsorship is open to the entire Hersey community - parents, grandparents, alums, and friends of the program!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print your name as you would like it to appear in our thank you list.)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Sponsorship and Amount:  Gold \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Platinum \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Gold Level Sponsorship: Up to \$199

Includes admission for immediate family (parents & children) to all band performances including CICBF. The sponsorship includes a free virtual subscription if concerts are presented virtually.

### Platinum Level Sponsorship: \$200 and up

Includes Gold Level Sponsorship benefits **plus** a ½ page ad in the 2021 CICBF program (the Festival Committee will contact the sponsor regarding their ad). Platinum Sponsors also may either (*please choose one*):

- Designate a student to:
- Receive 20% of the sponsorship amount in their band account. (If more than one student is designated, 20% of the donation will be split between their accounts)
  - Fulfill their CICBF ad sale requirement. (If more than one student is designated, **one** student will fulfill this requirement for every \$200 donation)
- Give 20% of the sponsorship amount to the HIA Opportunity Fund to provide scholarships and other support to members of the Hersey Band who need assistance.

Please mail this form with a check made payable to HIA to:

*HIA Sponsorship Drive  
c/o Scott Casagrande  
John Hersey High School  
1900 E. Thomas St.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004*

Confirmation of your donation and a tax receipt letter will be e-mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact **Jenny Stanhope** at [hia.projectchair@gmail.com](mailto:hia.projectchair@gmail.com).

**Thank you very much for your support of the Hersey Band program! Be sure to follow us on social media - @HerseyBand on Twitter and Hersey Instrumental Association on Facebook!**



**THANK YOU!**



**The Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser** is a program where you can buy gift cards at face value from Scrip and a rebate from the gift card of 1.5% to 30%, depending on the retailer, goes directly to HIA. HIA then splits the fundraising rebates between your student account (80%) and HIA general fund (20%)! You can use \$\$\$ from your student account to pay for anything like band fees, private lesson fees, etc. An easy way to earn money by purchasing gift cards for stores you shop everyday!

### How Do I place my order?

- Create an account - [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com) and select "How to Enroll" **and/or** download the Raise Right app on your phone
- **Select "Join An Existing Program" online or "Join a Program" on the app and enter HIA Code: 4DE14D6956589**
- After creating your account, you can login and place orders for **eGift cards only\*** using Shop Tab, Express Order or Shopping Lists. If you are an existing member and have reloadable gift cards you can reload these as well.

We cannot take orders for physical gift cards at this time, and we cannot take checks for orders. You will need to set up your account to either pay through your linked bank account or by credit card: Please note that not all stores offer eGift cards, you can filter for this in your search for stores.

### **Link your bank account**

- \$0.15 fee on each transaction
- To get set up, go to your **Dashboard > Payment** and follow the instructions to enroll by either instantly linking your bank account or entering your bank information manually (manually entering your information will take 1 - 2 business days to process).

### **Pay with your credit card**

- Visa, Mastercard, and Discover are accepted
- You can choose to save the card to your account for future purchases
- 2.6% fee on each transaction
- Start shopping on our **RaiseRight mobile app** or at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com). At checkout, simply add your credit card information or select your saved card.

Time to start shopping!





**Attention Hersey Band Families** – Do you shop at **Amazon**? Do you know that you can designate a portion of your Amazon purchase price to benefit **Hersey Instrumental Association** by using **AmazonSmile** every time you shop?

**What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support **Hersey Instrumental Association** every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to **Hersey Instrumental Association**.

**How do I shop at AmazonSmile?**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?**

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

**Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?**

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

**How do I select Hersey Instrumental Association to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?**

On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select **Hersey Instrumental Assn Inc.** to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

**How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?**

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. From time to time, Amazon may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services.

**How can I learn more about AmazonSmile?**

Please see complete AmazonSmile [program details](#).

## 2020-2021 Band Calendar

These dates/times may change,  
please check [herseyband.com](http://herseyband.com) for most current calendar  
**Highlighted dates indicate changes to previous calendar**

### 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	PARENT PERFORMANCE-SENIOR NIGHT Tentatively will include JAZZ 1	Report 6pm (Performance 7:30) 7:30pm
	Only Senior family members invited to attend, Performance will be live streamed	
17	BANDS OF AMERICA LIVE STREAM Family members invited to attend (2 per student)	Time TBD
21	End of the Season Marching Party	6:30pm
26	Auditions Begin - VIRTUAL	

### November

4 TENTATIVE	First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6-7:30pm
17	HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital-VIRTUAL	7:30 pm
21 VIRTUAL	IMEA District 7 Concert AND 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
15-16	Jazz I & II to Purdue University	
19	HIA General Meeting / Jazz Combo Performances	7:30pm
27-30	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select)	

### February

6 (Sat)	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
<b>17</b>	<b>HIA General Meeting</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
17	Night of Percussion dress rehearsal	
18 (Tues)	Night of Percussion	7pm
19 (Wed)	Graduation	
27	Last Day of School	
31	Memorial Day Parade	

**2020-2021 HIA Board**

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