

TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER

We did it!!

Our Marching Huskie “team” achieved an amazing feat this fall. Parents, students, administration and staff pulled it all together, put on an amazing, entertaining eight-minute show and overcame EVERY hurdle presented. The importance of our music program this Fall was so easy to see as we enabled students to have as normal an experience as possible, allowing social/emotional learning, while making GREAT music TOGETHER. There are SO many people to thank.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, thank you to the students for your sacrifice, commitment, TAKING CARE OF YOURSELVES, as well as your love of music and our program. You welcomed the changes to this year’s marching show and stepped up to new challenges never encountered before by marching bands. The intensity appeared throughout the day on October 17. The commitment and sacrifice that you give to one another is a powerful, long-lasting message and one that will last a lifetime. This statement rings more true than ever before. Good luck on your upcoming auditions!!

Thanks to the marching staff for your continued commitment to our students and our program. We worked together throughout the YEAR (we began last November.....) to develop this show and everyone contributed in a significant manner. We welcomed new people to our design team and staff and the collaboration was inspiring. I thoroughly enjoyed our time in benefit of students and our program. You went ABOVE AND BEYOND what is normally asked because you knew how important this was for our students. Your contributions will NEVER be forgotten. I know that I speak for everyone in the program in expressing my thanks!

Last and far from least, our parents came through in every way. Moving equipment, taking care of uniforms, chaperoning, coordinating food, providing all of that support in the stands (you were LOUD!), participating in fundraisers that allow us to operate at a successful level – THANK YOU. In this insane season, you understood the importance of the necessary sacrifices and NEVER wavered from that commitment. From providing the instruments necessary for success, providing your kids with private lessons necessary for success; for understanding and promoting the value of our program and for encouraging music in your homes - thank you. To the HIA officers - WOW!!! From all of the last-minute organization made necessary by our situation, to your constant advice and genuine CARE for our students and program - we could NOT have done this without YOU. Your genuine support has meant so much to me and the entire program. We are forever indebted to your sacrifice in this crazy season.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED SUCCESS IN SYMPHONIC, CONCERT AND JAZZ THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!! Let's keep making real music, despite our circumstances!! SO important right now. Thanks to a great TEAM and I look forward to what is coming – you are ALL so inspiring to this 33-year veteran high school band director.





As a band, we will once again participate in this mission, DESPITE the current pandemic, although it will look vastly different. This annual event is a great way for us to give back to our community, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Here is how this will look this year. There are two parts:

1. The Service-over-Self (SOS) club has asked for our help to coordinate and organize all of the cans that may come in on Saturday, November 14. Our part will take place on November 16. We will need about a dozen students to help-more info to come on this
2. In lieu of our annual drive to fund, organize and distribute Food Baskets, we will ask for \$50 VISA gift cards (NO substitutions, please!!!) by Friday, November 13. Due to the pandemic, this is a very complicated process, so we are trying to make this easy on the depleted resources of the SOS Club by following this specific \$50 VISA card requirement-any substitutions will be returned and not utilized to the detriment of those that need these. PLEASE follow this process exactly - More detail will be shared soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Small Ensembles perform on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at HIA General Meeting via Zoom

Many of the students have been coming out of marching rehearsals during our weekly Wednesday night rehearsal in small ensembles since the beginning of September with Mr. Fivecoate. These students are receiving a grade for this activity and they will perform on Tuesday night, Nov. 17 at the HIA General Mtg. These will be great performances that you don't want to miss! They will be presented during the HIA General Meeting on Zoom.



JAZZ NIGHT CLUB CONCERT November 23rd at 7pm

One of the highlights of our year is this concert to be held on Monday, November 23 in Hersey's Black Box Theatre. This will NOT be any different this year, except that we will be performing virtually. The exact process of performance will be determined in the coming weeks. Jazz 1, Jazz 2 and both Jazz Combos will perform this evening. It will be a highlight of our Winter. I am so proud of how these students have stepped up to follow COVID protocols in the last month! Please note that the concert will begin at **7:00PM**.



Hersey well-represented at IMEA auditions AGAIN.

More than 630 students from 65 schools in northeastern Illinois auditioned for 150 spots. Due to COVID restrictions, the pre-auditions happened via Zoom and app. 30 students participated in the pre-audition. Hersey auditioned the maximum number of students allowed: 16 for concert band and 12 students for jazz band. We will have the results in the coming weeks.

The District VII wind and percussion students will have a virtual experience on Saturday, November 21 and are eligible for All-State participation.

Symphonic and Concert Band Evening Rehearsals and Expectations

We will be following our established evening rehearsals indefinitely, as follows until our pandemic situation changes:

Monday – Percussion ensemble rehearsal
 Tuesday – Concert Band
 Wednesday – Symphonic Band
 Thursday – Jazz Ensembles



CONGRATS TO OUR ELECTED 2020-2021 STUDENT OFFICERS!!

President – Clara Menninga
 Vice-President – Bryan Forrest
 Secretary – Tommy Frankenberger
 Treasurer – Will Steinger
 Senior Representative – Andy Hahn
 Junior Rep – Ferhat Abat
 Sophomore Rep – Nina Dmitrijevic
 Freshman Rep – Aiqun Hoffman

We will have a brief officer meeting next week after auditions are completed. Congratulations!



HOLIDAY CONCERT



Our annual Holiday Concert will happen virtually this year, with more information to follow soon. We will be performing with Orchestra and Choir ensembles and videos will be made of each group. We will also have our annual small ensemble involvement, although it will be more limited. 8th graders will NOT be involved this year – we hope to bring them on campus in the Spring for a full Orientation.



Message from the President – Julie Siegel

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Marching Band and Color Guard seniors and their parents were honored at the last Friday night performance. Parents brought pictures of their seniors on large signs that they held up in the bleachers. The "big heads" were a big hit and it was fun to see the families gathered in the stands supporting their seniors. After the marching performance, Jazz 1 played two songs and it was a wonderful finish to the night.

On what would have been ISU day, the band performed at home in Goins Stadium for the Bands of America Livestream show. Even through high winds and technical difficulties, the students worked hard and performed beautifully, twice. Congratulations to the Marching Huskies on completing the marching season. You made us so proud!

We are looking forward to Concert Season. Good luck to all of the students as they have their auditions.



Scrip – FREE MONEY

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 for your student and you get 80% of all profit into your student's account this year. See page 10 in this newsletter for more info

IN GOOD TASTE

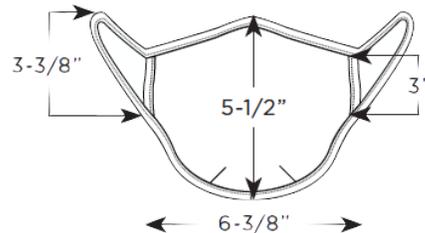


February 6, 2021 is the date for In Good Taste, our annual wine tasting for band parents, alumni, and other adults. We are currently working out the details of how this event will run. It will most likely have an online component. We are looking for donations for the raffle and for the silent auction. 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.

| UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| NOVEMBER | |
| Oct 23rd-Nov 2nd: Hersey Band Mask Sale | 17th: HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital-VIRTUAL 7:30 pm |
| 13th: Deadline to turn in \$50 VISA card for SOS food drive if you would like to participate | 21st: VIRTUAL: District 7 ILMEA Concert and Jazz Festival - select students: All Day |
| 13th: Which Wich dine and share fundraiser 11am-9pm-see flyer on page 8 of this newsletter | 23rd: (Mon) VIRTUAL: Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2 and combos: 7:00 pm |

HERSEY BANDS

2020 Mask Sale



\$10 per Mask (by Aramark)

- Non-medical grade
- Reusable and launderable
- 3-layer fabric masks
- Outer layer: 100% polyester
- Lining: Non-woven
- Inner layer: 100% cotton
- Elastic ear loop
- Imported

<https://herseyband.com/event/hersey-bands-mask-sale/>

A Message from the
Vice President
Mark Kaiser



It is now November and Marching Band Season is over. While we weren't treated to the thrill of the competitions and ceremonies accompanying Hersey's quality performances, it was a thrilling finish to a memorable season. I don't think anyone will forget the high quality of the band's last performance (and the repeat performance) in the blustery October Day that culminated with a small ceremony to honor Mr. Casagrande's Marching Band Tenure!

However, the year is not over and there are plenty more performances to come from these students. So, be prepared for the full opportunity of witnessing our Hersey Bands as they perform throughout the year. Thanks to everyone for their efforts to keep our band functioning as if everything were normal. We had a successful Lou Malnati's fundraiser where we sold 459 pizza coupons! Currently, we are selling masks and in the near future ornaments to commemorate the 2020 Marching Band Season. Please participate in these fundraisers as you are able.

This month I would like to thank the following volunteers for stepping up to take positions and support the Hersey Band efforts:

Jim Derbick – Band DVD's. Jim came through to solve issues with copying the band DVD's and worked on packaging all of the band DVDs as well.

Pam Kaiser – Lou Malnati's Fundraiser. Pam ran our first ever Lou Malnati's Fundraiser. The coupons are on order and will hopefully be available in about 2 weeks.

Amy Grabowski – Hersey Band Masks. Amy has spent time researching and identifying the best masks for our students and has worked to integrate the Hersey Band logo onto the mask.

Theresa Nishimura – Scrip. Theresa will be coordinating and working to make sure the Scrip program continues as before.

Amy Reed – CICBF Ads. Amy will be coordinating the student and sponsor ads for CICBF.

Additionally, I would like to make sure the following people are recognized for their contributions at the band performances.

Soha Barakat & Bridget Piagari – Band Cookies. Soha provided the band with some world class band cookies after their final performance, while Bridget was there to assist in making sure those world class cookies were distributed to the band members.

Mark Fuller – Videographer. Thanks to Mark for documenting our band performance on video.

Jennifer Faley, Moira Menninga, Jen Schmidt, Julie Siegel, & Jenny Stanhope – Uniforms. Thanks to this group, the band was able to perform in their uniforms to make their last show extra special. Not only were they able to quickly organize and distribute the uniforms, they were able to recollect after the performance.

Photographers – Photos for Band Video. Thanks those who have been digitally capturing many band moments during this season and sharing them for the band video.

Pam Kaiser, David Siegel, & Joe Stanhope – Performance Assistance. Thank you for stepping up and helping the HIA Board members make sure that the performances were sufficiently staffed.

Let **Kim Fuller** know that her efforts on the HIA social media page is valuable. Check out our latest information at <https://www.facebook.com/HerseyInstrumental/>

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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On Friday,
November 13th
take a break from
cooking and
support Hersey
Bands!

WHICH WICH?
SUPERIOR SANDWICHES

FUNDRAISER

20%

of the proceeds will benefit
Hersey Instrumental Association

Bring this flyer, mention Hersey or add "Hersey" to
your online order note/memo

Friday - November 13th - 11:00am - 9:00 pm



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67 West Rand Road
(847) 749-2646



Coming Soon - Online Popcorn Sale!

We will be having a pop-up popcorn sale, date TBD. Friends and family can purchase popcorn online and it will ship straight to their homes for safe, no contact shopping! Watch your email for details on how to set up your account and share sale information with friends and family.

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.

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 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. 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, 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 from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to 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), 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 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 for most current calendar
Highlighted dates indicate change from previous calendar

November

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| 17 | HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital-VIRTUAL | 7:30 pm |
| 21 | District 7 ILMEA Virtual Event (Jazz and Concert) | 8am-Noon |
| 23 (Mon) | Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2 | FORMAT TBA 7:00 pm |

December

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| TBA | Holiday Concert - FORMAT TENTATIVE | |
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2nd SEMESTER SCHEDULE WILL NOT CHANGE UNTIL WE ARE FORCED TO CHANGE IT
PLEASE LEAVE ALL THESE ITEMS ON YOUR CALENDAR

January

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| 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

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| 6 (Sat) | In Good Taste Adult Fundraiser | 7-10pm |
| | Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival | All Day |
| | Jazz Bands will perform pre-recorded videos for this event | |
| 17 | Symphonic Band Festival @ BGHS ORCHESTRA HALL | 7:30 pm |
| 22 | 2 nd semester auditions begin | |
| 26 | Inservice Day | |
| 27 | Jazz I & II to Jazz in the Meadows | All Day/Early Evening |

March

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| 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

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| 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 |
| 10 | Chicagoland Concert Band Festival | All Day/Evening |
| | 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

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| 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 | HIA General Meeting | 7:30pm |
| 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

Julie Siegel - President

Mark Kaiser - Vice President

David Waltz - Treasurer

Jenny Stanhope - Project Chair

Jennifer Schmidt - Corresponding Secretary

Amy Grabowski - Recording Secretary