

TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY CONCERT



Of course, our annual Holiday Concert will look a lot different this year. Fortunately, we were able to get recordings done just before Thanksgiving in the nick of time prior to Illinois moving to new Phase 3 quarantine. We are currently producing the recordings and they will be made available shortly after you receive this newsletter. You will be treated to Sleigh Ride, complete with the band playing all of the whipcracks, as well as Hanukkah Festival, Twas the Night Before Christmas (with Mr. C conducting AND doing the narration!), as well as two percussion ensembles performing Jingle Bells? And Yuletide Holiday and the Jazz Combo performing the annual hit, My Dreidel Blues. Our kids worked SO hard to put this together with VERY limited rehearsal time! Enjoy!



Amazing Food Drive Success!

Despite the financial difficulties that many of our families are experiencing, we once again stepped up to feed **60** Hersey families and **BROKE OUR RECORD** established last year by feeding 40 families.

Thanks to everyone that contributed. In particular, Clara Menninga donated all of the recent proceeds from her small catering business to our contribution with 15 gift cards (\$750). Amazing! I am SO proud of the generosity of our organization.

Chicagoland Invitational



Concert Band Festival

Chicagoland Band Festival Update

The Chicagoland Band Festival committee will meet for the first time on December 1 and never before has the importance of this committee and our event been more important to our program after the cancellation of last year's event. There will be significant changes to our band program moving forward next year if we cannot recoup the losses incurred from last year's cancellation. Mrs. Hoijer will be back with us as the coordinator this year and we are looking to add an instrumental master class component, as well as a director clinic to make it even more educational and positive for all that participate. We anticipate that bands will participate online and some may travel to Hersey, depending upon the state of our country at that time. A meeting of participating directors will dictate much of the educational component of the event. We will **DESPERATELY** need help from those of you that may be technologically savvy – more than ever this year. We intend to sell tickets for online viewing and we will definitely be seeking advertising contributions from all of our students. PARENTS please consider joining this committee and helping us out. Contact Mr. C if you would like to contribute.

Advertisement Fundraising Packets Distributed

In early January, students will once again be given materials to assist in the selling of advertisements in our Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival Program Book. The packet will tentatively include 2 advertising brochures, 3 pledge forms, a sample script and a contact worksheet. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year and more important than ever this year. Students receive **20%** of the ad profit for their student accounts (this money can be used for trip funds, band fees, uniform needs, etc) In addition, students will receive **40%** of the ad profit if they can get an ad from a previous year's sponsor that was previously pledged to a student that has left the program. **Every** student is asked to generate at least **one advertisement** for the program book. These items will be due at the end of January. This is the best fundraiser of our year and the best opportunity of the year to put funds in students accounts, as well. Most importantly the longevity of our program and quality of experience directly hinges on the financial profit.

13th Annual In Good Taste Fundraiser in early February will look a bit different, but still lots of fun!

We look forward to a fun adult night, once again at our In Good Taste fundraiser that will take place on **Saturday, February 6**. This fundraiser is a huge success every year and this year will be no different, as our committee has been working hard since September to ensure the success of this year's venture. We are putting much planning and effort into this fundraiser to accommodate for the pandemic and it will be a one-hour virtual production with student videos of performances, interviews with students and alumni, as well as virtual tastings and of course the silent auction and Grand Raffle opportunity for putting money into student accounts. Please look for more information in our newsletter blasts. Checks and reservations will be due at the end of January. Thanks to our committee for all of their hard work!

Support Hersey Bands when you shop this holiday season!



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 12 in this newsletter for more info

Do you know that you can donate a portion of the purchase price for every Amazon purchase to benefit Hersey Instrumental Association every time you shop at [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)? Just designate Hersey Instrumental Assn to receive donations from eligible purchases, it's that simple! See page 13 in this newsletter for more info



Message from the President – Julie Siegel

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I hope your Thanksgiving was joyful and you were able to connect with family and friends, even it was over Zoom.

Thank you so much for making the Hersey Food Drive a huge success. Band families purchased 60 Visa gift cards. Your generosity provided Thanksgiving meals to Hersey families and we are so proud to continue this tradition!

The small ensemble groups that started practicing during marching band rehearsals created videos of their songs. We enjoyed hearing the recordings during our November HIA meeting. The students could not hear our applause, but we appreciated the music that they shared.

The Holiday Collage concert will be presented over video this year. The concert band, symphonic band, and jazz ensembles will perform. Thanks to the students and Mr. C for recording this fun concert that will make December a little more festive.

The In Good Taste Committee is working hard to organize our second largest fundraiser. This adult only experience will be the 13th annual In Good Taste event, but it will be our first virtual wine tasting. Please see the separate article in this newsletter and stay tuned as more details are shared in the next few weeks!

The CICBF (Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival) planning committee will begin meeting in December. This one-day music event takes place in April and it is our largest fundraiser of the year. Please let me or Mark Kaiser know if you are interested in joining this committee.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful new year. We look forward to seeing you at our next HIA meeting on Tuesday January 19th!

IN GOOD TASTE



Calling All Band Parents!

On Saturday February 6th, the Hersey Band will host the 13th Annual In Good Taste Fundraiser. Like all other social occasions these days, we will be hosting this party virtually. We hope that you, your friends and family will support this event and join us from the safety and comfort of your own homes! Given the cancellation of last year's Chicagoland Band Festival and the necessary modifications to these events, we sincerely hope that all can contribute to In Good Taste in every way that they are able.

Your "ticket" to this event will include hand-selected bottles of wine and a gift card to a local restaurant. Our virtual program will include performances by the Hersey Jazz Bands and Hersey Band professional alumni. We'll have a silent auction and the drawing for our 3 Grand Raffle Prizes. A sommelier will join us to talk about the wines you receive. We have a full virtual program planned for you!

There will be an incentive for the students to sell tickets that will be deposited into their band account. You will receive more details in the mail in early December. If you have any questions on the incentives or the event, please contact Moira Menninga at moirameninga@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for February 6th and we will see you online!

A Message from the
Vice President
Mark Kaiser



I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and want to let everyone know that we are always appreciative of the support we receive from our student's parents and guardians! As we head into the winter, let's look forward to what is yet to come in 2021. First, we have our In Good Taste Fundraiser, which will be held virtually this year, and then in April, we are looking forward to our annual CICBF event. Additionally, we have several performances that we are looking forward to viewing (whether it be virtual or [*optimistically*] in person) coming up with our first performance being the annual holiday concert. It won't be quite the same as in year's past, but I'm sure it will be as fabulous as it has always been.

A special thank you to the following individuals for their contributions to these fundraising efforts:

Theresa Nishimura - Scrip

Cathy Waltz - Dine N Share

Amy Grabowski - Mask Sale

Jenny Stanhope - Sponsorships

Pam Kaiser - Distributing and mailing the Lou Malnati's coupons

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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SPIRIT WEAR

Online sale open now through December 4th.
Great gifts for the holidays and several new items!!

<https://jhhsbandsfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

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Come Support Hersey Instrumental Association

Thurs. 12/17 -10:30 am - 9:00pm



MOD Pizza
1021 N. Elmhurst Rd.
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**Donating Back: 20% of all take-out and
delivery orders.**

**Online orders use coupon code:
GR170802H**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/170802-hersey-instrumental-association-at-mod-pizza>

Upcoming Fundraisers after the Holidays



HELP SUPPORT

Hersey Instrumental Association

WHERE 5 W. Rand Rd., Arlington IL

WHEN Fri, 1/22/21

FROM Open - Close

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and, we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase*

We're committed to your safety.

Cafes offer these additional ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. When ordering online enter code **PRFUND** at checkout to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds. Services vary by café.



*Gift card purchases, catering, kiosk and third party delivery orders are excluded and will not count toward the event.

Learn more at HamraFundraising.com

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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.

Thank you to our 2020-2021 Hersey Band Sponsors. We appreciate your support of the band!

Nesimi Abat
The Downing Family
Tim and Jennifer Faley
Jim and Heather Frankenberger
Lisa and Brent Johnson
Rich and Moira Menninga
The Reed Family
Chuck and Barb Oberly
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The Sprague Family
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Katarzyna and Robert Szymczak
Anthony Todd



If you are interested in becoming a Hersey Band Sponsor, please fill out the sponsorship form included in this newsletter. Thank you!

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 a Program" and enter HIA Code: 4DE14D6956589**
- After creating your account, you can login and place orders 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.
- **NEW APP EXCLUSIVE:** You now have the option to get physical gift cards from hundreds of top-selling brands sent right to you with the new ship to home feature—**available only in our mobile app, RaiseRight™** Visit the website for more information:

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/About/WhatsNew/2020/October/30170/ship-to-home>



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.



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

December

TBA Holiday Concert - Recordings are being produced and will be shared shortly!

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-this will be a virtual performance
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 Bands will perform pre-recorded videos for this event
Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival-virtual performance All Day
17 Symphonic Band Festival @ BGHS ~~ORCHESTRA HALL~~ 7:30 pm
22 2nd 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
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

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	

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