

# TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Performance Clinics!



In replacement of our annual D214 Symphonic Band Festival, JH, BG and WHS will be hosting Dr. James Hile from Elmhurst College to rehearse and clinic the band on Wednesday 2/24/21 and 3/3/21. We will live stream the 3/3 performance so all can listen to the band perform – **PLEASE TUNE IN!!!** and support the students and bands. Both Jazz Ensemble 1 and Jazz Ensemble 2 will perform and then receive a clinic from Mr. Dennis Mackrel of the COUNT BASIE BAND on 3/4. It will be a livestream performance and clinic, so **PLEASE TUNE IN!** We will share the links soon. The Concert Band will also be performing a concert and live-stream clinic prior to Spring Break. We are working through the details of that event as I write this newsletter. Stay tuned!



**Welcome to our Incoming Freshman, the class of '25!! Plan to attend the Orientation scheduled Thursday, April 15, 6:30-8:30pm**

We welcome next year's incoming Freshman to our band tradition at Hersey. All incoming parents and students should plan to attend the Incoming Freshman Orientation on Thursday, April 15, 6:30-8:30pm. Please look for additional info in the coming months regarding whether this meeting will be on Zoom, in-person or a hybrid. This includes students and parents that may have older siblings already in the program. Take a few minutes to read about our program in the upcoming newsletters that will be sent to you. **Take particular note of the summer calendar enclosed on page 13** and feel free to email Mr. C with any questions at [scott.casagrand@d214.org](mailto:scott.casagrand@d214.org). This was also shared at our December meeting. Welcome!



**Julie Siegel**

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

We are getting our 2021 Nominating Committee organized. If you are interested in getting more involved with the Hersey Instrumental Association, please consider being part of the Nominating Committee to help select our HIA board and committee chair members for next year. The Nominating Committee is comprised of both current Board members and representatives of the voting members of HIA. The Committee will work to select the slate of candidates for the HIA board for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to participate or would like more information about the various HIA positions please contact Julie Siegel at [hia.boardpresident@gmail.com](mailto:hia.boardpresident@gmail.com) or Mark Kaiser at [hia.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:hia.vicepresident@gmail.com).

Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked hard to re-invent our In Good Taste (from home) virtual wine tasting. Thanks also to everyone who donated items, purchased raffle tickets, and attended the event. It was a great time and the music was fantastic. Special thanks to Moira Menninga for chairing the event. If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing In Good Taste next year, please let anyone on the board know.

Preparations for CICBF are underway. Thanks to the students for selling ads for our program book. Details will be shared soon about how our festival will work this year and what kinds of volunteer positions will be available for parents.

Please join us at the next HIA General Board meeting on March 30th at 7:30 PM.

Julie Siegel

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JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL

Chicagoland Invitational



Concert Band Festival

## **Chicagoland Band Festival has registered 20 bands for April 10!**

Including our Hersey Symphonic and Concert Bands, there are 20 bands registered for our event on April 10. The exact format (livestream or in-person) will be determined in the coming weeks, but Hersey bands will definitely perform live for in-person judges/clinicians that day (MORNING OR AFTERNOON). Clinicians will be on-campus with the University of Illinois – UC faculty providing livestreamed master-classes and student performances that day. More info to follow – watch for important email blasts and/or Remind texts!



As publicized, we will be holding our annual Winter/Spring placement auditions beginning March 1. The exact dates and times can be found on the band Google Calendar. As always, this will be the largest grade of the semester for students and they will receive in-depth written and verbal feedback. Audition music was shared with students and private teachers late January. Good luck!



## **SOLO ENSEMBLE APRIL 14**

We will again host our own Solo and Ensemble Festival at Hersey on Wednesday, April 14. We'll provide a set of accompanists and a flat fee for everyone again this year. In addition, our policy is that **everyone** that takes private lessons in the Hersey band should be participating in Solo/Ensemble. **STUDENTS WILL REGISTER THEIR SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY.** Students are not required to use accompanists provided by band. Students will receive a class grade for their solo or ensemble. Any student not in lessons and not in solo ensemble will need to submit a recording of an etude to be assigned in March.



## **“In Good Taste: At Home” Fundraiser a success**

On Saturday, February 6, we hosted our Annual In Good Taste Fundraiser and again had a great turnout with lots of great prizes. The event was held online this year with great participation on a very fun evening. We raised over \$20,000 for the band program and all of the 75 screens we witnessed seemed to have a great time. LOTS of great auction items were donated – thank you to those of you that contributed or donated something. Special thanks to our committee of dedicated parents, including Chairperson Moira Menninga that spent so many hours pulling this together! Thanks to all of you that participated and we look forward to next year's event. A committee for next year's event will be formed over the summer – if you are interested in helping, please see Ms. Menninga.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES	
MARCH	APRIL
1st: Winter/Spring Auditions begin	10th: CICBF: All Day
2nd: Dist 214 Honors Music Festival: virtual	12th: Chipotle Dine and Share: 4-8pm
3rd: Symphonic Band Performance/Clinic with Dr. James Hile, Elmhurst College Livestream time and link will be shared soon!	14: Solo Ensemble Festival
4th: Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2 clinic with Mr. Dennis Mackrel, Count Basie Band Livestream time and link will be shared soon!	20th: Spring Jazz Concert. 7pm
5th: Corner Bakery Dine and Share: All Day	25th: Spring Music Dept. Concert 3pm
6th: Virtual Elk Grove Percussion Festival 10am-1pm	
8th: Pack Up Homelessness Item Drive Ends	
9th: Concert Band Festival @ BGHS: tentative	
20th: Spring Break begins	
29th: Classes resume	
30th: HIA General Meeting: 7:30pm	



## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Student account statements will be emailed at the beginning of March. Everyone should have received a statement in December. Please contact the treasurer, David Waltz at [herseyband@gmail.com](mailto:herseyband@gmail.com) with any questions.

A Message from the  
Vice President  
Mark Kaiser



First, I would like to commend the In Good Taste Committee and volunteers for putting together a great virtual program for the participants. While there were some technical glitches, I think everyone was able to enjoy a relaxing evening with some wine and music.

Coming up in April will be the CICBF. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid situation, all viewing of bands will be virtual and streamed. While we are not certain at this time about how many bands will be allowed to (or choose to) attend in person, we will need about 3 people for set-up and tear down.

As we move into March, we will be looking for volunteers to help us in the 2021-22 calendar year. We have several graduating senior parent volunteers who are willing to help share their knowledge for various positions that will be vacant starting next year:

#### Marching Band

1. Marching Band Picnic
2. Chaperones
3. Marching Band Party
4. Hydration

Also, we have openings for the following positions:

1. Band Banquet
2. Cheesecake fundraiser
3. Jazz Night
4. Tickets
5. Hospitality

Please contact me (or any current HIA Board member if you wish) should you feel as if you would like to take on one of these positions.

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

Mark Kaiser

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The 'In Good Taste' committee had their first ever virtual event on Saturday, February 6th. The event consisted of a virtual wine tasting, silent auction and a main event which included Grand Raffle prize drawings and musical entertainment from Hersey Band students and alumni. The committee would like to thank the many parents and members of the community who donated to the event. It was a great success and we couldn't have done it without you. I would like to thank the committee for all of their efforts as they created a new way to celebrate this annual event. The committee members are:

Scott Casagrande  
Melissa Dimitrijevic  
Kim Fuller  
Mark Fuller  
Clay Gillespie  
Irene Gillespie  
Zuly Hahn  
Maureen Podvrsan  
Julie Siegel  
Lisa Steineger  
David Waltz  
Justyna Weirich

Also, a special call out to Jen Schmidt for all of her help supporting Kim Fuller and our communications plan.

Thank you, Moira Menninga

## JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL

**Chicagoland Invitational**



**Concert Band Festival**

The CICBF Steering committee is at work re-adjusting our 20th annual festival to provide this most important educational tradition to our students and those attending high school band students. Additional features will be added, such as, virtual Master Classes and virtual Band Director workshops. In this year of uncertainty this event is more important than it has ever been before. Many school band programs have been stagnant for most of the year as directors try to mitigate their programs. Our concert band festival is the hope and vitality that SO many band programs and students in our area need to encourage performing again.

We are proud that the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival will host an all virtual festival with the possibility of live performances. We will follow all social distancing protocols, in addition to utilizing the University of Colorado Research Performance Studies. We are fortunate to have evaluation panels consisting of nationally recognized clinicians and evaluators to provide valuable feedback to each participating band. Following each band's performance, students will attend a virtual session with a professional clinician, which provides valuable learning experiences for students to improve their technical and musical performance skills.

So stay tuned regarding more information on the logistics for our Festival. We will be selling tickets and our commemorative 20th Annual T-Shirt Design by former band student (and current graphic designer) Max Weiss. We currently have a CICBF Technology committee in place and with MUSIC FOR ALL livestream experience, we are developing the requirements needed to run this virtual festival. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact me. We depend upon your generosity to provide a positively life-changing experience for our students in our band program. As always, we thank you for your volunteerism, contributions and support of our students and band program. As plans unfold, we will send out information regarding how we will need your help. I thank you in advance.

**Questions or need more information, please contact:**

Joanell Hoijer, CICBF Chair: <mailto:joanell.hoijer@d214.org>



# UPCOMING DINE AND SHARE FUNDRAISERS

**Corner Bakery: 470 E Rand Rd**

**Date: Friday, March 5th**

**Time: 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/178602>



**Eat to support**  
Hersey Instrumental Association

Friday, March 5th | 7:30 AM - 8:00 PM  
Corner Bakery  
470 E Rand Rd  
RSVP: [www.groupraise.com/events/178602](http://www.groupraise.com/events/178602)

Powered by  
**GroupRaise**

**Chipotle: 338 E Rand Rd, AH**

**Date: Monday, April 12th**

**Time: 4:00pm -8:00pm**

## MUSIC TO YOUR MOUTH



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Hersey Instrumental Association. Come in to the Chipotle at **338 E Rand Rd** in Arlington Heights on **Monday, April 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Hersey Instrumental Association.

### NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code 84GHZBQ before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## HERSEY BAND SPONSORSHIP

Jenny Stanhope: Project Chair

Thank you to the following families and friends who have sponsored the Hersey Band – your sponsorship along with your continued support of the fundraising activities contribute greatly to the growth and success of the band students and the program.

For more details on the Hersey Band Sponsorship Program, please see the form on the following page of this newsletter. You can also download the form from the Hersey Band website at [herseyband.com](http://herseyband.com)

Nesimi Abat

The Church Family

The Derbick Family

Alex and Melissa Dimitrijevic

The Downing Family

Tim and Jennifer Faley

Jim and Heather Frankenberger

The Grabowski Family

The Graf Family

Andrew and Anita Haapapuro

The Hasche Family

Lisa and Brent Johnson

The Kaiser Family

Dave and Caroline Kuhl

The Kwasnik Family

The McDonough Family

Rich and Moira Menninga

Anthony Todd

The Nishimura Family

Chuck and Barb Oberly

Marc Pittas

Bojan and Maureen Podvrsan

The Reed Family

The Schmidt Family

Kathy and Mark Schoeffmann

The Asheim Settersten Family

The Siegel Family

The Slowinske Family

The Spires

The Sprague Family

The Stanhope Family

Michael Stutzman

Katarzyna and Robert Szymczak

Matt and Maureen Temple



*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](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!**

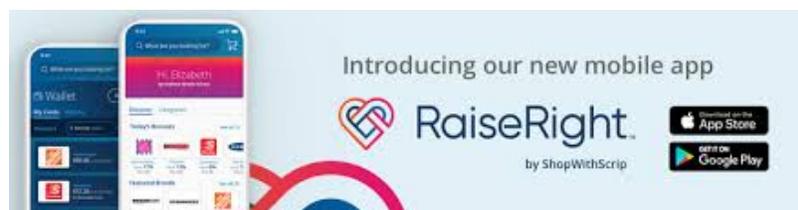


**The Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser** is a program where you can buy gift cards at face value from Scrip and a rebate from the gift card of 1.5% to 30%, depending on the retailer, goes directly to HIA. HIA then splits the fundraising rebates between your student account (80%) and HIA general fund (20%)! 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 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](http://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](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 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 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.

**Band Camp/Summer  
21-22!!  
READ CAREFULLY**

This year's rehearsal schedule will be similar to last year's summer schedule. Please mark your calendars ASAP. Next Fall, the marching band should be competing in several competitions, if the world permits.... In July/August, particularly 7/27-8/10, we will be learning 75% of what is performed throughout the Fall season. Many of the section Olympic activities will fall on August 9-10 this year. A small portion of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing for the July 4th parade. A majority of the June rehearsal time will be spent preparing Fall season material and fundamentals. Therefore, regardless of attendance at the July 4th parade, June/July rehearsals are EXTREMELY important.

**Absences from Summer dates:**

In the event of family vacations that conflict with June rehearsals, an explanation of conflict should be directed to Mr. C from the parents as soon as possible. Any summer music camps are also excused; notify Mr. C immediately. Students should make sure that job schedules, etc. are adjusted. **August band camp rehearsals are mandatory for all. Freshman are STRONGLY encouraged to not miss June rehearsals.** Most of the learning of marching technique happens in June.

Please adjust calendars and avoid conflicts with the following dates, **particularly in late July/August:**

(Students excused from these June/July dates in the event of family vacation, however missing these rehearsals makes August very challenging, particularly for incoming freshman)

**MAY**

Week of May 10	6-9pm Incoming freshman 5:30-9 Section leaders (1 rehearsal)
Week of May 17	6-9pm Incoming freshman 5:30-9 Section leaders (1 rehearsal)
Week of May 24	6-9pm Incoming freshman 5:30-9 Section leaders (1 rehearsal)



**JUNE/JULY**

15	5:30-8:30	Section Leader dinner
16	5:30-9 6-9pm	Section Leaders Freshman only
17	5:30-9 6-9pm	Section Leaders Freshman only
22	5:30-9 6-9pm	Section Leaders ALL MEMBERS
23	6-9pm 5:30-9	Freshman Only Section Leaders
24	6-9pm 5:30-9	ALL MEMBERS Section Leaders
29	6-9pm 5:30-9	ALL MEMBERS Section Leaders
July 1	6-9pm 5:30-9	ALL MEMBERS Section Leaders
July 4	9am	Parade Report

**JULY/AUGUST**

July 26 (Mon)	11-12 12-4:30pm	New Section Leaders ALL Section Leaders
July 27 (Tues)	10am-5pm 12:30-5pm	ALL Section Leaders ALL Freshman
7/28-7/30	11:15 12PM-9PM	Section Leaders ALL
8/2-8/6	11:15 12PM-9PM	Section Leaders ALL
9	4-10PM	Rehearsal and Section Olympics
10	5-9pm	ALL
11		First day of school
13	5:00pm 6:30pm	Report Picnic/Parent Fall Preview
21 (Sat)	1-5pm	ALL

**Next Year's Performances****Home Football Games**

9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15

**Competitions: TBA**

## 2020-2021 Band Calendar\*

Highlighted dates indicate new additions or changes to previous calendar

### March

2	Dist 214 Honors Music Festival virtual	6:30-9 pm
3	Symphonic Band Performance/Clinic with Dr. James Hile, Elmhurst College	6:30pm
4	Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2 clinic with Mr. Dennis Mackrel, Count Basie Band	6:30-8pm
6	Virtual Elk Grove Percussion Festival	10am-1pm
9	Concert Band Festival @ BGHS (tentative)	7:30 pm
20	Spring Break begins	
29	Classes resume	
30	HIA General Meeting	7:30pm

### 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> All students AND parents (1 per student) help	<b>All Day/Evening</b>
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	

\*these dates/times may change, visit [herseyband.com](http://herseyband.com) for most current calendar