

TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER



I've always known that the Hersey Band had a strong student and parent community but seeing it from behind the scenes for the first time was really special. It takes a village to raise young people and we have a great village. The students have worked incredibly hard over the summer and I hope they were able to have a little fun along the way!

A big thank you to all of the parents that helped with our big projects this summer. Particularly, **Jenny Stanhope** and all of the great parents that helped with fittings and executing all of the logistics of our marching uniforms. **Jen Schmidt** who works tirelessly to put together our monthly newsletters and our printed band camp newsletter. **Maureen Temple** for organizing the Fall Preview Picnic, organizing the chaperones for our evening activities during camp and for organizing the water for the band during rehearsals. **Mark Kaiser and all the parents** that provided the FABULOUS dinners for our staff during Band Camp, as well as all of the parents that helped with other activities during band camp. Thanks to **Mark Fuller, John Weirich, Joe Stanhope, Mark Kaiser** for the MANY hours spent building our "props" for this year's show. THANK YOU!!! We have a great group of generous parents and our organization is the model for other booster groups in the school and the school district. I'm beyond grateful for all of your help and support.

Of course congrats to the LOW BRASS for their 1st place finish in our annual Sectional Olympics, due to their win in Ultimate Frisbee and Jake Podversan's love for watermelon. A highlight of the Section Cook-off was the Clarinet section's horoscope dinner spread. Watching teenagers make the food was equal parts inspiring and terrifying! What a fantastic tradition.

The band camp preview concert was a great night, and it was so nice to meet you all. We hope that everyone enjoyed the insight into what we do. Thanks for being a fantastic audience! ~ Mr. Hile





BAND CAMP



Competitions – Parents Loud and Proud!



When students hear your voices and applause at competitions, they are more confident and they become more excited about our performances. We really need your help!

Please plan to attend our upcoming competitions at:

Northern Illinois University on 9/18 (all day/evening),

Downers Grove South on 10/9 (all day/evening) and

ISU State Marching Championships on October 23 (all day/evening).

I will email the exact schedule when I receive the performance schedules from the host schools.



Jazz Ensemble 2 will begin Sept 14, 5:00-6:30pm

Mr. Neil Carson has stepped away from his role with the Jazz Ensemble 2 this year and I'm thrilled to welcome our new Jazz Ensemble 2 director: Cesar Mendoza.

Cesar Mendoza is a graduate of the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) where he received a degree in Music Education. Cesar currently works as a band director for the nationally recognized band program at McCracken Middle School in Skokie. While at UIUC, Cesar studied with world-renowned trombonist, Jim Pugh. Additionally, he studied jazz with Tito Carrillo and Joan Hickey, conducting with Linda Moorehouse and Elizabeth Peterson, and Music Education with Jeananne Nichols, Bridget Sweet, Adam Kruse, and Donna Gallo. Cesar performed in multiple groups at UIUC, including the Latin Jazz Band, Wind Orchestra, and Philharmonia Orchestra. While at UIUC, he was also the recipient of the Warren H. Schuetz Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education in 2018.

Cesar is an active performer, arranger, writer and band leader. He has performed with jazz greats such as Terrell Stafford, John Clayton, Tom Garling, Wayne Bergeron, and Chip McNeill. Some of the venues he has performed in include Chicago Symphony Center, Joe Segal's Jazz Showcase, Montreux Jazz Festival, and the Umbria Jazz Festival. He is constantly writing and performing original music with his quintet.

Cesar maintains an active private lesson studio and is frequently asked to work with schools in the Chicagoland area. He also maintains a private lesson studio where he teaches euphonium and trombone.

Here is the *TENTATIVE* schedule for Jazz Ensemble 2 this year:

Sept/October: Every Tuesday, 5:00-6:30pm

November-February: T/TH 5:00-7:00pm

March- April: Same as Fall

- Be sure to check the calendar for all of the jazz ensemble concerts in November, January, February and April.
- All athletes with conflicts in Fall and Spring will need to work directly with Mr. Mendoza and Mr. Hile to find a solution. All the dates are on the calendar so it's on you to communicate!



Private Lessons at Hersey



We have one of the best private lesson faculties of any suburban school and we want as many students as possible to take lessons. I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE you to have your student study with one of these hand-picked teachers. All of the teachers at Hersey have gone through the same security checks that all teachers in District 214 must clear.

Currently, almost all of the Hersey band program takes private lessons and I would love it if we can get all of our students in private lessons. Private lessons are not for remediation but to help students realize their full potential as musicians. I cannot recommend them enough! Many of these teachers will be in the building during the school day or after school.

If for some reason financials are an issue, we will make sure all students who want to take lessons have access to private lessons. In order to receive financial aid for private lessons, please fill out this [application form](#). All information provided on the form is strictly confidential between the parent/student and Mr. Hile.

You can find the email addresses of these teachers [here](#), or email Mr. Hile for additional information to study with one of these HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TEACHERS at Hersey. **With auditions coming up, don't wait to get started.**

ILMEA District VII Band

District Band pre-auditions will be held the week of ***September 13***. Unlike prior years, **ALL STUDENTS** in the band program are eligible to pre-audition. The etudes are the same as last March's audition and this October's audition (entire etude used for ILMEA, however). As in the past we can only send the top 18 auditioners to audition for the ILMEA Band and 12 auditioners for the ILMEA Jazz Bands. Hersey has a strong tradition of sending the most students in our district to participate, including in some years 100% of those that make the Hersey cut to audition. This is also a great opportunity for students to be prepared for their upcoming auditions, which will consist of the same material as the ILMEA auditions. The one-on-one feedback from Mr. Hile is very valuable, as well.





Hersey auditions will begin the week of **October 25**. They will consist of two short etudes and the scale sheet. Freshman, particularly, should start work on the scale sheet as soon as possible to be ready by that time. There will also be sightreading. The sightreading component on SMARTMUSIC is a very useful tool to improve your sightreading and help you with the sightreading portion of the audition. The best way to prepare for these auditions is to take private lessons.



SENIOR NIGHT

Marching Band seniors and their parents will be honored before the home football game scheduled on **Friday, September 17**. Senior parents/guardians, put this date on your calendar so you can be in attendance. More details and a confirmation will be sent home with your son/daughter. It's important that every senior has someone to be with them. Please let me know ASAP if you are unable to attend so we can have coverage for them.



HIA General Meeting Monday, Sept. 20th 7:30 Zoom

All parents are welcome to our first HIA General Meeting of the year! We will be meeting on Zoom. A link will be sent closer to the meeting date. We hold these meetings every other month to update everyone about current band happenings.



Message from the President – Mark Kaiser

hia.boardpresident@gmail.com

First, I'd like to take a moment to welcome all the new band parents and existing band parents back to the 2021-22 school year. I look forward to meeting and talking to everyone personally throughout the year and hope that you find (or continue to find) a friendly home here with the HIA. We sincerely appreciate all the efforts of those who help the band program in one way or another.

Band Camp was a great success and the Marching Band has been working diligently on their program "4 Words." It was wonderful that the students have been able to start up again and work on their program in a more traditional manner than last year. The program is coming along nicely, the props are nearly complete, and our first performance will be coming up soon.

I would like to thank everyone who has come out to volunteer in one form or another and encourage everyone to take a moment to get involved as well. You will find a great group of individuals who will help assist you as necessary and support you throughout. If you are interested in volunteering for any position (or are looking to help but don't know what position you can volunteer for), please contact either Maureen Temple (hia.vicepresident@gmail.com) or me (hia.boardpresident@gmail.com) and we will be happy to speak with you.

Looking towards the future, "In Good Taste" planning is starting up soon. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Doris Downing (doris@uncbusiness.net) or Melissa (melissadimitrijevic@yahoo.com) to support them or request more information.

Please take a look at our Band Calendar <https://herseyband.com/calendar/> to view all important dates. The calendar is a useful tool (if you have not already visited the site) and has information for the band activities. Note that on Monday 9/20, we will have our first HIA General Meeting. This meeting will likely be held via Zoom to allow as many individuals to attend as possible. Join us at 7:30 and feel free to see what is forthcoming, volunteer to help, ask any questions that may be on your mind, or hear updates from Mr. Hile. We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES	
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
3rd: Home Football Game: Students arrive at 5pm	1st: Home Football Game: Students arrive at 5pm
13th: ILMEA Pre-auditions start	9th: Downers Grove Marching Mustang Invitational: All Day, more details to follow
14th: Jazz 2 Begins: 5-6:30pm	15th: Home Football Game: Students arrive at 5pm
16th: Thursday rehearsal: 1-5pm: Jewish students excused for holiday	18th: Monday Marching Rehearsal: 6-7:30pm
17th: Home Football Game/Senior Night: Students arrive at 5pm	21st: Thursday Marching Rehearsal: 6-8:45pm (No Wednesday rehearsal)
18th: Red and Black Classic at NIU Marching Competition: All Day, more details to follow	27th: End of Season Marching Party: 6:30pm
20th: HIA General Meeting: 7:30pm via Zoom	27th: Concert/Symphonic Band Auditions Begin
28th: Five Guys Dine and Share Fundraiser: 4-8pm	



The Color Guard has been hard at work this summer. Starting back in May, they have been practicing twice a week and completed an additional camp week in July to prepare for this season. As you saw at the Preview, all that work is paying off. Thanks to the students' work and dedication, we have the potential for one of the strongest guards we've had in years. I can't wait to see how this season unfolds!

Sara Reich
Color Guard Director



For those families that ordered lanyards, they will be distributed this week at Wednesday night rehearsal. If you have any questions please contact Kim Fuller at flicka7@gmail.com

A Message from the
Vice President
Maureen Temple



This year's band is off to an amazing start! They are looking and sounding great, thanks to Mr. Hile and the rest of the marching band staff. However, their success thus far is also due in part to all the parent volunteers.

Band Camp Hydration

This crew of parents has been vital to a successful band camp by making sure that the students stayed hydrated during all of those super hot days:

Amy Reed, Aneta Orszulak, Anita & Andy Haapapuro, Bridget Piagari, Carol Kelm, Caroline Kuhl, Dena Spire, Jeff Oremland, Jennifer Hasche, Jennifer Schmidt, Jenny Tanquary, Jozefa Markevych, Karrie Tansor-Graf, Martha Conlon, Matt Temple, Maureen Podvrsan, Melanie Leidy, Michelle Olsen, Peter Schmidt, Rebecca Wilhelm, Sarah Harte, Shinae Jeon, Theresa Nishimura

Clinician Meals

This group of volunteers made sure the marching band staff was well-fed while working with our kids during camp:

Anita Schroeder, Bridget Piagari, Jeff Oremland, Jenny Tanquary, Katie Stegman, Theresa Nishimura.

*Special thanks to Mark Kaiser for heading up this committee.

Parent Preview Picnic

Flying hotdogs aside, a huge thank you goes out to our grillers, servers, and cleanup crew that assisted with feeding the masses before their performance, as well as handing out Dilly Bar treats afterwards:

Amy Reed, Andrea Hoffman, Aneta Orszulak, Anita Schroeder, Clara Mae Wilhelm, Jaime Homoly, James Derbick, Jenny Tanquary, Jinu Mammen, Jonathan Choi, Julie Siegel, Jung Yoon, Karrie Tansor-Graf, Kristi Whalen, Madelyn Olsen, Marianne McDonough, Mark Kaiser, Martha Conlon, Melissa Dimitrijevic, Mike Slowinske, Rebecca Wilhelm, Tammy Zhekova, Theresa Nishimura, Tim Downing, Timothy Faley, Tina Park.

*Special thanks to Theresa Nishimura for helping me organize the event

Uniform Fittings

These amazing ladies have managed to ensure that all 125 students will look their best in well-fitting uniforms for the football games and competitions:

Anita Haapapuro, Caroline Kuhl, Darleen Carl-Beck, Jennifer Hasche, Jenny Tanquary, Julie Siegel, Kathy Nikolai, Lori King, Marianne McDonough, Melanie Leidy, Monika Balut, Tina Park

*Special thanks to Jenny Stanhope, Amy Reed, Jennifer Faley and Jen Schmidt for heading up this committee.

So far, we have had members of 49% of the band families volunteer to help with something, but we still need help from the other half of you! There are still plenty of opportunities to help during marching band season (and more to come when we switch to concert season as well).

Please see how to access the sign up genius on the next page

Weekly Hydration - need 44 slots filled

We need volunteers to assist with bringing out water jugs (and bringing them back in) during the weekly Wednesday rehearsals.

Football Games - need 12 slots filled (uniform monitor/chaperone & hydration)

We need parents to help make sure the students' uniforms are, well, uniform, and to be an extra set of eyes to help chaperone during the games (fingerprinting not required). We also need parents to help provide water for the football games.

Off-site chaperones - need 9 slots filled (must be fingerprinted by the district)

After being fingerprinted by the district, these chaperones will travel with the band to various off-site activities: marching band competitions, jazz festivals, etc.

Competition Cookie Bakers - need 12 slots filled

Do you love to bake? If so, this one's for you! You will be given the secret "competition cookie" recipe, and will need to bake one batch of 40 cookies for the assigned competition.

Chew Crew - need 9 slots filled

Duties will include purchasing food and creating snack and breakfast bags. Serving and cleaning up the meals provided on competition days. Either Rebecca Wilhelm or Caroline Kuhl will reach out to you for specific tasks. See the new "Chew Crew" tab in the Fall Marching Sign up Genius.

We are in need of a freshman or sophomore parent to assist Rebecca Wilhelm and Caroline Kuhl with organizing the **Chew Crew**. Since these ladies will be "graduating" at the end of the year, we'll need someone to learn the ropes to keep the Chew Crew alive for next year. Also, we are looking for a returning parent and a new parent to work on the **Band Banquet** that occurs in May. Please let me know if you are interested in any of these positions.

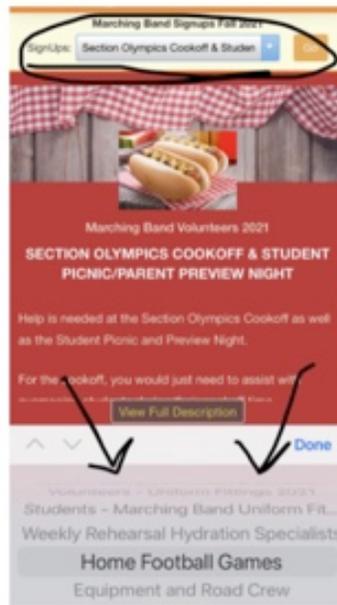


Remember, all fall signups can be accessed by clicking on the link provided in the email which included this newsletter.

Just look for the appropriate tab (on a computer)



Or scroll through the drop-down menu (on a mobile device)



Volunteer guides are provided for most signups, but if you have a question, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thanks to all who have volunteered, and I look forward to meeting more of you at the football games and competitions!

Maureen Temple
HIA Vice President
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**DINE AND SHARE
FUNDRAISER**



**Tuesday, Sept. 28th
4-8pm
Rand Rd and Kensington, Mt. Prospect
Donating Back: 20%**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/195478-hersey-instrumental-association-at-five-guys>

2021-2022 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. We invite you to support the band by becoming a sponsor. 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.

Platinum Level Sponsorship: \$200 and up

Includes Gold Level Sponsorship benefits **plus** a ½ page ad in the 2021 CICBF program and fulfillment of the CICBF student ad sale requirement. The Festival Committee will contact the sponsor regarding their ad. If more than one student is designated above, **one** student will fulfill the ad requirement for every \$200 donation. 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)
- 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 Spencer Hile
John Hersey High School
1900 E. Thomas St.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004*

Confirmation of your donation will be e-mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact **John Weirich** 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>

Starting in October we will begin taking orders for physical gift cards and accepting checks for payment. Orders are due the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** and gift cards will be delivered the following Wednesday.

To Pay by Check: Place your order by the first of the month online in your account. When you check out: go to cart, under Select Your Payment Type choose: check (given to your coordinator) and place check in envelope marked with Scrip and your name in Mr. Hile's lock box in his office.

You can continue to order e-gift cards online and pay online if you prefer. Please contact Theresa Nishimura at theresa.nishimura@gmail.com with any questions.

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](#).

TENTATIVE**2021-2022 Band Calendar**

*These dates may change, for the most up-to-date calendar visit herseyband.com/calendar and subscribe to the google calendar

September

3	Home Football Game	Report 5pm
16 (TH)	Marching rehearsal (no school) (no Wed)	1-4pm
17	Home Football	Report 5pm
18	Red and Black Classic – NIU	Afternoon and Evening
20	HIA General Meeting via Zoom	7:30pm

October

1	Football Game	Report 5pm
8	IMEA District VII Auditions (select) Due	
9	Downers Grove Marching Mustang Invitational	Afternoon and Evening
15	Homecoming Football Game	Report 5pm
18 (Mon)	Marching Rehearsal	6-7:30pm
21 (TH)	Thursday night rehearsal (No Wednesday)	6-845pm
23	State of IL Marching Championships	All day/late night
27	End of the Season Marching Party	6:30pm
27	Auditions begin	

November

3	<u>First</u> Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6-7:30pm
13	IMEA Dist 7 Music Festival(select students)	All Day
15	HIA General Meeting/Small Ensemble Recital	7:30pm
20	District 7 Jazz Festival (select students)	All Day
22 (Mon)	Jazz Night Club Concert - Jazz 1 and 2	7:00 pm
30(Tues)	Small Ensemble Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	6:30-7:30pm

December

3	ALL – Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal	3:30-6pm
5(Sun)	Holiday Concert	1 and 3pm
17	Holiday School Assembly	9:00 am

January

4 (tues)	Class resumes	
5	First Wednesday PM Symphonic Rehearsal	6:30-8:30pm
21-22	Jazz I & II to Purdue University	
26-29	IMEA All-State at Peoria (select)	

February

5	Jazz Ensemble II to New Trier Festival	All Day
12	In Good Taste Adult Fundraiser	7-10
16	Symphonic Band Festival w BG/WHS	7:30 pm
22	2 nd semester auditions begin	
26	Jazz I to Jazz in the Meadows	All Day/Early Evening

March

1	Dist 214 Honors Music Festival @ Forest View (select)	7:30 pm
5	Percussion to Elk Grove Percussion Festival	Morning and/or afternoon
9	Concert Band Festival @ BGHS	7:30 pm
12	Jazz 2 and Combos to MUNDELEIN JAZZ FESTIVAL ALL DAY	
18	Spring Break begins	
28	Classes resume	

April

6	Symphonic Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30pm
7	Dress Rehearsal w/Guest Conductor TBA	7-8:30pm
8	Chicagoland Band Festival Set-up	PM
9	Chicagoland Concert Band Festival All students AND parents (1 per student) help	All Day/Evening
20	Solo and Ensemble Contest at Hersey	4-8:30pm
25	Spring Jazz Concert	7pm

May

1 (Sun)	Spring Music Dept Concert	3PM
7	Symphonic Band to Superstate	All Day/Evening
9	Concert Band concert with Thomas feeder schools	7pm
16	Night of Percussion dress rehearsal	
17 (Tues)	Night of Percussion	
18 (WED)	Graduation	
20	Formal Band Awards Banquet	
23	HIA General Meeting	7:30pm
27	Last Day of School	
30	Memorial Day Parade (?)	