

# TAKE NOTE

JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL BANDS NEWSLETTER



## *Holiday Concert*

The Holiday season is upon us and, of course, it isn't the Holidays without our Annual Holiday Band Collage Concert. There will be TWO identical concerts on Sunday, December 5 at **1 and 3pm** in the JHHS Theatre. River Trails and Mac will perform at the 1pm concert, with Thomas and parochial school students performing at the 3pm concert. Ticket order forms have already been sent home with your students. In addition, we will resume our tradition of gift giving in the band between the concerts. More information will be distributed to students regarding the gift exchange. Of course, COOKIES BY THE POUND, is an annual highlight of the day – be sure to support this very important HIA fundraiser! See our HIA vice president Maureen's letter for more info!



### *Amazing Food Drive Success!*

This year we were asked to contribute in a different form than we have in past Food Drives. We had 28 families contribute donations and we were able to donate \$2000 in the form of \$50 gift cards. 40 Hersey families received a \$50 gift card thanks to our Band Family!!!

**Thanks to everyone that contributed. Your generosity is incredible and greatly appreciated by our community.**

## JOHN HERSEY HIGH SCHOOL

Chicagoland InvitationalConcert Band Festival

## Chicagoland Band Festival Update

On Friday, November 5th, registration opened for this year's Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival. **In 10 minutes, a record 46 bands responded. We have 51 bands registered and 42 performance times to fill.** This festival is an all hands on deck operation so please make sure that you have April 9th blocked off for ALL parents/students. Our event is in incredibly high demand because of the quality educational experience that we provide. This year's festival is going to be another amazing event!

## Advertisement Fundraising Packets Distributed

In early January, in class, students will 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. 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.

If you are a Platinum level sponsor your student's ad requirement has been fulfilled. Thank you for your support! See page 10 in this newsletter for information on becoming a Hersey Band sponsor.

To view our 2020-2021 program book click [HERE](#)



## Jazz Bands to Purdue University Jazz Festival *January 21-22*

Once again the JHHS Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combos will travel to West Lafayette, IN to participate in this fantastic event. Over 90 bands will be competing this day and our students will again have the opportunity to hear a world-class jazz concert on Friday (JOSHUA REDMAN QUARTET!!!) as well as feedback from outstanding educators and clinics with fantastic musicians. Of course, we will again have our progressive dinner through student rooms and each room (they're suites with kitchenettes) will be responsible for a dinner course. Cost of the weekend should be **app. \$190**. This is slightly higher than previous years due to the D214 hotel policy of 2 students per room. Parents should look for a flyer and more detail before the Holiday Break.

### ***A Message from the Treasurer***



Student Account statements were emailed on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you did not receive one please let our Treasurer David Waltz know at [herseyband@gmail.com](mailto:herseyband@gmail.com). If your statement shows a positive balance, you still owe funds to HIA. Please take care of this promptly.





## Message from the President Mark Kaiser

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

Well, we know that Winter is creeping ever so much closer as the temperatures plunge, cheesecakes have been distributed (*thank you to Justyna Weirich and her crew of distribution volunteers*), leaves are falling rapidly from the trees, snow is falling periodically, and the days are significantly shorter. However, there is some good news to be had from this as music will again be performed live and in person at Hersey High School. The annual Holiday concert will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and will include our "Cookies by the Pound" bake sale! For those who have missed out on this concert, you will not want to miss the fun as Middle School band students join the Hersey band in performing various Holiday themed music.

Looking further into the future, please watch for continued information to be forthcoming regarding the In Good Taste event. The IGT team has been working hard to prepare a "tasting" evening that will be enjoyed by everyone. It will be held on 2/12, so make sure that you keep the evening open and host (or join) a group of friends and relatives to enjoy the occasion.

The Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival will be held on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, and the key chairs of committees have already met. There will be many activities surrounding this Festival, where all band parents are expected to volunteer and support the event. With so many parents helping, no task is too difficult or time intensive, but if you would like to choose where you would be interested in volunteering, please watch for the sign-up genius requests as the planning progresses.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the upcoming holidays with their families and friends, and may everyone have a Happy New Year as well!

Important Upcoming Dates	
December	January
4th: Cookies by the Pound Drop off: 1pm in the Titre Room inside Door 32	4th: Classes Resume
5th: Holiday Collage Concert: 1 and 3pm	5th: First Evening Symphonic Rehearsal: 6:30-8:30pm
16th: MOD Pizza Dine and Share: All Day	18th: HIA General Meeting: 7:30pm
18th-Jan 3rd: Winter Break	21st-22nd: Jazz I and II to Purdue University
	26th-29th: ILMEA All-State in Peoria

A Message from the  
Vice President  
Maureen Temple



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we have had so much to be thankful. We have been able to do so much this year, and we want to thank these amazing people who have volunteered extra time to organize various aspects of our program:

- Cathy Waltz - Dine N Share
- Theresa Nishimura - Scrip
- John Weirich - Sponsorships
- Kim Fuller - Social Media and jazz night organizer with Mark Fuller
- Peter Jezioro - Photography
- Amy Grabowski - Spirit Wear
- Pam Kaiser - Lou Malnati's
- Justyna Weirich - Cheesecakes
- Jenny Stanhope, Amy Reed, Jennifer Faley, Jody Ernst, Jen Schmidt - Concert Attire
- Soha Barakat - Cookies by the Pound

Speaking of Cookies by the Pound, we're bringing it back this year! For those of you who are new to the program, we sell packages of assorted cookies before/during/after the holiday concert. Where do all these cookies come from, you ask? They come from you! We ask that each family bake 6 dozen cookies to donate to the fundraiser, which means pure profit for the band. We will need the cookies to be dropped off by 1:00 on Saturday, December 4th in the Titre Room. We will then need volunteers to help sort the cookies into packages that day as well as some people to sell the cookies at the concert. Be on the lookout for a "Concert Season" signup genius with a Cookies by the Pound tab.

We hope your families all have a wonderful holiday season and get to spend time with your loved ones. See you all in 2022!

Maureen Temple  
HIA Vice President  
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## In Good Taste Fundraiser

Saturday, February 12th

Tune in from home on February 12th as we raise vital funds to help support band students. Proceeds from the event will fund workshops with renowned clinicians, scholarships for students in need, band camp staff/activities, performances at local venues and with professional musicians.

While the virtual event may feel a little different, **In Good Taste** will be a fun night to enjoy great music, a wine/beer tasting, raffles, a silent auction and more. Details about the event and tickets will be coming soon including information about a 'wine/beer tasting box' that you can enjoy with friends in your home while viewing In Good Taste online.

**The Grand Raffle** is the main fundraising portion of this event and features three amazing prizes: Beach House Getaway, Premium Weber Grill, and \$1,000 cash. Grand Raffle tickets will be sent home with students before the winter break and will be available for purchase online at [herseyband.com](http://herseyband.com).

**We need your help to make the event successful.** We are currently looking for silent auction items. Do you own a business? Have a fun hobby? or know someone who does? The silent auction is a great way to promote local products or services.

For more information, contact Melissa Dimitrijevic [melissadimitrijevic@yahoo.com](mailto:melissadimitrijevic@yahoo.com) or Doris Downing [doris@uncbusiness.net](mailto:doris@uncbusiness.net)

Thanks to the committee for all their hard work!



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TASTING EXPERIENCE  
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SILENT AUCTION

Benefitting  
John Hersey High School Bands  
Details: [www.herseyband.com](http://www.herseyband.com)



We are seeking donations  
for our Silent Auction!  
Contact [doris@uncbusiness.net](mailto:doris@uncbusiness.net)





**MOD PIZZA  
DINE AND SHARE  
FUNDRAISER  
Thursday, Dec. 16th  
All Day  
Take a break during  
finals for some delicious  
pizza or salad!**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/210513>

## Super Easy Holiday Fundraising!!

### Cookies by the Pound Fundraiser

*All baking hands on deck for this fundraiser!*

Please help by baking 6 dozen cookies (any cookie of your choice) and drop off in the Titre Room inside Door 32 on Saturday, Dec. 4th at 1pm.

Volunteers are needed for sorting on Saturday and selling the cookies at the holiday concerts on Sunday. See the Sign up Genius sent by email and Remind



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Deadline for physical gift card orders is extended this month to **December 3rd** and delivery will be Wednesday, December 8th

See the email this newsletter was attached to for the HIA enrollment code to join.

<https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

Contact Theresa Nishimura at [theresa.nishimura@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.nishimura@gmail.com) with questions

**Become a Hersey Band sponsor and not only are you supporting all our band programs but you receive other benefits as well! Gold Level members receive free admission for all concerts for immediate family members, including CICBF! Platinum Level members receive Gold Level benefits plus a 1/2 page ad in the 2021 CICBF program and fulfillment of the student ad requirement.**

## 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](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!**

## **TENTATIVE 2021-2022 Band Calendar**

\*These dates may change, for the most up-to-date calendar visit [herseyband.com/calendar](http://herseyband.com/calendar)  
and subscribe to the google calendar

Highlighted dates are changes to previous calendar

### **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
18	HIA General Meeting	7:30pm
21-22	Jazz I & II to Purdue University	
26-29	ILMEA 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Day/Evening
	All students AND parents (1 per student) help	
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 (?)	

**HIA Executive Board**

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