



# RAIDER BAND NEWS

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## Hello Everyone!

How did it get to be April already? The largest portion of the school year is behind us, and we are right in the middle of all of the spring activities. There is lots of talk about college acceptances, AP tests, proms and Spirit Night. In the band world, it means celebrating a wonderful Winterguard season, preparing for the Prism and Spring Concerts, and getting ready for Disney!!

For the band parents, it means getting ready for our spring event – Casino Night, which is Saturday, May 1. PLEASE support this great fundraiser. If it is successful, it can go a long way towards helping us plug the budget holes that we will see next school year.

Spring also means that the HBPA soon will be holding our Annual Meeting to elect officers and approve our budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Originally, we planned to hold that meeting on May 5, our usual first Wednesday of the month. However, the recent defeat of the school district budget has made us decide to **postpone the annual meeting until May 19th.** The Executive Board does not think we can adequately prepare a budget proposal to present to you, until we see the effect that district budget cuts will have on extra-curricular activities. In the next few weeks, the Township Committee will make their decision on the amount of money the district needs to cut, and the Board of Ed will determine how to implement that reduction. Then the HBPA Board will figure out what it means for our program.

We chose May 19th because it is a parade rehearsal day, so many people will be at the school for pick up anyway. We will start the meeting at 6:30 (a little earlier than usual) because parade rehearsal ends no later than 7:30.

I apologize for any inconvenience this change causes, but we really want to do this budget planning right!

*Linda*

## Notes from the Director

- I would like to congratulate the Winterguard for a successful season. You put on a beautiful show and should be proud of yourselves for all you accomplished!
- To the students involved in the small ensembles - you did an outstanding job at the library performance! We have such talent in the program and I'm glad we were able to showcase some of that talent in the community!
- The April Disney trip payment was due on April 16th. Please be sure to hand it in if you haven't done so already. Checks made payable to HHS Band. Please hand in your child's permission slip, medical forms and \$23 luggage surcharge (checks made payable to HBPA) as soon as possible!
- The LAST DISNEY PAYMENT is due on May 13th (there IS light at the end of the tunnel!). Please check the individual payment schedule we sent out in February to make sure you know the exact amount that is due. Checks made payable to HHS Band.

### Dates to remember:

- April 23 - Prism Concert at 7:00pm, HHS Auditorium  
Freshman Band report at 6:00pm  
All other students report at 6:30pm
- May 20 - Spring Concert at 7:00pm, HHS Auditorium
- May 17, 19 & 24 - Marching Band Parade rehearsals
- May 29 - Memorial Day Parade and Band Family Picnic
- June 1 - Equipment Check
- June 2 - Luggage Check
- June 3-7 - DISNEY!

**The Next Band Parents  
Meeting is Wednesday  
May 19 at 6:30 pm  
NEW DATE & TIME!!**



# Casino Night is Saturday, May 1, 2010

**Thank you to all the families who have already donated!  
We still need more help to make this night a success to support  
all of our our amazing band and guard students!!**

## **Donations Needed!!**

We need to offer a large number of prizes for our guests to try to win with the tickets they earn playing the casino games. We have requested donations from the businesses that have sponsored our auctions in the past, and now we are asking our membership for help. We would like to pool our resources, and ask each family to make a cash donation so the committee has funds to purchase several larger items. For example, we are offering a laptop computer package as our grand prize using some of the donations. You can make the check out to HBPA, and put Casino Night donation in the memo line.

Also, if you have an idea for a larger prize, or know of a business that might donate it or offer us a reduced price, please let us know.

## **Sponsors Needed!!**

One of the ways that these events make money is to sell sponsorships for each table. For a \$100 contribution, a business or individual gets a placard with their name prominently displayed on one of the gaming tables. If you are interested or you know of a business that might be interested, please contact Linda.

## **Selling Tickets!!**

We need lots of people who are 21 and older to attend. Tickets are \$40 each, and that includes food, soft drinks, and \$100 in chips to start your winning night! There will also be a cash bar available, courtesy of our friends at the American Legion.

If you would like to purchase tickets for yourself or know someone who would like to buy a ticket, please contact Linda or June.

## **Food Donations are Needed!!**

We have a list of easily prepared or purchased food items to help make the night a success:

- Veggies and dip tray
- Antipasto tray
- Mini meatballs
- Dips with cut-up bread and/or chips (e.g. hummus, spinach dip in bread bowl, onion dip)
- Desserts (e.g. small sized cookies, strawberries dipped in chocolate, miniature cheesecakes, creme puffs, Italian pastries or eclairs)

If you are donating a food item and coming to the event by 6:00 pm, you can bring it with you. If not, these food items can be dropped off in the band room on Saturday, May 1 between 4:30 and 5:00 pm.

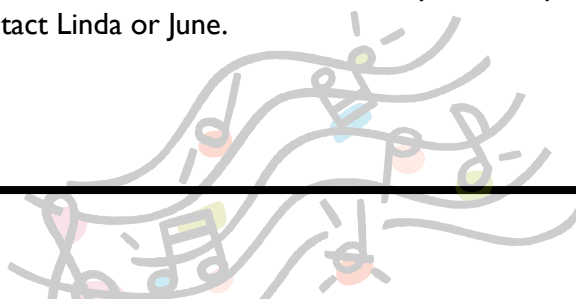
In addition, the students will be making fruit and cheese kabobs so the following donations are also needed:

- cubed cheese, any variety
- olives, green or black, pitted
- sliced pepperoni
- variety of fruit cut into cubes (e.g. any melon, strawberries, grapes, pineapple-no bananas or apples)

These food items can be dropped off in the band room on Friday, April 30 by 3:00 pm. The students will be able to put together the fruit and cheese kabobs in a classroom next door to the band room.

The HBPA will be purchasing sandwich wraps, finger sandwiches and croissant sandwiches to supplement the assortment of food.

Please let June or Carla know what you can donate in advance, so that we can be sure that we have enough of everything. If you have any suggestions, or questions, feel free to contact us!



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## Casino Night continued...

### **Beverage Donations are Needed!!**

Freshman - 2 twelve packs Diet Coke or Pepsi  
Sophomores - 1 regular & 1 Diet twelve packs Sprite/7UP  
Juniors - 2 twelve packs regular Coke or Pepsi  
Seniors - 2 cases water or 1 case water & 1 case iced tea  
Beverages can be dropped off in the band room  
anytime prior to the end of the school day on  
Friday, April 30.

This year in particular, we need to get everyone's help to make this a success. With the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year, our program will see a reduction in monetary support from the school district.

We know we will have to make cuts ourselves, but the more successful we can make this event, the more we will be able to continue to do for our kids!!!

**Thank you for your support!!**



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## MEET THE NEW CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

### **For First Vice President...**

Hi, my name is **Sian Godwin**. I moved to the USA in July 2005 from South Wales in the UK with my daughter Rachel and husband Richard. When house hunting many colleagues suggested Hillsborough as a great place to live with a good school system, we were fortunate to find a house straight away and have never looked back. When Rachel joined Colorguard in her freshman year I really didn't know what it involved – the first Marching Band I ever saw perform was that year when Rachel returned from band camp. I watched the whole performance in awe and wonder at what could be achieved in such a short period of time and have continued to be amazed and impressed ever since.

The Hillsborough Band organization provided my family and me with a great opening to make friends and become part of the community in which we live. Over the last three years, as we have become more involved, I have gained a real appreciation of the hard work and effort required to ensure that our students and staff have all of the resources they need to succeed. I would therefore like this opportunity to give a little back by using the business, marketing, organizational and management skills I have acquired in my professional career to ensure that others can continue to enjoy and benefit from being part of such a great organization.

### **For Second Vice President...**

Hello everyone! My name is **Lisa Limyansky**. My husband Roger and I have lived in Hillsborough for 19 years. Our son John is a junior and our daughter Sarah is a freshman at HHS. I am a NICU nurse at St. Peter's University Hospital, caring for premature babies and sick newborns for almost 22 years. I have also been a Girl Scout leader for nine years.

Both of my children are involved in the band program. After my daughter joined the Colorguard this year, I became more involved by joining the sewing committee to help with making the flags for the guard. I also found that lending a hand with the hair and makeup for the Marching Band and Winterguard seasons was a lot of fun! I truly enjoyed working with the band families for events such as the Marching Band home show, Winterguard home show, and the pasta dinner.

The band program at HHS is absolutely phenomenal. This includes not only the kids, Jules, Jamie, and Joe Dobis, but the band families as well. The talent, dedication, support, encouragement and friendship is unsurpassed.

If elected to the board, I hope to continue to encourage and support the band families as much as they have supported my family and myself.

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# 2010 Winterguard



The Hillsborough Colorguard just finished up their 2010 winter season this past Saturday at the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Championships held at South Brunswick High School. The 2010 show "Don't Let The Days Go By" was about grasping every chance and every moment that comes your way. This season the guard really embraced this philosophy and it proved to be very successful for all involved. The guard can now add to their list of accomplishments Winterguard International (WGI) South Brunswick Power Regional Finalists for the first time ever; truly a result of the dedication of all the wonderful students involved. Each student has really developed and grown during this season and I am really excited about their potential for the future.

A special thanks to all the staff for their countless hours of dedication and commitment to bring a higher level of excellence to the Colorguard. To the entire pit crew who, every weekend, made sure the mat and props were where they needed to be - somewhat of a challenge this year! - we couldn't have done it without you.



Another special thanks to all the parents who helped in so many ways, including cooking food, volunteering their time and effort, traveling with the guard, helping with hair and make-up to sewing flags, and so many other activities. Thank you all so much for everything you do. Your work endlessly serving our program with dedication and ease is very much appreciated.

We are all looking forward to the start of another successful year for the Hillsborough Colorguard, and rehearsals begin on May 10 for Marching Band season. Look out for greater achievements to follow!!!

## Small Ensembles Perform at Library Concert April 19, 2010



## Used Clothing Drive A Success!

Used clothing was collected on three different days early in 2010. Many, many, many bags of clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding and toys were collected and loaded into the trailer for storage until a company called *Fashion Republic* came to collect it. All of the items weighed a total of 5,783 lbs! The total amount earned by the HBPA for this endeavor was \$854.63 and that included a bonus of \$100 for being over 5,000 lbs! A special thanks goes to Mark Dalpe for all the time that he put into this successful fundraiser, and to all the volunteers who helped him. Honorable mention goes to Jack Kaplan for spending the most time carrying and organizing bags of any of the volunteers!!



We will be doing this clothing drive again...about the same time next year!

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## Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Event	Location
Friday	April 23 7pm	Prism Concert <i>Small &amp; Large Ensembles</i>	HHS
Saturday	May 1 6pm	Casino Night	American Legion Hall, Somerville
Tuesday	May 11	JP Stevens Small Ensemble Festival	JP Stevens HS
Monday	May 17 6-7:30pm	Marching Band Parade Rehearsal	HHS
Wednesday	May 19 6-7:30pm	Marching Band Parade Rehearsal	HHS
Wednesday	May 19 6:30 pm	HBPA Meeting <i>Annual Membership Meeting</i>	HHS
<b>NEW DATE &amp; TIME</b>			
Thursday	May 20 7pm	Spring Concert <i>Freshman Band, Concert Band, &amp; Wind Ensemble</i>	HHS
Monday	May 24 6-7:30pm	Marching Band Parade Rehearsal	HHS
Saturday	May 29	Memorial Day Parade and Band Family Picnic	
Tuesday	June 1 5-7:30pm	Equipment Check for Band Trip	HHS
Wednesday	June 2 5-7:30pm	Luggage Check for Band Trip	HHS
Thursday - Monday	June 3-7	DISNEY!!!	
Friday	June 11	Barnes & Noble Bookfair <i>Small Ensembles</i>	
Saturday	June 12 12noon-3pm	Band Luncheon	HHS
Tuesday	June 15	Combined HS/MS Small Ensembles Concert	HHS
Wednesday	June 23	Graduation <i>Freshman Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble</i>	