



RAIDER BAND NEWS

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Hello Everyone!

Due to the ice storm and the subsequent school closing, our monthly band parents meeting had to be cancelled. You will find most of the information that would have been discussed at the meeting in this month's newsletter. Even though it is easier to read what is going on, I urge you to come to the meetings. They are informative and in the long run, your participation will help support your student. The profits from both of our fundraisers so far, the marching band and winterguard home shows, are used to support *all* of our band and guard programs all year long. Last spring, for our third big fundraiser, we decided to try a "casino night," which we are planning to do again this year!

We have a new date (April 9th), we have the same location (the American Legion Hall in Somerville) and we have the same professionals to run it (WOW Entertainment, Inc). All we need now is the support that we always get from all of the band parents! If you talk to anyone who went last year, you will learn how much fun they had. We hope to attract more people to come this year, so spread the word, and invite your family and friends!!

We will start with a planning meeting on Tuesday, February 15th in the band room. Please come and see how you can help. Let's make this as big a success as we possibly can.

Thank you!

June

Used Clothing Drive Collection Dates

Saturday, February 12th, 10 am - 12 noon

Saturday, March 19th, 10 am - 12 noon

Drop-off Location: HHS Front Entrance

🎵 Notes from the Director 🎵

Congratulations to the Winterguard for a beautiful show. Best of luck for the rest of your season!

Congratulations to the band parents and all the volunteers who helped at the home show. Once again, you outdid yourselves – what a superb and spectacularly run show! Indeed!

Congratulations to Jasmine Lee for being accepted into the New Jersey All State Wind Ensemble!

Dates to remember:

February 9 (7:30 pm) – 8th grade band parent meeting. Not just for middle school parents – anyone whose child would like to continue taking band class for the rest of high school is welcome to attend to see how scheduling works.

February 10 – Composer/conductor Bruce Yurko will be working with the Wind Ensemble during the school day.

February 16 – Wind Ensemble performs at the TCNJ Band Festival.

February 17 – Wind Ensemble performs at the Rutgers Wind Band Festival.

**Congratulations to the
Winners of the Winterguard Raffle!!
It was drawn at the Premier Performance/
Dinner on Friday, January 14th.**

**First Prize:
\$1,000 Travel Voucher from Epic Travel
The Gambardella Family**

**Second Prize: \$100 Shop Rite Gift Card
Third Prize: \$50 Lowe's Gift Card
Monica Hu**

HHS Guard Display at the Hillsborough Municipal Building



In case you missed it...
check out these photos of the display
of our guard programs that was showcased
at the Hillsborough Municipal Building
during the month of January!

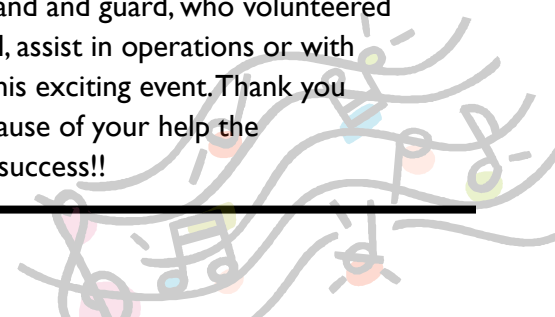
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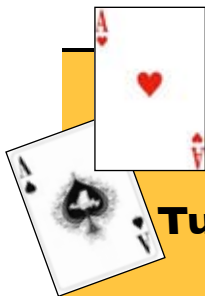


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On January 14th, the Winterguard and the HBPA sponsored the Premiere Performance/Dinner which included a delicious soup and salad bar catered by our own band parents, and “make your own” ice cream sundaes. The Winterguard performed their 2011 show “The Leaves Will be Greener.” In addition the Bridgewater Raritan Guard performed a portion of their 2011 show “Cityscape.” Following the performances spectators young and old had a chance to “spin with the guard.” Special thanks to Kathy Gilroy for manning our inaugural soup bar and all the band and guard parents, who gave many hours of their time to make this a successful fundraiser for the guard. Over \$1,000 was raised!!

The Eleventh Annual Winterguard Show, which was held on January 29th, was also a resounding success! Our guard has put in countless hours of rehearsals to present an amazing performance, and it shows. In addition, our parents, including our illustrious alumni, put in many hours to present a well-run show. Quite a few of our band students also volunteered their time to act as hosts for the visiting guards. Twenty-six guards, including our own, performed, and despite the cold and snowy weather, it was a triumphant event. The total raised to help fund all of our program’s activities was over \$5,000! Special thanks to all the parents, of both band and guard, who volunteered to cook, serve, sell, assist in operations or with the program for this exciting event. Thank you to everyone - because of your help the show was a great success!!





**Casino Night
Planning Meeting!
Tuesday, February 15th**

**Please come!
Bring your ideas for food,
prizes and advertising!!**

**All help is greatly appreciated!
New ideas are welcome!!**

**The Next Band Parents
Meeting is Wednesday
March 2 at 7:00 pm
in the Band Room**

Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Event	Location
Wednesday	February 9	Eighth Grade Parents Night	HHS Band Room
Saturday	February 12 10am to noon	Used Clothing Collection	HHS
Saturday	February 12	WGI Regional Competition	Norwin HS, Pittsburgh, PA
Wednesday	February 16	TCNJ Band Festival <i>Wind Ensemble</i>	
Thursday	February 17	Rutgers Wind Band Festival <i>Wind Ensemble</i>	
Saturday	February 26	Winterguard Competition	South Brunswick HS
Wednesday	March 2	HBPA Meeting	HHS
Saturday	March 5	WGI Regional Competition	South Brunswick HS
Saturday	March 12	Winterguard Competition	Hatboro-Horsham HS
Saturday	March 19 10am to noon	Used Clothing Collection	HHS
Saturday/ Sunday	March 19/ March 20	WGI Regional Competition	University of Rhode Island
Tuesday	March 22	Region Concert Band Festival <i>Wind Ensemble</i>	South Brunswick HS
Wednesday	March 23 (during school day)	Freshman Band Invitational <i>Freshman Band</i>	Roxbury HS
Wednesday	March 23	Region Concert Band Festival <i>Concert Band</i>	South Brunswick HS
Thursday	March 24 (during school day)	Eighth Grade Recruitment Day <i>Freshman & Concert Bands, Wind & Jazz Ensembles, small ensembles</i>	HHS
Thursday	March 24	"Evening of Jazz" Combined MS/HS Jazz Concert <i>Jazz Band/Jazz Ensemble</i>	HHS
Saturday	March 26	Winterguard Competition	Penridge HS

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