



RAIDER BAND NEWS

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Happy New Year!

It is the beginning of another exciting year of events for our band and guard students. Our Winterguard's Premiere Performance will take place this Friday, January 14th, as well as a performance by the guard from Bridgewater High School. The evening will include a three course dinner and a chance to spin with the guard. Two weeks later is the Winterguard Home Show, on Saturday, January 29th. Our guard includes students from the middle school again this year. Middle school students were also included this year in the performances with our small ensembles at our Barnes & Noble Bookfair in December.

January also marks the beginning of another year of opportunities for parent involvement to support our talented kids at their events! Thanks to all of you, we have earned another record profit on the fall Marching Band Home Show and continued a successful gift card fundraiser. But there is still more to do. I encourage you to stay involved and join with both band and guard parents at the next two guard fundraisers. Your help is greatly appreciated by both students and staff.

Several parents have been able to utilize employer programs to make contributions to deserving organizations and have designated the HBPA.

- Mark Dalpé has been able to get funding from AT&T through their United Way program.
- Lee Caprarola has been able to get contributions from Wells Fargo, through a program called *Sharing Advantage*® (see our website for more information).

We have a letter that can be used to provide information about our program and the support we are asking for. Please consider checking with your company to see if they offer any programs that might be of help! Let me know if you would like a copy of the letter.

Thank you!

June

Notes from the Director

- We are looking forward to the Winterguard Home Show on Saturday, January 29th. We currently have 25 guards performing! To volunteer to help, please contact Rick Ball at rsball@comcast.net.
- The Wind Ensemble has been accepted into the Rutgers University Wind Band Festival. That will be taking place on Thursday, February 17th.
- A list of dates for the upcoming performances and rehearsals has been handed out to the students. Please note two items: Wind Ensemble auditions are on February 1 this year, and the date of the spring concert has been changed to May 11.
- Thanks to Ciji Syvarth, Ali Carraher, and Beth Nichols for working with the middle school small ensembles to get them ready for the Barnes & Noble Bookfair.
- In light of the current economic state, we have made an effort to lessen the impact for our families in regards to the annual spring band trip. This year we have more families than ever with more than one child in the program. With that in mind, we have decided to make this year's band trip a "senior" trip. For the underclassmen, we will continue the tradition of traveling to Disney every other year, the even years, beginning in 2012.



Check out the Winterguard exhibit in the display case at the municipal building. It is the case in front of the mayor's office, and can be viewed for the month of January!

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

The Winterguard's Premier Performance & Dinner

Including performances by:

- ✓ Bridgewater Raritan Guard - "Cityscape"
- ✓ Hillsborough Guard - "The Leaves Will Be Greener"

January 14th, 2011 - Hillsborough High School Gym
6:00pm to 9:00pm (performances start at 8:00pm)
\$10 per person/\$8 for age 55 & up and age 5 & under

We need your help!!

A three-course self-serve dinner will be served. The event will start with set-up (food donation drop-off) at 5pm and will end with clean-up at about 10pm. We estimate about 200 to 250 spectators. The following is needed to make this fundraiser a success:

Food Donations:

- Soup (any variety)
- Chili
- Potato salad, egg salad, macaroni salad, tuna salad
- Bags of ready to use lettuce
- Salad dressings
- Salad items: cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, shredded carrots, etc.
- Italian bread
- Ice cream bar items: chocolate/caramel syrup, whipped cream, sprinkles, maraschino cherries, etc.
- Water and soda

Volunteers: (we need about 10 volunteers)

- Cashier
- Servers at the buffet: replenish food, utensils & paper goods
- Table cleaners
- Set-up and clean-up crew

If you prefer, you can participate by giving a \$10 donation which will be used to purchase the food/beverages. Please send donations to Mark Dalpe, 112 Eastwick Court, or give to any guard member by Wednesday, January 12th.

Please send me an email at msd518@hotmail.com and let me know what you can provide. Please respond by Wednesday, January 12th. Thank you for your support!!

**The Winterguard Show is on January 29th!!
Look for e-mails for food donations and
volunteer requests. Your help is appreciated by all!!**



WINTERGUARD 2011

This year's winter program is entitled "The Leaves Will Be Greener." After such an amazing fall marching band season the focus this winter is to continue that growth and success. In preparing for the 2011 season a few remarkable changes have happened. One of the most notable is the addition of Ed Devlin to our staff. He is the current Director of Blessed Sacrament Colorguard, current Board President of Winterguard International, past President of Eastern Massachusetts Colorguard Circuit, and Designer for numerous drum corps, marching bands, and colorguards. Ed brought in a wealth of ideas and expertise and helped design a remarkable and very individualized program that will give each member a memorable season. The show starts in the dark depths of winter with the guard members representing dead leaves lying on the ground. As the show progresses spring inevitably follows and the leaves transform in to the joys and bright greens of spring with a spectacular flag feature finale.

In addition to Ed being on staff this winter, Anthony Tanasy, George Mattis, ML Lawson, Suzie Lazzari, Jessie Skinner-Simon, and Jason Pliska have joined me to coach the guard in flag and weapon technique, dance, movement and performance. All round an amazing staff dedicated to educating and developing each member.

We hope that you all get an opportunity to see the show either at our Premier Performance on January 14th or at our Home Show on January 29th.

– Joe Dobis
Colorguard Director

Used Clothing Drive Collection Dates

Saturday, January 15th, 10 am - 12 noon
Saturday, February 12th, 10 am - 12 noon
Saturday, March 19th, 10 am - 12 noon

Drop-off Location: HHS Front Entrance



Merry Tuba Christmas!

A group of dedicated sousaphone and baritone players from Hillsborough's Raider Marching Band traveled into NYC on a windy, rainy and cold Sunday in December. They joined approximately 400 other musicians on the ice under the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center to play holiday songs. Tuba Christmas began in 1974 as a tribute to the late artist/teacher William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902. Check out the video on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKw7jeFVnH8>.

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	<i>while she is on maternity leave</i>

HHS Band Website **www.hhs-band.org**
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Dates to Remember

Day	Date	Event	Location
Friday	January 14 6pm to 9pm	Winterguard Premier Performance/Dinner	HHS
Saturday	January 15 10am to noon	Used Clothing Collection	HHS
Saturday	January 15	Winterguard Competition	Hunterdon Central HS
Saturday	January 22	Winterguard Competition	West Orange HS
Saturday	January 29 5pm	Winterguard Home Show!	HHS
Wednesday	February 2 7pm	HBPA Meeting	HHS
Saturday	February 5	Winterguard Competition	Archbishop Wood HS, Warminster, PA
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 Wind Ensemble	
Thursday	February 17	Rutgers Wind Band Festival Wind Ensemble	
Saturday	February 26	Winterguard Competition	South Brunswick HS

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

The Bookfair, held on December 10th, was a huge success! The purchases made that day, and online, raised \$781 for our high school band and guard programs. The guard raised an additional \$268 wrapping gifts on both December 10th and 15th.

Thanks to the students in both the high school and middle school ensembles for their fantastic performances. And thanks to the parents and other supporters who contributed to the success of this fundraiser!