

NCHS Band Notes

December 2010

Band Families:

We are so excited and fortunate to be moving into our new band room in a matter of weeks. This is truly a dream coming true and we as a program are thrilled. It has taken a group effort but, once we are settled, this transition will have been worth the effort. Thank you to all for being so supportive of our program. Our community is going to have an amazing space for our even more incredible kids to rehearse and spend a large portion of their time as Redhawks! Thank you to all that supported the entire school through this magnificent journey. We look forward to dedicating the new space with a commission from **Dr. Thomas Bough** next fall. In the interim, Go Redhawks!

Congratulations Mr. Alstadt!

From NCTV17 News:

A Local School's Award Winning Band Director 2010's First Teacher Innovator

A Naperville Central High School band director has started the year on a high note. **OfficeMax** honored **DJ Alstadt** with 2010's first **Teacher Innovator Award**. Each month during the school year, the Naperville-based company recognizes educators in District 203 who bring innovation and excellence to the classroom. He humbly received a large certificate, a \$400 OfficeMax gift card, digital camera, and printer to use in the classroom.

"It's too bad there's not about 50 of my colleagues sitting here with me," said Alstadt. "Because I think there are people out there who are just phenomenal in the classroom."

"For a teacher like Mr. Alstadt, he'll always remember this," said **Bill Wiesbrook**, the school's Principal. "To be given a giant pat on the back, as well as some other nice gifts, I just think it's terrific." Band Booster parents **Tom and Karen Rogers** as well as two students, **Joe Crotty** and **Brad Bedal**, nominated Alstadt for the award. To hear that he won the award was music to their ears. "He has such a passion for music and for the kids," said Karen Rogers. "And he wants nothing but the best for them." View the NCTV17 newscast :

www.nctv17.com/napervillenews17/article.php?id=593

Alex Reeder Chosen as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Drum Major!

After a very successful Drum Major Camp this summer, our very own senior drum major, **Alex Reeder**, was chosen to lead the prestigious **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade** in New York City! This is a huge honor for Alex and for the City of Naperville.

We are very proud of our NCHS band families who gave so generously to help fund Alex's trip and make this once-in-a-lifetime dream come true for him!

Thank You

The Band Booster Association would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to **Darrell and Pam Carpenter**, who generously **donated new Illinois and United States flags and accessories** to the NCHS band program for use at parades!

Additionally, **Lynne Nolan** agreed to match the Carpenters' donation with a **new NCHS Band parade banner!**

This has been a difficult year of transition for our bands, with the construction issues, and nothing says "fresh start" better than new flags and a new banner.

We would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to band parent, **Jon Grainger**, who put together the **marching band slideshow!** Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties with the equipment, we were not able to see it during the awards night, but he made it available for everyone to download. Thank you again, Mr. Grainger, for your time and effort -- the slideshow was great!

A new facebook page, **Naperville Central Bands**, has been created! Please have your student join the group for an additional place to receive announcements. Band email can overload a personal email system so we are looking at other ways to communicate as the current board does succession planning.



Spirits

Congratulations Spirits on a successful marching season!

The season began with 16 returning performers and 7 new team members. Our senior Spirits were recognized at the home football game on September 10, 2010.



Senior fall members were: Tina Bonomo, Alexa Caponigro, Vanessa Castor, Rachel Lanzon, Dana McLain and Kelsey Pruiim.

The highlight of the season was the **Spirits 1st Place Auxiliary** finish at the Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Music Bowl. **Not only did the Spirits place 1st in class 2A, but their score was the highest auxiliary score of the competition.**

Looking forward, the winter guard will be stepping up a class to Scholastic Open after finishing 12th in the nation in Scholastic A at WGI World Championships last April.

The Spirits will be hosting their 3rd Annual Winter Classic indoor competition on January 22 at NCHS. Please plan to join the Spirits on that day.



Thank you to all the parents, participants and coaches who help make this activity possible.

NCHS Winter Guard

Loredana Barbarotta
Alexa Caponigro*
Vanessa Castor*
Amy Cmiel
Veronica DeKruiff
Rachel Doll*
Thalia Garcia
Rachel Lanzon
Angela Lee
Kathaleen McDonald
Dana McLain
Missy Musto
Kelsey Pruim
Carly Quick
Nataliya Rokhmanova
Sana Singh
Shelby Stephens
Marissa Ulie
Shelbey Vandenbroucke

*Team Captains



Fundraising Opportunities

Please note the new band handbook states each band family must participate in three fundraising volunteer commitments per extra-curricular band involvement per season. (Band Handbook on page 4.)

Market Day

Don't forget to order for the holidays from Market day. They have a wonderfully delicious assortment of pies, cookies and other desserts. Also available are pork roasts, hams, turkey breasts, assorted seafood and appetizers. As always we need student volunteers each month to help with the sale. Order online at www.marketday.com and be sure to credit our account #5634. If you miss the pick up date in December you can stop by the Sara Lee store on Ogden Avenue in Downers Grove for last minute Market Day purchases. Be sure to mention that you want NCHS to get the credit for the sale. I also have a plastic box on my front porch if you want to drop off the order form to me (1405 Terrance Dr).

The sale dates for 2011 are:

January 13, February 10, March 10,

April 14, May 12 and June 9.

Thank you, **Debbie Klos**

deborahdklos@hotmail.com.



Tastefully Simple

An ongoing fundraiser is selling Tastefully Simple items. For more information about these please email **Tom Byron** at byront03@comcast.net or visit the band website.

NCHS Letter Jackets

Many students wish to purchase a letter jacket so they can display the band patches that they earn. Each Marching Redhawk is given a patch for their year of service and the numerals representing their graduation year. **Lorenzo's Sportswear** has generously offered to donate \$10 for each jacket purchased by a band student. The student's name will be embroidered for free on the front pocket. Gift cards are available for holiday gift giving. Jacket order forms can be downloaded from www.nchsbands.info.

2011 Events & Concerts

January 18 - Pep Band

February 1 - Pep Band

February 10 - South Side Band Festival

February 11 - Pep Band

March 15 - Symphonic Band and Concert Band

March 16 - Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble

March 25 - Jazz Café

May 18 - Symphonic Band and Concert Band

May 19 - Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony

2010-11 Band Booster Board

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(contact information: www.nchsbands.info)

Band Booster Association Board of Director Openings:

Special Events Chairperson (1-2 people):

Responsible for organizing various special events that occur throughout the year, such as the Municipal Band Ice Cream Social in the summer, Jazz Café, Judge's Hospitality at the Marching Classic in the fall and Solo & Ensemble in the spring. We have an alumni mom who will work alongside you this year.

Media Communications Chairperson:

Submits articles to the local news media, NCHS Central Scenes, and Talk 203 regarding band events and news.

If you have any questions about any of these positions, or would like to become involved in truly making a difference in the band programs at NCHS, please contact BBA President, **Tom Rogers** or BBA Volunteer Coordinator, **Margaret Donahue**.

Be a Band Booster!

You are invited to become a member of the NCHS Band Boosters. The Band Boosters support all band programs and the Spirits at NCHS. The Boosters provide help to enhance these programs for our students. We need your support! Please consider becoming a member and making a difference in the experiences our students will have this year. All you need to do is fill out the membership form included in this newsletter and mail it in. If you have any questions, please call me at (630) 305-4330.

Thank you for your consideration!

Christine Robinson

Band Booster Membership Coordinator

2010-11 BBA Members

Thanks to all the supportive band and spirit families who have contributed to our booster organization.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to the following current contributors and their families:

Platinum Baton

Tom & Carol Byron
Donald & Margaret Donahue
Norb & Linda Gross
Steve & Christine Robinson
Rod & Trish Shoemaker
Ron Szmurlo & Judith Wivell
Kent & Deb Worrell



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Be a Band Booster!

You are an Instrumental Part of the
NCHS Band Programs!



Your contribution benefits the *entire* band program at NCHS.

Bronze Baton:	\$25 - \$49
Silver Baton:	\$50 - \$99
Gold Baton:	\$100 - \$499
Platinum Baton:	\$500+

Contributions are tax deductible!

If your employer has a matching gifts program for educational institutions, please consider participating in this program to make your contribution go even further. All you need to do is: 1) write a check to "NCHS Band Boosters"; 2) complete your employer's matching gifts form and this form; 3) send the check and the forms to Christine Robinson.

Please select one:

- Bronze Baton (\$25-\$49)
- Silver Baton (\$50-\$99)
- Gold Baton (\$100-\$499)
- Platinum Baton (\$500+)

Make checks payable to: "NCHS Band Boosters"

Please fill out this form and return to:

Christine Robinson
7S447 Arbor Drive
Naperville, IL 60540

Name of Student(s): _____ Class: _____

Name of Parent(s): _____

Street: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Questions? Call Christine Robinson at 630.305.4330 or visit www.nchsbands.info

In appreciation of your contribution, your name will be published in all programs and newsletters.

Your donation *DOES* make a difference!

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