

Friends of Hanover Music Newsletter

September, 2013

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 4: HHS Marching Band
Halftime Show, 4:00 Kickoff

Oct. 5: FHM Flea Market, 9:00 –
1:00 Town Hall Parking Lot

Oct. 8: FHM Monthly Meeting,
7:00pm in HHS band room

Oct. 12: HHS UMass Band Day,
Gillette Stadium

Oct. 19: Jazz Combo plays the
Phoenix Lodge Open House,
11:30 – 2:00

Oct. 25: HHS Band Homecoming
Show, 7:00 Kickoff

Oct. 25: HMS Harvest Jam

Oct. 27: HHS Band Halloween
Parade

Oct. 29: Chorus Fall Concert, 7:30,
HHS Auditorium

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Starting off Strong

Before we've even had a chance to get our first newsletter out, participants in Hanover's various music programs have been hard at work!



Whether it's the Pride of Hanover Marching Band stirring the crowd at the football games, the VOX women's choir performing for Teacher Convocation Day, Jazz Band auditions at the Middle School, or elementary school kids learning about beats and different styles of music, music education in Hanover is off and running for the new school year. Many students (some with the help of Friends of Hanover Music Scholarships) worked hard over the summer on their music with private lessons, ensembles at South Shore Conservatory, or even with school groups during band camp or summer rehearsals.

"Where words fail, music speaks," wrote Hans Christian Anderson. Although he himself was none too shabby with words, he knew that music is a universal language, which can fire neurons in the brain that ordinary language cannot. Many kids have a difficult time expressing themselves, and can often tell us how they feel or what they think through music more easily than through words. We believe that it just makes sense to ensure that they have a strong foundation of knowledge to do this with.



Friends of Hanover Music Annual Flea Market

Saturday, Oct 5th

Hanover Town Hall parking lot

9:00 am – 1 pm

Donations Needed!

Donation drop-off: 7 am



Will accept: Sporting goods, clothing, house wares, baby needs...

PLEASE, NO ELECTRONICS
OR COMPUTERS!

For more information or to volunteer please send an

e-mail to HPMC101@gmail.com



SCHOOL NOTES



Hanover High School Vocals

KATE BERTELLI, Director of Choral Music

The women's honor choir VOX worked hard over the summer to learn their new music, and performed for the Teacher Convocation early in September. They've been invited to sing the National Anthem at a Providence Bruins game sometime in the near future, stay tuned for date information (Editor's note: if you haven't heard the VOX group sing the national anthem, you should. It brought tears to my eyes at an event last year).

We have new executive board members in the ensembles: VOX- Colie Smigliani, President, Lily Packer, Vice President, Emilia Ravn-Boess Secretary. Concert Chorus - Brendan Hoar, President, Katie Rogier, Vice President, Abbie Denis, Secretary.

Our first fundraiser went AWESOME. The kids had a blast while getting many cars sparkling clean, the weather was great, and of course the fund-earning was pretty cool too.

Folks who are interested in the wide variety of choral programs we have here at the high school should check out the Choral Department Website at www.hanoverchoirs.weebly.com. It has gotten a face lift since last year, and students seem to navigate through it better. There is an active blog for any parents/community members that would like to share comments with the ensembles, and even a section for all audition information. Forms can be downloaded from there as well.

Hanover High School Instrumentals

PAUL KETCHEN, Director of Instrumental Music

We've had a very busy start to the year with the Pride of Hanover! Back in August, our week long Band Camp at Camp Wind In the Pines was tremendously productive. I am very proud of how much the entire ensemble had accomplished over five days, and we had some fantastic student leadership from many upperclassmen. And a HUGE thank you goes out to the many parents who helped chaperone at camp, transport equipment to and from, and continue to support their children in all their musical endeavors - we couldn't have Band Camp without parent chaperones! If you are interested in helping out at Camp next year, please contact me at your convenience.

The Band had their first performance of the season on just the second day of school, and due to the hard work during camp our performance was a success!

Next month the Pride of Hanover will be wearing pink gloves at performances in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Information on how you can sponsor a member of the Pride of Hanover will be available soon. All proceeds will be donated to local and national breast cancer charities.

If you haven't been to a halftime performance yet, only a few remain for the season: on Friday, 10/4 at 4pm; Friday 10/25 at 7pm, and Thursday 11/28 (Thanksgiving) at 10am.

Don't miss your chance to experience "Great Moments In Cinema," featuring highlights by the legendary film score composer John Williams!

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Hanover Middle School Vocals

JOHN SCHUMACHER, Director of Choral Music

The seventh and eighth grade Korus got off to a fast start this year with a performance of Lady Gaga's "Applause" at the annual HMS spirit day in the gym. All 3 koruses are now working towards their first concert in December.

The Performance Troupe has started their rehearsals after school on Wednesdays. Their debut will be at the 21st Harvest Jam on Friday, October 25th at 7pm. Eighth grade auditions for the Harvest Jam happened the week of Sept. 16th and rehearsals are now underway.

In general music classes, the eighth graders have started on their music presentation projects using iMovie, iPhoto, Garageband and Snapzpro to create 3 minute videos.



Hanover Middle School Instrumentals

JULIENNE THORNELL, Director of Instrumental Music

Fifth graders were introduced to the various band instruments and were given a demonstration in the second week of September. After two years learning about instrumental music on recorders, it is exciting to see them starting with clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, and trombones! For 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, Jazz Band auditions will take place soon, giving these kids an opportunity to spread their musical wings. This ensemble meets once a week after school, which gives them extra time to work together to hone their sweet sound.

Our first grade 5-8 band concert will take place on December 10 at 7pm. We hope to see you there to see how much the kids have learned and how enthusiastic they are about their music!



Center/Sylvester School

DUSTIN LINDSEY, Director of Music

Welcome back to what I am sure will be an exciting, new, school year. I would like to take a brief moment to introduce myself to the many of you that I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. My name is Dustin Lindsey, and I am a 2012 graduate of the University of New Hampshire's Department of Music.

At Center/Sylvester, the students are being introduced to new musical artists every week. During the first weeks of school we have listened to pieces by Ella Fitzgerald (The First Lady of Song), Gustav Holst, Chorus Angelicus (a choir of children between ages 5—18, from Torrington, CT), and a well-known tune from *Cinderella*, "Bippity, Boppity, Boo."

The Kindergarten and First Grade classes have been busy discovering the different dynamics that we hear in both in music, and in our everyday lives.

The Second grade students have been dusting off their Solfege skills, while using a variety of Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones, tambourines, and wood blocks).

Third graders are eagerly awaiting the arrival of recorders—as I'm sure are many of you parents! In the meantime, they have been doing a lovely job also learning about different dynamics, but in a different way from the younger students. The Third Grade classes are doing it through the song, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" (if you need help with pronunciation, there are plenty of students who are well-equipped to give you a lesson or two).

Fourth Grade is a very exciting year for many reasons. The end of elementary school is on the horizon (somewhere in the distance), the dawn of the recorder has come and, for the most part, gone (for a little while, at least), and we are beginning preparations for our first Chorus rehearsal. I am thrilled to work with these young students, as elementary chorus is where I began my first ventures into what would become a life-long love of music and teaching. We have quite a line-up for our December 4th holiday concerts, including a few tunes you might not be familiar with, as well as a few of our holiday favorites.

Cedar School

PAULA McMAHON, Director of Music

Hello from Cedar School. It's hard to believe it's September already. The music room is abuzz with activity. We are getting to know new friends and welcoming our old friends with songs and games. We always start the year talking about "The Beat" in our bodies, on the playground and in our music. We try to find the beat in everything we do.

The fourth grade just got their Chorus folders and are starting to warm up their pipes. Third graders are talking about Rap while Kindergarten thru second grades are moving to the beat.

Looking forward to another great year!



Alumni Corner



Bryana Koch, 2013 Graduate of HHS

"Bryana set a goal to be part of a college marching band, setting her sights on the University of Alabama. In 2013, Bryana was one of 37 piccolos vying for 18 field spots in Alabama's Million Dollar Band. Bryana accomplished her dream by earning a spot in the band. Thank you to the Hanover band teachers for lighting that spark of music in Bryana's heart. She will make you proud as she plays and marches with the Million Dollar Band."

- Mary Koch, Bryana's mom

Calling all
photographers!

Have photos of musical
events you'd like to share
with others?

E-mail them to us at
hpmc101@gmail.com and
we'll consider putting them
in the next newsletter!

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE
FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC

TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2013

7:00pm

IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

And as always, thank you for your support!