

HIGHVIEW HI NOTES

Quarter 2
2008-2009

Please note time change for the **Monday, December 8th** concert for the 7th & 8th Grade and Jazz Bands from **7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

WINTER CONCERT

7th, 8th, Jazz Bands
Monday, December 8 7:30 pm
Highview Middle School

WINTER CONCERT

6th Grade Band, Choir, Orchestra
Tuesday, December 18 7:00 pm
Highview Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Jazz Band
Tuesday, January 13 6:45 pm
Highview Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Jazz Band
Monday, February 2 7:00 pm
Chippewa Middle School

WEST SIDE BAND FESTIVAL

All Bands
Thursday, February 5 7:00 pm
Irondale High School

Concert Dress

With concert season right around the corner I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of appropriate concert dress. For **ALL** concerts, appropriate dress includes black pants/dress/skirt and white shirt. No sandals or tennis shoes, and no t-shirts or jeans. For boys this means black dress shoes, black socks, black pants, white dress shirt, and a tie. For girls this means black shoes, black socks, black pants and a white shirt or sweater. All black will be acceptable for girls who wish to wear a dress. Girls who choose to wear a dress or skirt must wear black nylons or tights. To play our best, we must look our best. With five weeks of notification, all students are expected to dress accordingly. If you have any questions please see Mr. Schmidt.



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Dear Santa



Each year as the holiday season draws near, the Mounds View schools have “adopted” a number of needy families to support with gifts, food, and monetary contributions. Highview kicks off its annual Dear Santa drive in December. We are asking families to donate non-perishable food or monetary contributions (to purchase turkeys, hams and other perishable foods). Please bring these items with you to the concerts in December. Last year we had an impressive response and were able to feed several families during the holidays. Remember, there is no admission to Highview concerts; think of this as your ticket in on December 8th and 18th.

Gift Ideas

December is the perfect time to give the gift of music to your band student. Supplies and tools needed by students in band include: reeds; mutes; mouthpieces; metronomes and tuners. These make great stocking stuffers! See Mr. Schmidt if you have questions about any of these ideas. Music retailers give deals on supplies to band directors so I can order almost anything from any of our vendors.



Thank You

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time and energy behind the scenes to help make the band program run smoothly. Your help is appreciated by all of the students!

Thank you: **Shannon Johnson**—working on the newsletter; **Heidi Boyum**—jazz band shirts.

Fundraiser Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising goal. Thanks to the efforts of students, parents, friends, coworkers and families we had a great fundraiser and will be able to continue offering quality opportunities, quality literature for performance and quality instruments. Thank you for your donations to the band program at Highview. The funds will be used for buses for field trips, new stands and new music. The many musical opportunities and events in our school rely on this kind of support—**THANK YOU!!**

SmartMusic

Thank you to the many families who have signed up with Smartmusic. Continue urging your students to use Smartmusic in all of their practice at home. Students tell me that practice goes a lot quicker when they use Smartmusic and that it's more fun. The first quarter performance assessments provided a great deal of information about where our strengths and weaknesses lie. Weekly performance assessments will continue to be assigned. The band room computer is available before school or after school most every day except Monday. If you have not ordered Smartmusic you can go to www.smartmusic.com and click on Order Now.

2nd Quarter Jazz Band Schedule

Please add this to your calendars at home and please do everything you can to avoid conflicts.

Rehearsal	Monday, November 10 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal	Monday, November 17 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal	Monday, December 1 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Concert	Monday, December 8 7:30 p.m.
Rehearsal	Monday, December 15 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal	Monday, January 5 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Rehearsal	Monday, January 12 2:20-4:00 p.m.
Concert	Tuesday, January 13 6:45 p.m.

Instrument Upgrade Time



This time of year is when many parents ask questions about upgrading from basic student models to intermediate and professional model instruments. There are several options to look at when purchasing a new horn for your child. The easiest route is to buy from a local music store (Groth, Schmitt, Eckroth's, or Music Connection). The least expensive route is through a catalog (Woodwind/Brasswind or Interstate Music). Silver trumpets, trigger trombones, wood clarinets, and open-hole flutes are all instruments that will improve your child's performance and carry them throughout high school and beyond. A professional model instrument plays more in tune, improves tone quality, and needs repair less frequently (when given proper care). Give your student every advantage possible to succeed at the next level. The last bit of advice is to buy the best instrument you can afford. Whatever instrument your student steps up to will create better sounds than the student line beginning model instrument they started on in 5th grade.

A word of caution— there has been a recent outbreak in instrument sales from non-music vendors (big box retailers, department store catalogs, discount membership warehouses, on-line purchases and private party sales). **DO NOT PURCHASE A BAND INSTRUMENT FROM THESE STORES!!** These instruments are often made with cheap materials and are poorly constructed. This is reflected in their price so one might think they're getting a deal. These instruments require frequent repairs that cannot be corrected and we encourage you to stay clear of these options. Reputable music dealers are the best resource for renting or purchasing a band instrument. Some recommended brand names are listed below. If you need help in making instrument purchases give me a call (651-621-6787). I have several resources that will help you make an informed decision.

Recommended Brands

Flute: Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Yamaha

Clarinet/Alto Sax: Vito, Jupiter, Yamaha

Trumpet/Trombone: Conn, Bach, Getzen, Yamaha

“Notable” Achievements

These students have perfect attendance at their lessons, Congratulations!! Students had either three or four lessons during the first quarter and many students are off to a great start. Keep up the good work!

6th Grade

Becky Glader, Kailey Leksen, Mackenzie Sweeley, Miquie Backman, Haley Carlson, Maddie Lundborg, Suzanne Patten, Hannah Schmidt, Peter Goggin, Mary Lind, Devon McDonald, Jack Mammenga, Tim Holt, Ben Bye, Nicholas Elscott, Daniel Crist, Mari Quanbeck, Josiah Walker, Emily Best, Hanna Boleman, Hannah Gombold, Madison Lamotte, May Li, Jennifer Carbajal, Natalie Linders, Molly Tynjala, Alaina Doehrmann, Brady Geary, Ben Linser, Katie Manning, Madi Brauer, Nathaniel Johnson, Charlie Smith, Kevin Victoria, Isaac Jones, Jeremy Soberg, Rusty Haack, Alex Olson, Graham Sommers, Mackenzie Wild

7th Grade

Lexi Bendickson, Austina Klin, Katie Kluthe, Mattie Watts, Olivia Young, Allison Aabel, Juliette Al, Melissa Dalnes, Melissa McCann, Chris Rupp, Hailee Warnke, Zach Litzinger, Audrey Kristufek, Rossy Natale, Jesse Lilley, Barrett Reif, Vasu Agrawal, Angela Beling, T.J. Blood, Nick Grahek, Jack Hoeger, Clarence Insixiangmay, Laura Jankowski, Dan Kroll, Jack O'Brien, John O'Dougherty, Daniel Okabue, Stephanie Hoch, Sachin Mangalick, Naomi Ruetz, Jacob Damerow, Connor Hashemi, Nick Varberg, Obi Obikwelu, Josh Iberg, Joe Kelner, Lauren Kelner, Olivia Kinney, Corey Larson, Jack Pirner, Adam Ruff, Tyler Schweizer, Andrew Sweeney

8th Grade

Rachel Dee, Carolyn Dunn, Lindsey Kueng, Ashley Niedermann, Justin Ortt, John Saja, Patrick Frost, Bjorn Adelsman, Tyler Gilbert, Jacob Manning, Katie Peterson, Lucas Pfaffe, Z Quanbeck, Nate Rhode, Maddie Boyum, Cassie Germundson, Claire Opperman, Anthony Tabet, Trevor Mann

Private Lessons

Many Highview students continue to study with a private instructor. Studying privately is a great way to enhance skills and provide a greater challenge. Private lessons are strongly encouraged for all students. If you would like more information on teacher's names and numbers, contact Mr. Schmidt. The band directors in the district will be updating their list of private teachers in the area soon.

Practice Reports

Keep them coming!! This is thirty percent of your overall grade. If students need one to record their minutes, they are available on the counter in the band room. The November practice report is green. Parents should look for these and help your student record practice minutes. Any practice on a musical instrument counts (i.e. guitar, piano, handbells), as do the Monday afternoon jazz band rehearsals. Monday afternoon jazz rehearsal counts as 60 minutes. Private lessons also count as practice time. This is an EASY part of your grade to earn an A in. Remember that Mr. Schmidt will only accept practice reports the first week of each month.

Resale IOU's



As of 11/5/08 we have IOU's for resale money from the following people. Please get this turned in as soon as possible! This is a service provided to you and if the service is abused it will be lost.

Josh Olson	\$4.00
Lucas Forster	\$6.00
Katie Landry	\$2.75
Chanelle Bradley.....	\$6.00
Sterling Korstad.....	\$3.00
Greta Lozada.....	\$2.75
Jesse Lilley	\$7.00
Zach Litzinger	\$5.00
Barrett Reif	\$3.50
Haley Carlson	\$2.00
Anders Villevik.....	\$2.75
Rusty Haack.....	\$27.00
Allison Aabel.....	\$2.00
Justin Ortt.....	\$.50
Megan Gunderman	\$2.75
Jonathan Young.....	\$3.00
Zach Mohlenhoff	\$5.50

Concert CD's For Sale

Once again, we're having the 7th and 8th grade winter concert recorded by a professional music studio. In addition to CD's we're also making DVD's so you can leave the video camera at home. The CD's or DVD's will be available before winter break and make a great gift idea for family. The cost of the CD will be \$12.00 and the cost of the DVD is \$20.00. Copies will be delivered to students by Friday, December 19th. Please indicate below the quantity you would like. Make checks out to *Blue Heron Music Studio*. Return this slip with payment to pre-order your concert CD/DVD. You may also order at the concert on December 8th.

I would like to order _____ CD's X \$12.00 = \$ _____

I would like to order _____ DVD's X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Check made out to *Blue Heron Music Studio* or cash

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade _____