

 **QUARTER NOTES**

**Special points of interest:**

- What's Happening
- Mark your calendars
- Catch up with our Directors
- Save some money
- Anything Goes
- Applaud our students
- Join, Help, Success!



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**Overture**

Welcome to all of our Music parents!!! The All Island concerts are such a wonderful opportunity to put perspective on where your child is and where they can go!! Or for parents of seniors, reminisce where they have been!!!

We would like to thank MaryJane Fonte, her baking elves and everyone who supported the Holiday Cookie sale at our December concert. It was quite the sweet sensation as we doubled our profits from last year!!

Kim & Scott Kalman and our "Night at the Races" helps put together another wonderful evening out for parents in January at Say Cheese. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our gift basket raffle and to all the business and vendor contributions that helped make the evening such a success!

The profit from these events will purchase whiteboard signs that will be used for concert and fundraiser information. The funds will also cover the expenses of two "Artist in Residence" events.

Daniel Pendley, principal bass with the BPO will conduct a Master Class for our Orchestra students and perform a concerto with them at our String Kaleido-

scope concert on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Heather Holden, jazz vocalist, will perform with our High School Jazz Ensemble at our All-Island Jazz Concert on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

These are two very exciting opportunities that benefit our students and the community and have been made possible by the hard work and support of our parents!! You DO make a difference! THANK YOU!!

Please consider lending a hand and an hour or two of your time and talent at one of our upcoming fundraisers. We have a core group of parents and students who consistently contribute their time and would certainly appreciate a new hand. We want to be able to continue sponsoring these opportunities so please consider joining us.

Although March is proclaimed as "Music in our Schools" month, I have yet to see a month that is NOT about music in our schools. We are fortunate to have the outstanding music program that we do where we can see music being celebrated in our

schools every day! Parents are a big part of that. Providing support and encouragement to our children is what drives our program and gives our dedicated, talented music department the foundation to build on.

As budget time approaches once again, we as music parents must remain steadfast in our commitment to the arts in education.

There are many opportunities for you to show your support. Attend a Board of Education meeting; write letters of support to your BOE trustees and administration. Be vocal in the community about the accomplishments of our students and department.

**BECOME A MUSIC BOOSTER!!!!**

We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions to improve our efforts!

Although we work closely with the High School program for our fundraising, our advocacy reaches throughout the entire district's music program.

"Like" our face book page: "Grand Island Music Boosters" or check or website to keep updated on events that are happening.

Enjoy the concert!

Diana, Karen, Kim and Mike



**Noteworthy Dates**

String Kaleidoscope concert 7:00pm Feb. 14th

All-Island Band Concert #2 7:00pm Feb. 28th

Booster Mtg. Mar. 5th 6:30

Choral Kaleidoscope Concert 7:00pm

Elementary All-Cty Rehearsal Mar. 2nd & 6th @ Grand Island

All-Cty Jazz Concert & Elementary Concert Mar. 9th

All Island Jazz Concert Mar. 13th 7:00pm

Jr. High All-Cty Mar. 15 & 16

Sm. Choral Ensemble Recital

Sr. High All-Cty Mar. 22 & 23

Booster Mtg. Apr. 9th 7:00pm

Booster Mtg. May 7th 7:00pm

MS/HS Orchestra Concert May 21st 7:00pm

## From the Podium....

### Band

As we reach the middle point of the school year, Grand Island once again has much to be proud of musically. Forty-three high school band students prepared and auditioned for the Erie County All County Ensembles in January. These students auditioned along with hundreds of students from across the county in an effort to gain acceptance into the All County Band or Orchestra. Grand Island once again placed as many or more students in Erie County All County than any other high

school! Considering the high quality of all the programs in our county, this is quite a feat!

As we look forward, we are now entering our All Island Concert series where we have the opportunity to perform in concert with our wonderful elementary and middle school bands. This is always an enjoyable time, as we the directors, have the opportunity to meet and work with the young talent that will soon be entering our programs. It is also a wonderful time

### Mr. Allen, Director

to showcase the “next year” band in which these fine young players will soon become a member. In addition we will be performing for state evaluation in April at the NYSSMA Major Organization Festivals. Grand Island has an impressive history of success at this defining performance and I am very optimistic that this year’s ensembles will equal this past success. We are extremely fortunate on Grand Island to have such a high caliber music program to offer our



students. Thank you for your continued support of your sons and daughters musical endeavors.

### Orchestra

As winter finally settles in, and we begin the arduous march to spring time, the string department has been working hard for their upcoming Kaleidoscope Concert on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This concert will feature the premiere of the High School Chamber Orchestra,

a trio of basses in the middle school, and a guest appearance by the principal double bass of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Daniel Pendley! To cap it all off there will be a grand finale with every string member of the Grand Island Orchestras playing

### Mr. Ells, Director

together. A concert I am sure no one will want to miss. It has also been an exciting All County season with many orchestra students, across every grade level, gaining entrance into the ECMEA All County orchestras. Our string program could not

continue to reach higher and higher levels of excellence without the support given from every parent whose child is in the music program. I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and involvement.

### Eighth Grade Band

Congratulations to the many students from Grand Island who participated in one of the recent ECMEA All-County festivals! Each student who auditioned put in extra work and time above and beyond the average student, and many Grand Island students were

selected to participate in one of the All-County Ensembles later this year.

The success of these students is a testament to the dedication of their parents and family, private teachers, and the students themselves. Well done and congratulations to all involved; you represented

### Mr. Boron, Director

Grand Island in a very positive way and have made all of your teachers proud!



# Savings Account: Fundraisers

Yes, you and your student should think of fundraising as depositing money into your trip savings account! Every little bit helps so encourage your child to participate in the opportunities to tuck a little (or a lot) of trip money away!!!

The VFW Discount Cards, Aka "Band Cards" are now available for purchase. They are \$5.00 each and are available thru any Band/Orch. Member or Mr. Allen.

Please see our website for a complete list of participating vendors.

**Booster Fundraisers:**

Elementary All-County Rehearsal Concessions on Sat. Mar. 2nd and Wed. Mar. 8th.

ShowStoppers Dance Competition Concessions May 10, 11 & 12th

Am/Can Judo Competition Concessions May 25 & 26th

**Calendar Sales :**

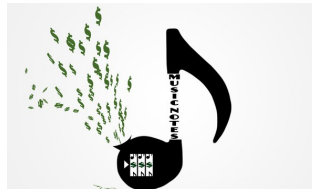
Order Forms will go home in April.

Please let us know if you would be willing to help at any of our fundraisers. Many hands make lighter work!! An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated!!!!

You CAN make a difference!

*If you would like to be on our email list for future newsletters, announcements and upcoming events, please email us at :*

***gimusicboosters@gmail.com***



**Trip Savings Account**



## Music Notes "Anything Goes"

Congratulations to Mrs. Lokken, Mr. DeDario, Mr. Allen and so many of our talented students on stage and in the pit orchestra for yet another fabulous musical.

80 students were in the cast along with another 27 in the orchestra.

Maggi Chauby, Dalton Pitts, Kamra Philips, Dan

Konopski, Amanda Weselak, Lydia Bernatovicz, Nick Winger, Jared Eichel, Elliott Michki, Carly Kruszona, Kourtney Hoppel and of course Keelan Erhard were only a few of the passengers on the SS American.

Pit members included for the last time, seniors: Sara Carlson, Sarah Chamberlain, Maggie Nobumoto, Stephanie LoTempio, Sarah Ernst, Zaine Khawar,

Lauren Shepard, Alex Bahgat, Rachel Bailey, and Josh Tixier. Alum Kelcie Hanaka played piano.

**Out & About:**

On January 26th our Grand Island High School Jazz Ensemble opened the night for the GIHS Scholarship Comedy Night at the Holiday Inn.

**How to Become a Booster:**

*Stop by our table during concerts*

*Come to a meeting*

**Contact us:**

***gimusicboosters@gmail.com***

**Membership : \$2.00**

## Bravo!!

Congratulations to all of our students who have auditioned and were selected for the following All County Ensembles.

**Jr. High All-County Orchestra:**

Marie Tomasula, Katie Riederer, Madison Brown, Samara Johnson, Stephen Parisi, Marina Whittmann.

**Jr. High All-County Band:**

Emma Schulz, Julie Major, Claire O'Connor, Courtney Wendling, Andrew Thompson, David Pachla, Joe Tamsen, Cailin Atkins, Katie Kovacs, Bobby Jankowiak, Jacob Spencer, Lindsey Spencer, Sam Eichel,

Jason Kubanek, Adam Bevilacqua, Emily Nobumoto, Cassie Shickluna, Max VeRost

**Sr. High All-County Orchestra:**

Rebekah Gaydosh, Stephanie LoTempio, Maggie Nobumoto, Timothy Utz, Alex Bahgat, Alex Cousins, Zach Jones, Sarah Dollendorf

**Sr. High All-County Band:**

Ryan Allen, Eric Dudley, Sarah Ernst, Ashley Franz, Anthony Grana, Ashley Gugino, Mark Hughes, Emma MacIntyre, Andrew Riederer, Eric Riederer, Robin Neary, Lauren Rogoza, Jillian Sheehan, Stephanie Voyzey, Jodie White.

**All-County Jazz Band:**

Emily Nobumoto, Stephen Parisi & Max VeRost

**Alternates:** Kristen Atkinson,

Joshua Hannibal, Cross Kalp, McClain Erhard, Keelan Erhard

**Jr. High Chorus:**

**SSA:** Gracie Tompkins, Taylor Zajdowicz, Cassandra Shores, Abigail Fay, Erika Jaegers, Joelle Yvette Scheffler, Madeleine HusVar, Cassie Brooks, Chloe Groff, Heather Michki, Alana Enright, Jill Anderson, Anna Martinez

**SATB:** Taylor Raine, Jenna Tavano, Sarah Swagler, Savannah Cramer, Sara Wolcott, Kali Hausrath, Sydney Keane, Maria Ramsperger, Rohan Smith, Bri Wik, Spencer Zukic

**Sr High All-County Chorus:**

Natalie Baldassarre, Carly Bernatovicz, Lydia Bernatovicz, Keelan Erhard, Kate Fonte, Alex Gormady, Rebecca Hale, Kourtney Hoppel, Shamus Johnson, Carly Kruszona, Elliott Michki, Samantha Pangborn, Kamra Phillips, Dalton Pitts, Jenna Stufkosky, Ashley Serianni, Amanda Weselak

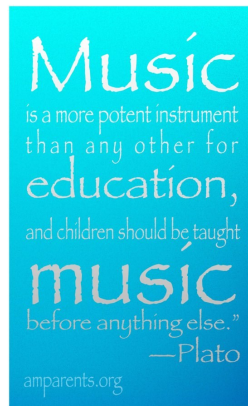
## GRAND ISLAND MUSIC BOOSTERS

### 2012 –2013 Board

**President:** Diana Nobumoto  
**Vice-President:** Karen Ernst  
**Treasurer:** Mike Dudley  
**Secretary:** Kim Kalman

### Directors/Advisors

**HS Band & Wind Ensemble**  
Mr. Martin Allen  
**HS & MS Orchestras**  
Mr. Matthew Ellis  
**Eighth Grade Band**  
Mr. Andrew Boron



### Grand Island Music Boosters

#### Student Fundraisers

<b>Zap A Snack</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>Fruit Sale</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>VFW Discount Card Sale</b>	<b>February</b>

#### Booster Fundraisers

<b>Holiday Cookie Sale</b>	<b>Dec. 13th</b>
<b>Night at the Races (Adult)</b>	<b>Jan. 5th</b>
<b>Elementary All-City Rehearsal concessions</b>	<b>March 2nd &amp; 6th</b>
<b>School Calendar</b>	<b>April</b>
<b>Dance Competition Concessions</b>	<b>May 10th &amp; 11th</b>
<b>Am-Can Judo Concessions</b>	<b>May 25th &amp; 26th</b>

#### Meeting Dates

<b>January 8th</b>	<b>April 9th</b>
<b>February 5th</b>	<b>May 7th</b>
<b>March 5th</b>	

Email: [gimusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:gimusicboosters@gmail.com)

[www.gimusicboosters.webnode.com](http://www.gimusicboosters.webnode.com)

## Finale:

**S is for Support.** As a parent, this is the job description. Stop a moment to look your child in the eye next time you pick them up from rehearsal. Stop to ask yourself if there's a way above and beyond what you did last week you can support your child's music educator, even if it's just having your child deliver a fresh cup of coffee to rehearsal.

**E is for Encourage.** Let people around you know what they're doing right. It's all too easy to let the good behavior go unnoticed while pouncing on the bad.

**T is for Time.** Time is all we have. You may find one day that you have less than you think. So make sure you spend it mindfully.

**A is for Appreciate.** Life moves pretty fast. If you

## SET A GOAL

don't stop and look around, you might miss it.

**G is for Grow.** Think about ways in which you can grow, or help others around you grow. Perhaps you could help your music booster group grow by inviting a friend to the next meeting!

**O is for Organize.** Maybe it's time to get all that amazing information out of your head and recorded for posterity.

**A is for Advocate.** To most of us music parents, advocacy is like eating broccoli. You know you should, but you'd really rather not. We have to fight to keep arts education in America's schools.

**L is for Laugh.** We all know that laughter is fun, but it turns out it's actually good for you, both physically and mentally!



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New Year's Resolution

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