

 **QUARTER NOTES**

Overture

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year and the 20th year of the Grand Island Music Boosters !

We are excited about the opportunity to build upon the great foundation that has been laid over the past 20 years and look forward to leaving an even stronger one as we move through this very exciting, and challenging year!!

The renovation of our auditorium along with all the wonderful upgrades and additions happening in our district through the Capital Project will leave our students with a learning environment that they can excel in.

With your help, patience and support, we will meet the challenges the disruption may bring while celebrating the anticipation of all the improvements! While music and the arts is a core component of our mission within the Booster Club, our fundamental task is the education of the whole person through the blending of learning, music, service, community, and family.

So many life lessons are taught through music: discipline, teamwork, and a sense of community to name only a few. While nurturing our program and developing life-long memories, we invite you to participate so that you too will have a direct impact on our school

through the musical life of all of our children. It is with enthusiasm that we welcome your time as a volunteer in the many activities that are in the works for this school year. Our music program is a unique group of people that we are fortunate to have here at GIHS. This includes our students, amazing teachers and our parents. Parental involvement is an important part of the music program. We have many events that without volunteers would not be possible.

There are many opportunities this coming year for volunteers to get involved. Some of the rewards are getting to know the students and other parents, working side by side with them, as you help behind the scenes . We feel there is something for everyone to do. If you are not able to volunteer your time, we are hoping you can contribute in other ways. Some events take many parents working together.

Our students will be working diligently from day one until the final concert. You can show your appreciation by volunteering throughout the school year.

Please help make this a memorable year for our students! If you wish to become

involved in any way, please always feel free to contact any of us serving on this years Music Booster board. We are always available to answer your questions and listen to your ideas and concerns.

The Grand Island Music Boosters value the impact music has on a child's social and physical development. The lessons learned and friendships forged through positive experiences will benefit our kids for their entire lives. With your participation, we strive to make the best memories possible for our entire GI community. We look forward to seeing you throughout the exciting year of GIHS MUSIC!

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support. Enjoy the concert.

Sincerely,
Diana Nobumoto
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Music Booster Meeting
Tuesday, November 7th, 7:00

This will be an informative meeting for all, so please try to have at least one parent from each family attend



Starting Friday
October 25th
thru November
12th.

Special points of interest:

- What's Happening
- Mark your calendars
- Catch up with our Directors
- Save some money
- Invitation
- Bravo
- Benefits of Music Education



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Noteworthy Dates

String and Choral Concert
8:00pm Oct. 22nd

HS Band Concert Oct. 30th 7:30PM

Jr. High Area All-State Nov. 1 & 2nd

Music Booster Meeting Nov. 5th
7:00PM

MS Fall Concert Nov. 6th 7:00PM

KA Band Concert Nov. 13th 7:00PM

HU Band & Elem. Strings @
Huth Nov. 14th 7:00PM

HS Musical Auditions Nov.
19th thru 25th

Sr High Area All-State Nov.
22 & 23rd

KA Choral Concert Dec. 3rd
7:00PM

Music Booster Meeting Dec.
3rd 6:30 PM

HU Choral Concert Dec. 5th 7:30PM

NYSSMA Conference All-State Dec.
5th thru 8th

Instrumental Beginners Concert @
HS Dec. 10th 7:00PM

MS Winter Concert Dec. 11th
7:00PM

HS Winter Concert Dec. 12th
7:30PM

MS Winter Concert II
Dec. 17th 7:00PM

From the Podium....

Band

As we start yet another school year, I realize that this will be a year like no other. As always I start this year excited about the number of students involved in the band program and the quality of musicians with which I have the privilege to work. We continue to see more students selected for Conference and Area All State than at any time in our history! It is always rewarding to see how much our student musicians accomplish.

What is different this year is the excitement we feel as we look forward to the advent of construction on our auditorium and music rooms. These changes will make the future quite bright for our student musician. The thought of working in state of the art rehearsal rooms and performing in a newly improved auditorium is something we can all look forward to. With these changes come some challenges as we work to plan daily instruction and

Mr. Allen, Director

concert performances in yet to be determined sites. With the help of the administration, faculty and boosters we will meet these challenges and ensure a rewarding experience for our students during this time.

I encourage as many of you as possible to become involved in our instrumental booster program. This is a dynamic group that provides so many activities for our students.



In these times of change, the help of parents is more welcome than ever. As always, I thank you for the continued support you have shown over the past twenty six years and I look forward to working with your sons and daughters in the coming months.

Orchestra

I am happy to say what a great school year it has started out to be. The Grand Island High school orchestra is proud to say five of its members have been selected to the NYSSMA Area All-State Orchestra and will perform this coming November. Those students include Haley Melisz, Zach Jones, Alex Cousins, and Ian Estenoz. Zach Jones was also selected for Conference All-State String Orchestra,

the highest honors string ensemble in New York State. What is so special about this talented gentleman is that he was selected on viola an instrument that he only started playing last year! It's no secret that the talent pools in the Grand Island music program run very deep and our talented students with their hard work ethic shower the district in accolades. None of this would be possible without the support of

Mr. Ells, Director

the parents. Without the parents giving a gentle hand of encouragement, or a tolerant ear in those early years of practice, the Grand Island Instrumental Program would not be what it is today.



Eighth Grade Band

Mr. Boron gets a free pass on his hello from the 8th grade band this quarter. His non-teaching time has been very occupied with the preparation of the amazing production of The Wizard of Oz that he and Mrs. Russo just completed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Boron for his time, talent and dedication to both his bands and to the success of

this year's Middle School production!!

We look forward to catching up with you in December!

Mr. Boron, Director



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Grand Island Music Boosters

Student Fundraisers

Zap A Snack

Fruit Sale

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VFW Discount Card Sale

September

Oct/Nov

TBA

March

Booster Fundraisers

Holiday Cookie Sale

Night at the Races (Adult)

School Calendar

December

January

April/May

Meeting Dates

2013

September 10th

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

2014

January 7th

February 4th

March 4th

April 1st

May 6th



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Finale: “Benefits of Music Education”

Did you or someone you love play music as a child? If so, you know first hand about how music enriches the lives of children. Here are just a few things we know about the positive impacts of music education:

- Music encourages students to stay in school
- Music helps children understand the multicultural world in which we live
- Music builds self-esteem
- Music contributes to higher test scores by providing core lessons in many subjects:

Music is a Science
Music requires research. It is specific and demands exact acoustics. For instance, a conductor's full score is a chart or graph, indicating frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once and with exact control of time.

Music is Mathematical
It is rhythmically based on the

subdivisions of time into fractions, which must be done instantaneously.

Music is a Foreign Language

The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French. The language of music also incorporates notations, which represent a highly developed form of shorthand, using symbols to represent ideas.

Music is History

Music often reflects the environment and times of its creation. From music, children learn lessons about historical events, as well as the ethnic and cultural heritage reflected in the piece.

Music is Physical Education

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles. Children who play music also show extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach,

and chest muscles, which respond instantly to sounds heard by the ear and interpreted by the mind

Music is Art

It develops insight and creates emotion. Through music, children learn to share their humanism, express thoughts and feelings, and contribute to the infinite and collective spirit we call “life.”

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