

 **QUARTER NOTES**

Overture

Special points of interest:

- What's Happening
- Mark your calendars
- Save some money
- Memorial Concert
- Bravo
- "Are you in the Moment"



It's that time of the year.....
How do you finish that sentence?

There is much hustle and bustle going on with the Music Department and the Boosters as well.

Mr. Allen has been busy making preparations for our Wind Ensemble to apply to perform at the Midwest Clinic next December.

Mr. Ells hosted Emily Schadd, our Artist in Residence for Orchestra, for her first visit working with our string program.

If you ordered oranges and grapefruits, they will be delivered to the school this Saturday morning, December 14th.

The Boosters will be hosting our third "Night at the Races/Casino Night on January 18th to be held this year at the Sandy Beach Yacht club. Watch our website for more details or e-mail us with questions.

Don't forget to visit our elves in the Lobby to stock up on some homemade treats to start your holiday with.

There are also school calendars available for a discounted price.

Our Booster officers and members have been busy working on fundraisers both for our students and the organization to raise funds to continue bringing our students exciting opportunities.

Of course, we are all busy with our own decorating, shopping and all the holiday prep running from one thing to the next. That's why I enjoy this particular concert so much. It's part of the holiday tradition for our family, whether we have had a child in the High School or not. It's the night we come and leave everything at the Auditorium and sit and listen to the words from the voices of the Choirs, the singing of the strings, the harmonies of the band and of course the traditional Sleigh Ride from our Wind Ensemble. Walking out after tonight will officially start our holiday season as it always reminds us of the sense of family, friends and peace.

A little nostalgia for our last performance of Sleigh Ride in this Auditorium. It was written by Leroy Anderson in 1948 during a July heat wave! Leroy didn't set out to write a Christmas piece when he wrote 'Sleigh Ride.' His intentions were to convey the entire winter season through the imagery of a sleigh ride. The composition is still ranked as one of the 10 most popular pieces of Christmas music worldwide.

Sleigh Ride was aired 174,758 times in 2010, making it the most-played holiday song on radio!

Our next booster meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm in the music room. Please mark your calendars now for this important meeting.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity in giving of your time and resources to support the boosters. Our program is one that strives to achieve enrichment for our children through music and can only be accomplished with the help of many volunteers. There is still much work to be done this year and your continued support is much appreciated.

So sit back. Relax and enjoy the sounds of the season.

On behalf of myself, the Booster Officers and Music Directors we wish you a holiday season filled with peace.

Diana, MaryJane, Sue, Mike, Kim, Mr. Allen, Mr. Ells and Mr. Boron



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Noteworthy Dates

MS Winter Concert II Dec. 17th 7:00	Sr. High All-County Auditions— Jan. 25th	All Island Band Concert No. 2 Feb. 27th
Winter Recess –Dec. 23rd thru Jan. 1st	Booster Meeting Feb 4th	Elementary & Jazz All-County Festival—March 7th & 8th
Booster Meeting—Jan. 7th 7:00	High School Musical— Feb. 6, 7 & 8th 7:30 PM	All-Island Jazz Concert—March 12th
Elementary & Jazz All-County Auditions—Jan. 11th	All-Island Band Concert No.1— Feb.12th	Jr. High All County Festival— March 14th & 15th
Jr. High All County Auditions— Jan. 18th	String Kaleidoscope Concert— Feb.13th	Sr. High All-County Festival— March 21st & 22nd.
Night At the Races/Casino Night— January 18th	Mid-Winter recess Feb. 17 –21	

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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

January

March

Booster Fundraisers

Holiday Cookie Sale

Night at the Races (Adult)

Showstoppers Competition

School Calendar

December

January

May

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: “Are you in the Moment?” A different perspective

The phone rings. The text message buzzes in. Ding-dong: an instant message just arrived. You’ve got an e-mail. We bounce from one electronic cue to the next, reading, responding, connecting and disconnecting. From waking to sleeping, our lives have become a series of electronic moments. How did we get here? Do we really want to be here?

How many of us teachers, as well as our students, carry our smart phones on our person? Even as we’re in the midst of a lesson or rehearsal, we’ve got that seemingly incessant vibrating, if not buzzing, of our communications devices. We’re still thinking about the flood of information and communication with the outside world instead of being in the moment. The moment of understanding— all moments that build our minds, our personalities, our sense of achievement. Yet, we let those moments pass us by while we respond.

In contrast, consider what we ask our music students to do. Practice. For at least (pick a number) minutes per day. Not seconds. Minutes! Come to a lesson or a rehearsal, and, for 30, 40 or more minutes, focus on developing instrumental or vocal technique, musical literacy and overall musicianship. No quickies. Little instant gratification. This is long-term, long-haul growth and satisfaction that we’re asking our music students to value.

A fair amount of time has been spent harvesting cell phones from my students over the past year. After extracting an apology from each guilty party at the end of class., they’ve always been reminded that they are expected to be in the moment when in a rehearsal. Slowly, but surely, the appearance of cell phones diminished to a trickle as the year progressed. And the students’ willingness to take musical chances, to sing with

emotional abandon, to truly create dynamic contrasts and meaningful phrases grew in proportion to their ability to let go of the outside world beyond the doors of the music room. Music is all about being in the moment. As performers, we tune out the mundane concerns of our day-to-day lives and immerse ourselves in the method, mood and meaning of our literature. This is the magic of music making that we share with our students. Just another example of how Music Makes Things Happen!!!

An excerpt from an article written by Marc Greene NYSSMA President

*Happy
Holidays !!*

