

3/9/2022 BPA meeting

Winter percussion group needs help for show days, need about 10 people each event, very hard without help. If you have opportunities to help please do. Spread the word

Two Jazz events, festival and prelims held. Thank you for everyone who helped, cooked and donated. Not just Jazz band parents participated. Don't have total, but budget was \$1500, and between the two appx \$2200 dollars raised.

Date for year end banquet June 6th Monday night at the Somerville Elks. Looking for a Committee and Chair person to run the party. Looking for an artsy person to make a picture collages for decorations. Will be doing a sign up. These collages will be on trifold posterboards, and kids can take the pictures with them. This event encompasses all band (curricular & non) & color guard members

Fine arts Festival in March on the 24th. Will have a table to get parents to get BPA parents involved. Video of Color guard, Marching Band, etc. on the loops for recruitment. Maybe have students wear color guard and Marching Band uniforms. Will bring a TV-Steve in charge of streaming Videos Show starts at 7pm. Poster of the BPA parents doing our thing. We should all wear our Band Gear.

Nomination Committee-Laura Pardo, Krishma and Patty W. need to get them together to fill board positions next year. 3 positions will be open and whoever want to leave their current position. Voting happens in the May Meeting.

Marching Band discussion in regards to what we are going to get for the band with the money from states

- -must have, Garment bags
- -We are putting a list together and will use all the money for these needs
- -Color guard tunics, hopefully get them before Memorial Day top priority

Also looking into running it again. It's the last weekend of October and first weekend of November for rain date. More information to come. Lot of work but made \$21,000 dollars. We have all the tools to do this again, so it would be a good opportunity.

DIRECTOR UPDATES

Calendar, during school day promoted wind ensemble audition information. Need to audition if they are seated already. Objective to place students in seats that are suitable for them at their level. This year Symphonic Band Honors being offered.

Student course registrations have been submitted and students are meeting with guidance now. Once directors have made decision re: wind ensemble, will submit to guidance to adjust schedules accordingly.

3rd marking period has a typical concert schedule. Lots of things going on in March!

Concert band -fine arts festival, April 4 for concert band going to Westfield for combined Freshman. Will get feedback from Band Directors to grow. Closed event, will be a livestream possibly

Symphonic Band-CJEMA March 23-regional concert event 2 days long, performance of region 2 multiple ensembles going. Adjudication and feedback will be given. Program based on a Rubrick. Monclair and Rutgers professors will be adjudicating. Can be sent to states, top 4 bands to go.

Wind Ensemble-CJEMA on March 24 in Monroe, then Fine Arts Festival.

Symphonic Orchestra for Fine Arts Festival is on March 22

Wind Ensemble Festival the following week-will clinic them after performance

WG/WP in full swing. Uniforms in and all material is completed. Both groups going out on Saturday. Please sign up to help.

3 staff to help out this Saturday for WP

Jazz Bands finished hosting events

Met with Tuesday Jazz and the kids had great feedback from them

Next Friday another Jazz Concert for both ensembles

Jazz at other schools have full classes-Is that a possibility? Should parents get behind this? Possible discussion at a later time.

Chicago Pit Orchestra right before Spring Break; WP finals is scheduled for 4/9.

Winterguard Show

- 9 guards coming, schedule is closed
- Volunteers are coming in, kids and other members are signing up.
- Trophy sponsors are sold out and ordered
- Medal for Best Director ordered
- Light on Ads for programs. Still look for sponsorship
- There are some spots where kids can't be in charge. Need warm up room and ticket sales need help.
- Outdoor signs being placed around the town
- Will need walk through with maintenance
- Traffic flow, drop off by the small café to drop off props then come around and guard check in is in the band room with assigned escort
- Buses are going to the football lot, small lot by café is for the judges, not using lot behind the 1000 building
- All seniors will be recognized prior to Awards show, posters to be put out, cake and flowers. Family will escort kids out. (Scotts flowers we've used in the past-also will give add)

Other items

Bottom step on the black bus needs repair

BPA to provide flowers for all seniors at April 26 concert

MB - May 14th Founders Day Ceremony and Memorial Day Parade

Recruitment for Middle School on April 30th (all bands will be there) Meal for the kids

WP – looking to plan a dinner before a show in April, senior recognitions