

JANUARY

2015

Highland Band
JANUARY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'Tis the season for Winter Drumline and Guard, Concert and Jazz band auditions, competitions, Tours, Festivals and INCREDIBLE performances. Please keep your eye on the CHARMS calendar and this newsletter for more information. There are many more calendar items inside.

Congratulations to all the kids who made it to second tier for Solo and Ensemble Festival!

Brass Quintet

John Berkebile, Nathan Bitter, Faith Christensen, Mariela Roper, Daniel Welsh

Percussion Ensemble

Trombone Quartet

Nathan Bitter, Ray Carleton, Nicholas Lehnertz, Hasan Sannoufi

Soloists

Nicholas Lehnertz– Bass Trombone

Bobby Nunes– Oboe

Kevin Lunt– Piano

Daniel Welsh– Trumpet

Faith Christensen– Tuba

Calendar at a glance:

January:

- 10 All State Jazz Auditions
- 12 Band Advisory and Executive Meetings 7:00 pm
- 13 Everyone Loves Fondue Dinner Night
- 13 Strategic Planning Meeting 6:30PM Lecture Hall
- 21 Forum with Dr. Kishimoto 6:00 PM Auditorium
- 23-24 Regional Auditions
- 26 Jazz Festival Meeting All invited!
- 30 Spring Tour Payment #2 \$250

February:

- 4-5 All State Jazz Festival
- 6 Jazz Black Performance at AMEA 2:15pm
- 9 Band Advisory and Executive Board Meeting
- 20 Spring Tour Payment #3 \$100
- 26 7:30pm Concert and Jazz Band Concerts

MARCH:

- 19-21 SPRING TOUR
- 26-28 JAZZ FESTIVAL



Volunteering

IT'S EASIER
THAN YOU
THINK!

There are always lots of opportunities to volunteer.

Some of those ways are easier and far less time consuming than you think. Here are a few things that take only a minute or two a day but makes a huge difference!

The larger our presence in the world of social media and the internet, the easier it is for people to find out about us. We need our band families to be willing and faithful retweeters, favoriters, sharers, forwarders, etc. (are these even words?)

You know how it works... Help us spread the word to thousands about the Jazz Festival Concerts. If we fill the seats, we will be able to take the pressure off future fundraising for every child in the band. Not just our Jazzers.

Volunteer for a SHIFT at Jazz festival or at ONE of the Winter guard or Drumline events.

Help us distribute posters about Jazz Festivals to local businesses.

This is one VERY easy:

It is time to speak up about the inequality in funding between music and athletic programs. We now have a school board, superintendent, and other administrators who are willing to listen.

On Tuesday, January 13 there will be a Strategic Planning meeting at 6:30PM in the lecture Hall at the HS.

On January 21st, there will be a Forum with dr. Kishimoto in the Auditorium. 6:00-7:00pm.

This year, we have already been able to win the battle of PE credit waiver for Marching Band. I believe that our arguments are rational and sound. We are asking for equal distribution in funding to extra-curricular programs because we are actually a curricular class. You should come prepared with questions, but you don't need to say anything at this meeting. There are plenty who are willing to speak up.

Band, Orchestra and Choir Boosters are willing to begin talking about this issue district wide. Together we can make a difference.



NEW
TWITTER

@HHSASUJazzFest

Follow us today!

Help us look Legit

Winter guard

Thank you to Jodi Robinson for her successful efforts in raising tax credit dollars! She raised several hundred dollars! Thank you Jodi!

Remember, the Highland High Competition Host event is scheduled for March 7th! So far, there are 35 schools registered! This includes the entertaining Drum Line teams as well!

If you have never been to a Winter Guard/Drum line Competition, it won't disappoint! Come on out and show your school support!

Sara Edmund

Winter Drumline

Drumline is in need of some 4 ft. or 6 ft. ladders for the season. We need 5 to 7 ladders. If you can help out please contact either Dale Trzeciak or Wardell King.

Car Wash Saturday, January 10, 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Valero station on Recker and Guadalupe. Contact your family and friends, please come out to support the Drumline and get your car washed!!

Saturday January 17th -
CAMP 9 am - 9 pm. (Painting and Drill)



The Winter Guard Season is off to a great start. There are two Winter Guard Teams this year, Highland Teal and Highland Black. Both are going to have a fantastic show! Highland Teal is working on a show involving "climbing higher" and is sure to be a crowd pleaser with fabulous stunts! Highland Black is working on a show entitled, "The Blizzard" and there is sure to be some spinning there! Be sure to come out and see their shows! It's going to be a super year!

Jazz Black...

Plays Friday, February 6th at 2:15pm in the Palo Verde Room at the Mesa Marriott for the AMEA conference. This is a very special honor bestowed upon exceptional music programs. We are very proud of our incredibly talented kids!

Saturday, January 31 WGAZ
Perry H.S.
Time TBA

**6th ANNUAL HIGHLAND/ASU
JAZZ FESTIVAL
March 26-28**

This year's Jazz Festival is very exciting. Our guest artists continue to be some of the most important and influential Jazz artists in the country. Percussionist Lewis Nash, namesake of "The Nash" jazz club in Phoenix will be our featured performer for Friday March 27th. Saxophonist, Benny Golson, is our very special headliner for Saturday March 28th. Both are icons in the industry.

Tickets are now on sale at www.highlandjazz.com. Please get your tickets ASAP. Because of the interest in these particular artists by the participating schools, and other jazz enthusiasts in the valley, there are fewer seats than usual available to the general public. Tickets are \$20. This will be our first year using an online ticketing system called purple pass and are VERY excited about it.



Benny Golson



Lewis Nash

And the online promotions begin...

PLEASE help us get the word out about our Jazz Festival concerts through social media to your friends. Click on the links to the right to LIKE, SHARE, RETWEET, FAVORITE etc. The more our pages and sites are shared and visited, the easier it becomes for people to find us.

If everyone who reads this newsletter helps us out by sharing and liking, we will reach tens of thousands of people. Selling these concerts our is our number one priority.

Links to Social Media:

Website:

www.highlandjazz.com

Facebook:

[Highland/ASU Jazz Festival](#)

Yelp:

[Lewis Nash Concert](#)

[Benny Golson Concert](#)

Twitter:

[@HHSASUJazzFest](#)

FUNDRAISING

Dinner Night

Tuesday, January 13, 2014

All Day– No Flyer Required

EVERYBODY LOVES FONDUE.

Or better known as ELF. NE Corner of Higley and Guadalupe. This business is a HJH Band Family that has just opened their doors in the last few months. Fondue is NOT just for dessert. They have delicious dinner options as well, including sandwiches. All you have to do is say you are with Highland Band. TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

Tax Credits!

It's a new year. Ask your friends and family to donate in your students behalf. This is the EASIEST AND FASTEST way to raise money for your individual account. Remember, you get every dime back in your return. Tell them to think of it as a loan that has a definite return date.

Honey Baked Ham

In March, (in anticipation of Easter dinners) we will do Honey Baked Ham as an individual account fundraiser. Please be ready to sell, sell, sell! Get your friends and neighbors pumped to buy from you now. More details to come in February.

Goodwill Drive

During Jazz Festival March 26-28

One of our very best fundraisers! SAVE ALL YOUR STUFF. We rent a truck to pick up large ticket items such as appliances, weight and exercise equipment, furniture, etc. Tell your friends. Hoard. Offer to pick up left over items from neighborhood garage sales. That's what I did, and I filled up three pick up trucks. We get .15 cents for every pound. It's amazing.

Corporate Sponsorship

We are very happy to advertise for businesses that will help us fundraise in any way. Particularly if you are a Band Family and own your own business. Let's put our heads together and see what we can do!



6TH ANNUAL HIGHLAND/ASU
2015

JAZZ FESTIVAL



BENNY GOLSON
LEWIS NASH

MARCH 28TH

MARCH 27TH



HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL, GILBERT, AZ

MARCH 27-28

TICKETS HIGHLANDJAZZ.COM



Still can't stop thinking about our Matinee concert in December. What an amazing experience that was. We did Battle of the Happy Bands. Jazz Black, Wind Ensemble, and members of the Marching Band played the Chorus of Happy back and forth until eventually Marching Band won as the crowd favorite.

We had at least 700 screaming Junior High and Elementary school children in our audience. Mr. Bennett did a phenomenal job showing them how much fun band and music can be. There was also amazing lighting throughout the concert. We even had light sabers involved in the action.

Here are some great pictures thanks to our photographer, Joe Zollner.

