

Notable News

North Olmsted Band and Orchestra Boosters



President:

David Balfe 777-4452

1st Vice President:

Julie Schumann 734-2809

2nd Vice President:

Carey Whitehouse 734-8060

Secretary:

Cindy Lentz 777-4498

Treasurer:

Skip & Danette Arlinghaus
235-2542

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010

www.eaglemusic.org

From the President

In this
month's News

From the President 1

NOBOB Meetings 1

Directors' Corner 2

Pasta Dinner 3

Scholarship Awards 3

Music Spirit Items 4

Calendar 2009-10 5

Hi, I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter break.

Our fundraiser at Scoundrels was a success. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thanks to the following people for making the evening a success – Toni and Tom Deanovic, Laura Nass, Gail and Chris Stewart and Elaine Balfe.

I'm sure our orchestra and wind ensemble students are excited about their upcoming trip to Chicago. We have scheduled a parent meeting to discuss the trip and answer your questions. Our meeting is set for February 2nd at 7pm in room 457.

Don't forget to attend our pasta dinner on January 22 from 4:30-8:00. Tickets are \$6.

David Balfe

Meeting schedule 2010

General Meetings:

Monday, January 11, 2010

Monday, March 8, 2010

Monday, May 10, 2010

Board Meetings:

Monday, February 8, 2010

Monday, April 12, 2010

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in room 162 at the high school, except the May 10, 2010 meeting which will be held in room 432.



Ben McMurtrie

Director
mcmurtr@leeca.org

Carey Whitehouse

Assistant Director
Cwhite1@leeca.org

Dan Greene

Assistant Director
dgreene@leeca.orgwww.eaglemusic.org

Why “Contest?”

A big focus for our instrumental music students during this time of year is our “adjudicated event” season. The events that students participate in during this time of year include Solo & Ensemble Contest, State Orchestra Contest, and District Band Contest. Because we spend so much time preparing for these performances – going so far as to hold extra rehearsals – it is important that we ask ourselves “why?”.

Performing music is a tremendously involved task, and it is one of the few aspects of students’ lives where they must strive to be perfect. In order to be an effective, accomplished musician or ensemble, performers must be able to execute a multitude of tasks simultaneously. For example, wind musicians must be able to determine the exact placement in time of all notes, press down the right buttons, and create the correct embouchure for each pitch. They must do all of this while creating a beautiful tone and performing with appropriate expression and musicality. With so many opportunities for errors it is a wonder that our students create as many beautiful sounds as they do!

But our students are skilled and talented and capable of great things. It is our mission to help foster this greatness in each individual, and also to coordinate the skills of each individual for the betterment of the group. This is no easy task. It requires the setting aside of those things that are easy and which offer instant gratification. Group success also asks kids to put their peers’ welfare ahead of their own, to personalize the goals of the ensemble, and to be their best every day.

Moreover, success in music, whether individually or collectively, is a process. Each step of the process is important, and each day prepares you for the next. Without superior effort on a daily basis, the performance will not be as good as its potential. Therefore, consistent individual practice and successful daily rehearsals are important for all musicians.

Contest, then, is a chance for us to live out these beliefs and necessities of music performance. By having a goal, and by performing for judges who are critical of our performances, our musicians are given bit of motivation to work hard. We also have the opportunity to be complimented and criticized by judges based upon our performance alone – and not by who we are. It is our hope that by performing at these venues, we earn strong ratings, but more importantly, we want to create an opportunity for growth for our student musicians.

Mr. Ben McMurtrie



Pasta Dinner

Remember those five tickets your band or orchestra musician received at the December concert — or that your eaglet flag/kick line received in the mail?

It's almost time for the **Annual NOBOB Pasta Dinner!!**

January 22, 2010
North Olmsted High School Cafetorium
Serving 4:30—8:00 p.m.

Good Food! Good Fun!

Still needed — More parent volunteers to work, bake, make up gift baskets or clean up.

Chris Kisela cmflower@aol.com will be happy to hear from you.

NOBOB Annual Scholarship Awards

Each year NOBOB awards two types of scholarships to deserving members of the band and orchestra. Last year, \$2000 was awarded to three deserving students.

The best known of the two types of scholarships is the Casey Kriechbaum Memorial Scholarship. The Kriechbaum Scholarship is named for the first band and orchestra instructor in the North Olmsted schools. Casey Kriechbaum also created the North Olmsted high school Eagle marching band.

The Kriechbaum Scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving student who has been accepted as a music performance major or a music education major at a college or conservatory.

For the third year in a row NOBOB will also award one or more scholarships to deserving students who have been accepted and intend to attend a college, but who will be studying a curriculum other than music education or music performance.

Information about these awards and applications for the awards will be available from the guidance office on January 8, 2010. Applications must be returned to the guidance office no later than **March 1, 2010**.

Any parents of freshman band students who would like to serve on the scholarship selection committee should contact Jim Lentz at 216 -- 410 -- 6345 or by e-mail at caseesq@aol.com. Only Freshman and sophomore parents can serve on this committee.

Scholarship winners will be announced at the honors reception to be held at St. Clarence Parish Center on May 20, 2010.

Music Spirit Inventory Items

Start out the new year with renewed Spirit! Order your Eagle Music Spirit Wear today.
Call Elaine Balfe 440-777-4452. Orders received are generally available within 7-10 days.

Spirit items	No.	Price	Apparel		Sizes				
					S	M	L	2X	Price
Yard Signs	37	\$10							
			White T-shirts			3		\$10	
			Grey T-shirts	2		3		\$10	
			Grey Sweatshirts	1	2		1	\$15	

Custom Embroidered Band and Orchestra Apparel

Customized Embroidered Apparel for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, etc. is available see the order form at: <http://www.eaglemusic.org/images/ApparelOrderForm.pdf> Polo shirts are available in orange, black and white. A sleeveless women's polo is available in white. Hats and sweatshirts are available in black.



A **black pullover hoodie for children** is available in XS2-4, S6-8, M10-12, L14-16, and XL18-20 sizes with custom embroidery (example: North Olmsted Band & Orchestra Sister) for \$20.

A black or grey zip up sweatshirt jacket is available for \$33.00 and a black zip up fleece jacket is available for \$29.00. The jackets are a few dollars more for extended sizes.



2009-2010 NOHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR

Rev. 8/28/09

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals & performances is expected of each member.
Schedule is subject to change; advance notice will be given for any changes.

January

13	Wed	Orchestra Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
22	Fri	NOBOB Pasta Dinner	4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
27	Wed	Concert Bands Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
28-29	Th-Sa	OMEA Convention – Cincinnati (All-State Ensembles)	

February

3	Wed	Orchestra Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
11	Tue	Orchestra Pre-Contest Concert	7:00 pm
19 or 20		F-Sa OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event Held at either Lakewood HS or Brecksville HS	TBA
22	Mon	SWC Honors Band (Tentative – Held at CSU???)	All Day – 7:00 concert
24	Wed	Concert Bands Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
TBA		Greater Cleveland Solo & Ensemble Contest	8:30 am – 4:00 pm

March

2	Tue	Bands Pre-Contest Concert	7:00 pm
5 or 6		F-Sa OMEA District Band Adjudicated Event (Westlake HS)	TBA
11	Thu	All-City Orchestra Festival (Struttin' Our Strings)	7:00 concert
TBA	M-F	OGT Week – Adjusted school schedule	

April

9-11		Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Tour—Chicago	
23 or 24	F-Sa	OMEA State Band & Choir Adjudicated Event (If qualified)	TBA
25-29	Su-Thu	NOHS Musical Tech Week Rehearsals Schedule	TBA
30	Fri	NOHS Spring Musical Performance	7:00 pm

May

1	Sat	NOHS Spring Musical Performance	7:00 pm
2	Sun	NOHS Spring Musical Performances (Matinee)	2:00 pm
3		Student Leadership Applications & Petitions Available	During Class
10		Marching Band Leadership Interviews Begin	As Scheduled
12		Band & Orchestra Spring Recognition Night	7:00 pm
19	Wed	Spring Festival of the Arts Instrumental Music Concert	7:00 pm
31	Mon	Band - Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony (No School)	TBA

June

1	Tue	Drum Major Auditions	During Class
1-2	T-W	Officer Elections (Band & Orchestra)	During Class
8	Tue	Last Day of School for Underclassmen	
17	Wed	Freshman Fitting Night (New Band & Orchestra Members)	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Notable News

North Olmsted Band and Orchestra Boosters

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010



U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

NO. OLMSTED, OHIO
PERMIT NO. 15

North Olmsted
Band and Orchestra Boosters
5755 Burns Road,
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070
NON-PROFIT, ORG.

Are you on line? Then you could save NOBOB a lot of money.

Printing fees and postage add up with each of the newsletters costing NOBOB a lot of money. Every newsletter is a valuable resource for you and your musician that's packed full of important concert dates, upcoming events, field trips, fundraisers and more!

Just download the newsletter at www.eaglemusic.org.

If you want a hardcopy, you could print it off. This publication is designed in full color, but is printed in black and white to save valuable dollars.

Send your email to Mary & Kurt Schaller Blaufuss at schallerblaufuss@hotmail.com

We will notify you when the next newsletter is ready. If you are not able to access the web, NOBOB is happy to mail a copy to your home.

