

Notable News

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From the President

On behalf of NOBOB, I would like to thank all the parents of the graduating seniors for all their hard work.

Due to the number of NOBOB members with graduating seniors, NOBOB is in need of several volunteers to help fill offices and committee chair positions. The music program at the high school is very dependent on its volunteers, and any time that can be donated to help the musicians with their various activities will be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 777-4452.

By now the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble students should have all forms, payments, and concert outfits turned in for the Chicago trip. Forms and itinerary for the trip can be found at www.eaglemusic.org. Any questions can be directed to me or Julie Schumann.

David Balfe
President

NOBOB Meetings 2010

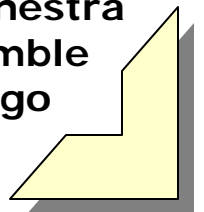
Board Meeting:
Monday, April 12
7:00 p.m.
Room 162

General Meeting:
Monday, May 10
7:00 p.m.
Room 432

Please be sure to vote on May 4!

As you should be aware, the North Olmsted City Schools have placed a 7.9 mill operating levy on the ballot. Please be aware that the health of our music department will be impacted by the outcome of this issue. Please visit the North Olmsted City Schools website at <http://www.northolmstedschools.org> for more information.

The 2010 Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Tour to Chicago is right around the corner.



For up-to-date news and information about the trip, including forms and contact info, please be sure to visit the Chicago Tour Webpage at <http://eaglemusic.org/chicagotourcentral.html>



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Greetings, friends!

As of this edition of the NOBOB newsletter, there is much exciting news to share about our music students. Indeed, it has been a great year! Some recent accomplishments of our music students are described below.

One of the big focuses of our year centers around preparations for the adjudicated contests held by the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). These contests give us the opportunity to perform for a panel of expert judges, who provide constructive commentary and a rating to our ensembles. We then use this experience as a basis for further improvement. The experience also provides a sort of "measuring stick" of our current level of achievement. As you are likely aware, all of our ensembles made a GREAT showing at their events this year! Congratulations to all students on their fine efforts!

- The NOHS Symphony Orchestra performed at OMEA State Orchestra Contest in February, and the group earned a unanimous "Superior" rating (I). This is a significant achievement, as only a handful of full orchestras in the state earn this rating. It also represents the first time the NOHS Orchestra had accomplished this since 1982, when the group earned this distinction under the direction of Mr. Kepperley.
- The NOHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band both performed at the OMEA District IV Band Contest in early March, and both groups demonstrated improvement at this event. The Symphonic Band earned an "Excellent" rating (II), and the Wind Ensemble earned a "Superior" rating (I). With their superior rating, the Wind Ensemble's first in many years, the group qualified to perform at the State Band Contest on April 23-24 at North Royalton High School.

The annual Solo & Ensemble Contest was held in February, and over fifty events from NOHS performed. Our students performed extremely well, with all events earning either "Superior" or "Excellent" ratings. In addition, it should be noted that the bulk of the preparation work for this event is taken on by the students, themselves, along with their private instructors.

Thirteen Wind Ensemble students participated at the annual SWC Honors Band, hosted by NOHS and held at Cleveland State University on February 22. The event went remarkably well, and the students performed beautifully. Our representatives were: Chrissie Seo, Jessica Johnston, Annemarie Balfe, Liz Blaufuss, Natalie Balfe, Alex Bruckner, Marty Arlinghaus, Brian Boomer, Maggie Callam, Dan DiMarino, Bryan Beatrez, Emilio Jarufe, and Alec Schumann.

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Brian Boomer, senior band member, recently performed the piano concerto "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin with the Baldwin-Wallace Senior Youth Orchestra. Brian earned this opportunity as the winner of the organization's annual concerto competition. Congratulations to Brian on the wonderful accomplishment and a truly inspired performance.

Many NOHS students have been performing with area honors youth music ensembles, church music groups, private music lessons, Strollin' Strings, Symphony West, and the list goes on. In addition, there are several seniors who are auditioning for entrance into college as music majors, and a number more who will participate in bands and orchestras in college while majoring in other areas. We are thrilled that so many students are choosing to expand their musical horizons!

These are just a sampling of the wonderful accomplishments of our students. It is truly a pleasure to work with such talented kids, as we work to provide opportunities for musical growth in a positive atmosphere. Congratulations again to all of our students, and thanks to their families, without whose support our achievements would not be possible.

Mr. Ben McMurtrie

2009-2010 NOHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR

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April

9-11		Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Tour—Chicago	
23 or 24	F-Sa	OMEA State Band & Choir Adjudicated Event	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

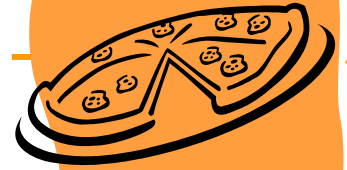
1	Tue	Drum Major Auditions	During Class
1-2	T-W	Officer Elections (Band & Orchestra)	During Class
8	Tue	Last Day of School for Underclassmen	
17	Wed	Freshman Fitting Night (New Band & Orchestra Members) 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	

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Eaglets' News



EAGLES FUN NIGHT

The Eaglets are sponsoring a fundraiser at Scoundrels Bar & Grille on Front Street in Berea on April 24, 6—9 p.m. Tickets are available from Eaglets in April or from the bursar's office. Come for assorted beverages, wings, salad, pasta and pizza. There will be baskets to raffle and side boards to try your luck. Get your ticket soon. We hope to see you there!

After Prom

We are looking for senior parents who are willing to help decorate the fine arts hall for after prom. The hall includes band, eaglets, orchestra, choral groups, art and photography seniors. We have the ideas, we just need some extra hands to get it all up.

If you are interested in helping you can email
Laura Nass at lnass@juno.com or
Bridget Bryner at bsb815@gmail.com

We would appreciate any help. Thanks.

Laura Nass

Eagle Music Spirit Wear

Call Elaine Balfe 440-777-4452. Orders received are generally available within 7-10 days.

Spirit items	No.	Price	Apparel	Sizes				
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Yard Signs	37	\$10						
			White T-shirts					\$10
			Grey T-shirts					\$10
			Grey Sweat-shirts					\$15

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.

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