

METHACTON MUSIC BOOSTERS

DECEMBER 2008

EXTRA! EXTRA!

THE METHACTON MUSIC BOOSTERS:

A NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS. WE SUPPORT THE ENTIRE MUSIC PROGRAM OF METHACTON.

2008 / 2009 BOARD MEMBERS:

DIANE KOLESSAR: President
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS:

BRET MASCARO – Concert / Jazz Band
JOYCE MAGANN - Orchestra
ELIZABETH FRANCISCO – Chorus
BRIAN LEONARD – Marching Band



VISIT THE METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE – HIGH SCHOOL PAGE - IN ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS – VISIT THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT!!! *DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR E-ALERTS TO OBTAIN VALUABLE MUSIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION*



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! MARKET DAY, AND SPIRIT CLOTHING SALES TOO! COME AND SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GREAT PRICES AND THE CONVENIENCE OF METHACTON MUSIC BOOSTERS SALES AND FUNDRAISERS! PLEASE VISIT THE WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION – WWW.METHACTONMUSICBOOSTERS.ORG

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE METHACTON MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWSLETTER ONLINE? PLEASE EMAIL KATE CARLSON (newsletter editor) – ajclec2@aol.com – WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS – INCLUDE YOUR HOME MAILING ADDRESS AND GIVE YOUR PERMISSION TO HAVE EVERY EDITION EMAILED / MAILED TO YOU!

MUSIC BANQUET
Save the Date!!!

The Music Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May9th, 2009 at the Inn at Towamencin in Kulpsville.



MARKET DAY



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF FROZEN FOOD ITEMS **AVAILABLE EVERY MONTH** - – The next Delivery **date is 1-29-09 – pick orders up at Audubon Elementary between 7 - 8pm. Internet orders must be in by 1-23-09.** Food items include: frozen baked goods, seafood, poultry, veggies, appetizers and MORE! Look for your Market Day order form at www.marketday.com – Our school account # is 15274. Flyers are also available in the music rooms.

METHACTON SPIRIT CLOTHING (POZ WEAR)

Here is everything you need to complete your SPIRIT wardrobe. Polar fleeces, hoodies, long and short sleeve tees, pajama pants and more -all with the Methacton logo! **Check out the new Tie Dye short sleeve shirts this year!!!** Please email your orders to and include your phone # for confirmation of delivery time and place. Checks payable to Methacton Music Boosters. Remember – spirit wear can be purchased all year long too!!! Please visit the www.methactonmusicboosters.org website - click “fundraisers” and check out the clothing items and prices! CONTACT BARBARA MOYER k3momo386@aol.com for more information.

YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISERS

Ink Jet Cartridges: Place used inkjet cartridges in plastic bag and deposit in marked boxes in each music room – THIS IS ANOTHER EASY FUNDRAISER PLUS A GREAT WAY TO RECYCLE!

Genuardi’s E Script program: Use your Genuardi’s savings card – designate via on line account all or a portion of what you spend to the organization of your choice – SIGN UP TODAY AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Acme Receipts: Drop off your Acme receipts to a designated box in each music room – Methacton will benefit!

Anyone that wishes to make a monetary donation, check can be made payable to The Methacton Music Boosters

THANK YOU to Bob and Evelyn Whiteside for their many years of managing and running the Concession stand at our home football games. Their tireless efforts have not only provided delicious food and drink during the game but also raised funds for the Music Boosters that have helped ALL music students at Methacton. THEIR VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

CONCERT BAND / JAZZ BAND- BRET MASCARO - DIRECTOR

The Latest...



The Methacton Band program is alive and well! This year's Concert Band is a bit smaller due to some scheduling challenges. However, the students are working diligently to develop individual and ensemble skills, as well as preparing repertoire for future concerts. The Music Theory classes are working everyday to understand and apply the fundamentals of musical notation and the elements of melody, harmony, rhythm and form into compositions of various levels.

1. Fall and Winter Calendar – Upcoming events

Concert Band

Monday, Dec. 22	MHS Winter Concert at Arcola	7:30 pm
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Jazz Band

Contests:

Friday, February 20	Jazz Contest at Perk Valley HS
Saturday, February 21	Jazz Contest at New Hope HS
Friday, March 13	Jazz Contest at Pennridge
Friday, March 20	Jazz Performance at Arcola
Friday, March 27	Jazz Contest at Wissahickon

Brass Ensemble

December 23	Performances at Arcola, Admin Bldg, and MHS
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4. Warrior Marching Band – **Congratulations on your excellent performance at the USSBA Championships in Allentown on November 2nd, and in Annapolis, MD on November 7th.**

Attention MHS Winter Concert PARKING at Arcola:

Due to the construction at the Arcola site, your music directors request that all parents drop off their students for pre-concert warm-up to eliminate the need for parking multiple vehicles from the same family at Arcola. We also request that upperclassmen that might be driving carpool with other students, or also get dropped off by parents.

MARCHING BAND –WINTER PERCUSSION- INDOOR GUARD



WINTER GUARD – ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JEFF CHOICE

Show Title: The Wilting

Show Schedule:

1/24 - West Orange HS

1/31 - Hillsborough HS

2/21 - Norristown HS

2/28 - North Penn HS

3/14 - Hatboro-Horsham HS

3/21 and 22 - WGI Power Regional - S. Brunswick HS

3/28 - Methacton HS

4/18 - CHAMPIONSHIPS - S. Brunswick HS

Feel free to check us out on the web! <http://sites.google.com/site/warriorguard>

WINTER PERCUSSION – DIRECTOR ANDREW MOFFIT

The Methacton Winter Percussion Ensemble is hard at work on their 2009 production "Non-Sequitur". The show will explore ideas that "do not follow", but this does not necessarily mean they do not make sense. The musical composition is entirely original and we are very excited to put our production on the competition floor.

Our professional staff includes:

Andrew Moffatt- Director/Battery Arranger

Michael Zellers- Front Ensemble Arranger

Kelly Howell - Visual Caption Head/Cymbal tech

Brian Maher - Front Ensemble tech

Justin Anstotz - Bass tech

We will be ending the year with a trip to World Championships in Dayton, Oh April 15. This is a huge opportunity for Methacton as it puts us on a International stage to compete against the strongest groups all over nation. Come check us out and support the kids as they prepare for a great year!!



ORCHESTRA NEWS — Joyce Magann - Director



Orchestra members are reminded to visit Miss Magann's teacher page for the most current announcements and rehearsal schedules. Some orchestra highlights:

1. Fiddle Friday is back! "Pink" provided by Miss Magann. Students bring in a bag of pretzels or chips as your contribution!
2. Concert Uniforms have been fitted and distributed. Ladies receive a concert dress; Guys receive a vest and pants. If you did not receive your complete uniform, see Miss Magann ASAP.
3. If you are interested in the carpool, and are not involved yet, contact Miss Magann to be added.
4. Our Winter Concert is Monday, December 22, at Arcola. There are plenty of seats at Arcola so encourage family, friends and MHS alumni to attend!

If you remember last December, we had a snow closing that affected our large rehearsal/concert, and the Music Department e-alert feature gave directors the opportunity to communicate important information QUICKLY with all parents/students subscribed to Music alerts. SO...

The Music Department Faculty is requesting that all parents/students to subscribe to the MUSIC DEPARTMENT e-alert feature. The Music alert works just like the alerts families receive for district wide snow closings and other emergencies. Except that the source of the alert is from your music department directors, and only goes to users subscribed to the music department page!

To subscribe to our music alerts, go to the Methacton.org webpage and navigate through the following links:

Methacton.org: choose MHS: choose academic departments: choose Music: choose Sign-up for Music Department e-alerts.

There you will find specific instructions on how to create a user profile and subscribe to music alerts. (or any other alerts you choose!)

When you "graduate," you can easily unsubscribe to any and all MSD alerts!

DISTRICT ORCHESTRA AUDITION RESULTS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR JOSH CHUNG - VIOLIN



WHAT'S NEW – Elizabeth Francisco - Director

Chorus Rehearsal/Performance Schedule
2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, December 22 nd - Band, Chorus, Orchestra Concert Required Performance	Call: 6:45pm Concert 7:30pm	Arcola Auditorium
Monday, March 23 rd Extra Credit Rehearsal	6:30pm-8:00pm	Auditorium Risers
Monday, May 4 th Required Dress Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Monday, May 11 th – Spring Choral Concert Required Performance	Call: 6:45pm Concert 7:30pm	High School Auditorium

Chorale/Jazz Choir Rehearsal Schedule
2008-2009

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Monday, December 22 nd Orchestra Concert	Required Performance Call: 6:30pm Concert 7:30pm	Arcola Auditorium	Band, Chorus,
Monday, January 5 th Chorale Jazz Choir	6:30pm-7:30pm 7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105 C-105	
Monday, January 12 th Chorale Jazz Choir	6:30pm-7:30pm 7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105 C-105	
Monday, January 26 th Chorale Jazz Choir	6:30pm-7:30pm 7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105 C-105	

Month of February:

Due to the musical, no additional evening rehearsals will be scheduled for Chorus/Chorale/Jazz Choir during the month of February.

Monday, March 2 nd		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, March 9 th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, March 16 th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, March 23rd		
Full Chorus	6:00pm-7:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Monday, March 30 th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, April 6 th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, April 20 th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	C-105
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	C-105
Monday, April 27th		
Chorale	6:30pm-7:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Jazz Choir	7:30pm-8:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Monday, May 4th	Required Rehearsal	
Full Chorus	6:00pm-7:30pm	Auditorium Risers
Chorale	7:30pm-8:15pm	Auditorium Risers
Jazz Choir	8:15pm-9:00pm	Auditorium Risers
Monday, May 11th	Required Performance	High School Auditorium
	Spring Choral Concert	
	Call: 6:30pm	
	Concert 7:30pm	

DISTRICT CHORUS AUDITION RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Megan Ort – Soprano 1
Inga Schmidt – Soprano 1
Heather Stinson – Soprano 1
Brittany Mazzurco – Alto 1
Emma Henry – Alto 1
Emma Trulson – Alto 2
Jamison Barrett – Tenor 2
Al Cummings – Bass 2

**TO ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS / AND STUDENTS OF METHACTON HIGH:
DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTER CONTENT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE OR SHARE THE STORY
OF YOUR FAVORITE MUSIC TRIP / CONCERT / ETC.?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY AND/OR VIA U.S.
MAIL– FREE OF CHARGE?**

- 1. Email me at ajclec2@aol.com with your email address and home mailing address. I NEED TO CREATE AN ADDRESS BOOK WITH MAILING ADDRESSES AND EMAIL ADDRESSES.**
- 2. Email me your stories, experiences to share or suggestions – I want to hear from you!**
- 3. The Methacton Music Boosters Newsletter runs 4 times per year – SEASONALLY – You will receive a copy - always free of charge – filled with news and information of the Music Department of Methacton!!! Look out for the form on the Music Boosters website- www.methactonmusicboosters.org**

Visit the newsletter site and sign up with your mailing address and email address – to receive the newsletter at home and online!!!

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