



# Tempo

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## Happy Holidays!

### Congratulations...

...to **James Fong**, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Fong, and **Deirdre Skiffington**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington, on their selection to the PMEA District 1 Orchestra Festival at Norwin High School in February.

...to **Emily Drabeck**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Drabeck; **James Fong**, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Fong; **Deirdre Skiffington**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington; **Legend Thurman**, niece of Ms. Pat Reardon & Ms. Linda Reardon; and **Annie Walther**, daughter of Mr. & Dr. Jeff Walther, on their selection to the PMEA District 1 Band Festival at North Allegheny Senior High School in January.

...to **Jorie Celani**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jon Celani; **Alexis Hornickel**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Howard Hornickel; and **Liam Skiffington**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington, on their selection to the PMEA Jr. District 1 Orchestra Festival at Deer Lakes High School in March.

### Christmas Parade...

...a huge appreciation is extended to the marching band for a fine performance in the annual Washington Christmas Parade. Thanks to all involved to make the evening a success!

### Scrub Collection...

...will be **Friday, December 16**. All scrubs must be returned washed and folded. They will be collected in the band classes that day. Unwashed or unfolded pants will not be accepted.

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COMING UP..

Dress Rehearsal

**Tuesday, December 13**

**2:45 - 4:15 pm**

THS Auditorium



Holiday Concert

**Wednesday, December 14**

**7:30 pm**

THS Auditorium

COURTHOUSE PERFORMANCE...

The high school Wind Ensemble will be performing in conjunction with the Washington County Courthouse's *Christmas Concert Series* on **Wednesday, December 7** at 12:30 pm. The high school Chamber Choir will also be performing prior to the Wind Ensemble at 12 Noon. The series begins on Monday, December 5 and runs through Friday, December 16. If you are able to join us during lunch or an afternoon free of work or shopping, please stop to enjoy the holiday spirit and cheer! Students will be excused from classes in the mid-part of the day.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS...

Please consider supporting the young students of our program at their upcoming performances:

- Sixth Grade Band**  
Tuesday, December 20
- Seventh Grade Band**  
Tuesday, December 6
- Eighth Grade Band**  
Monday, December 12

**Holiday Gift & Donation Programs...**

The Trinity High School Performing Arts Department is no stranger to community service. We have the unique opportunity to allow our students to give back to the community that gives them so much support year after year. The first project is the Gift Tree that benefits local children of our school district. The tree is now on display outside of the band office. We encourage you and your child to select a gift tag and purchase a gift of clothing to fit the size and gender on the tag. Most items are between \$15-25. All gifts are to be returned and placed under the trees at the Holiday Concert on **Wednesday, December 14**. The second initiative is a simple winter accessories drive. We will be collecting winter items for the Washington City Mission and Avis Arbor Shelter for Women and Children. Items included are to be warm blankets, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to outfit men, women, and children. All donations should be brought to the band room prior to **Wednesday, December 14**. *Thank you* for making the holiday's bright again this year for our community! Please see the attached flyers for more details.

MUSIC-CLAUS - A CHRISTMAS MUSIC LIST..

Private Study:

PRIVATE LESSONS! Priceless!

Woodwind & Brass Mouthpieces:

See me...

Average pricing - \$50-90



Metronome & Tuners:

Korg Tuner - \$19.99

Seiko Metronome - \$29.99

Seiko Tuner/Metronome - \$29.99

Reeds:

Clarinet -

Mitchell Lurie, Strength 3 - \$17.75 (box of 10)

Vandoren, Strength 3 - \$18.95 (box of 10)

Alto Saxophone -

Vandoren, Strength 3.5 - \$24.95 (box of 10)

Tenor & Baritone Saxophone -

Vandoren, Strength 3.5 - \$17.95 & \$31.95 (box of 5)

**Don't pay full price! Parents: See Mr. Stultz in the band office for great deals!**  
**"Must-have" - Recommended items in GREEN.**



HOLIDAY CONCERT RECEPTION...

...cookies are needed for the reception following the Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 14. If you are willing to help, please send your cookies the day of the concert to the band room or deliver them the night of the concert to the cafeteria. For any questions or if you are available to help at the reception, contact April Plants at 724-986-7994.

MUSIC FOR ALL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM...

Are you looking for summer plans AND planning to expand your musical horizons? The Music For All Summer Symposium is for you! The camp will be held **June 25-30, 2012** at Ball State University.

The summer camp offers areas of study in concert band, jazz band, orchestra, percussion, marching band, color guard, and drum major. A special discounted rate of **\$100.00** may be realized if you register by **January 31, 2012**.

[Click here](#) to visit the Music For All website and for more details. Music For All's mission is to create positively life-changing experiences through music for all.

Parents looking for an awesome musical gift for the holidays - tuition to this "like no other" summer program would be priceless in your child's musical, social, and personal growth!

*Remember, funds from your student's fundraising account can be used toward camp tuition.*

2012 CONCERT BAND CAMP..

Plans are all set for our 2012 Concert Band Camp. The guest conductors were announced last month - Dr. Greig from Westminster for the Wind Ensemble and Mr. Nichter from WVU for the Symphonic Band.

Some of the master class sessions will be led by the following clinicians: West Virginia University Faculty Woodwind Quintet (woodwinds), Peters Township High School Band Director Milt Barney (saxophone), and Slippery Rock University Percussion Professor Dave Glover (percussion).

A schedule of events is provided. Attendance is **required** by all students.

**2012 Concert Band Camp**

**Friday, January 6 -  
Saturday, January 7**

Schedule:

*Friday, January 6*

4:00p Rehearsal w/ Guest Conductor  
6:00p Dinner (provided)  
7:00p Rehearsal w/ Guest Conductor  
9:00p Dismissal

*Saturday, January 7*

10:00p Rehearsal w/ Guest Conductor  
Noon Lunch (provided)  
1:00p Master Class Sessions  
3:00p Rehearsal w/ Guest Conductor  
5:00p Open Forum  
5:30p Dinner (provided)  
7:00p Concert

**Private Lesson Honor Roll**

The following students are currently studying privately on their wind or percussion instruments.

- Matt Black, Trumpet
- Allison Broaddrick, Flute
- Hannah Bryker, Clarinet
- Breanne Carr, Trumpet
- Letty Cawley, Horn
- Emily Drabeck, Clarinet
- Jalacie Emerick, Clarinet
- Justine Fernandes, Clarinet
- David Fiem, Tuba
- James Fong, Percussion
- Baylee Gardner, Trumpet
- Maria Grande, Percussion
- Julia Handra, Saxophone
- Amber Hohing, Saxophone
- Margie Keisling, Flute
- Steve Krall, Euphonium
- Bobby Leitsch, Trumpet
- Kaylee McCreery, Clarinet
- Ryan Neely, Trombone
- Deirdre Skiffington, Oboe
- Liam Skiffington, Bassoon
- Legend Thurman, Saxophone
- Jena Tocci, Clarinet
- Annie Walther, Flute

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY...

...TRI-M Music Honor Society is the international society recognizing secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and music-related community service. Congratulations to this year's inductees:

***Emily Drabeck, David Fiem, James Fong, Baylee Gardner, Deirdre Skiffington, and Jordan Wright.***

These new members join current members:

Allison Broaddrick, Robert Leitsch, and Kaylee McCreery

...students in Trinity's chapter of TRI-M complete eight hours of music-related community service, perform on one solo recital, coach two hours of private instruction, and attend four community or professional music concerts.

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**QUALITY MUSIC SUPPORTS QUALITY LEARNING**

Dear Parents,

Traditionally, the holidays are filled with music. Can you imagine the December festivities accompanied by silence? As we celebrate chosen spiritual beliefs with singing and playing, let us take a moment to recognize and appreciate a communication that transcends all religious, political, and ethnic barriers; *the artistic language of MUSIC!*

Music unlocks the creative potential of the human mind; it opens the pathway to educational excellence and catapults the human to a new level of understanding. *Quality in music learning* transfers to *quality in all learning*, and the latest research affirms this popular assumption. Numerous studies confirm a consistent correlation between substantive music education and student achievement in other academic subjects, not to mention the extra-musical personal growth attributes of music instruction.

*Goals 2000: Educate America Act.*, makes the arts, by federal law, a core subject in our schools ensuring every child will have a world-class education. We are fortunate at Trinity to be in an environment where music is seen as a vital part of our educational community, and it is this awareness and attitude that serves as the foundation of our arts curriculum.

Music cannot be replicated by any other language; it has no substitute, no replacement, no alternative. Although it has often been replaced by everything from debate club to an athletic team, it is far more than those. Music is an ART to itself; it allows the individual to understand and appreciate the world from a highly sensitive and emotional perspective. A school without a prosperous music program is incomplete; we appreciate your leadership in recognizing the importance of music in our school.

Richard W. Riley, former United States Secretary of Education, stated, "*I believe arts education in music, theatre, dance, and the visual arts is one of the most creative ways we have to find the gold that is buried just beneath the surface. They [children] have an enthusiasm for life, a spark for creativity, and vivid imaginations that need training...training that prepares them to become confident young men and women.*"

Music is the source of all possibilities, it opens new horizons; it supports wonderment, imagination, appreciation, and sensitivity. In short, it makes life worth living! Best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season are extended to you and yours. Let us continue our commitment to the highest quality music in our schools in the New Year.

Happy Holidays,

**Matt**

Matthew L. Stultz



**December's  
Music Advocacy Encore:**

Music Classes are Vital!!! Classroom opportunities & resources are below...

[Click here to read!](#)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## December

Friday, December 2  
Saturday, December 3

**Washington Christmas Parade, 7:00 pm, RT: 6:30 pm**  
Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias, Sarris Christmas Candy delivery between  
8:30-9:30 am @ THS  
*Washington Symphony Orchestra Concert, THS Auditorium, 8:00 pm*

Wednesday, December 7  
Thursday, December 8

Wind Ensemble Holiday Performance at County Courthouse, 12:30 pm  
Fruit delivery between 5:00-6:00 pm @ THS

Tuesday, December 13  
Wednesday, December 14

**Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium, 2:45-4:15 pm**  
**Holiday Band, Choir, & Orchestra Concert, THS Auditorium, 7:30 pm**

## January

Friday, January 6  
Saturday, January 7

**Concert Band Camp, THS, 4:00-9:00 pm**  
**Concert Band Camp, THS, 10:00 am-9:00 pm**

Monday, January 9  
Tuesday, January 10  
Wed.-Fri., January 11-13

Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm  
Tambellini's Gourmet Food orders due by 2:30 pm  
PMEA District Band Festival @ North Allegheny Sr. High School

Wednesday, January 25

**Wind Ensemble Exchange Concert, Bethel Park Auditorium, 7:30 pm**

Tuesday, January 31

4-Star Coupon orders due by 2:30 pm

## February

Thursday, February 2  
Fri.-Sat., February 4-5

Tambellini's Gourmet Food pick-up 5:00-6:00 pm  
PMEA District One Jr. Orchestra Festival, Shaler HS, All Day

Monday, February 6  
Tuesday, February 7  
Thur.-Sat., February 9-11  
Saturday, February 11

Solo Recital, Recital Hall, 7:30 pm  
Sarris Easter Candy orders due by 2:30 pm  
PMEA District Orchestra Festival @ Norwin High School  
*Washington Symphony Orchestra Concert, THS Auditorium, 8:00 pm*

Monday, February 13  
Thursday, February 16  
Friday, February 17

Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm  
Four-Star Coupon delivery in school  
**Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium, 2:45-4:15 pm**

Tuesday, February 21

**Mid-Winter Band Concert, THS Auditorium, 7:30 pm**

Wed.-Fri., February 22-24

Joe Corbi's orders due by 2:30 pm  
PMEA Region Band Festival @ Norwin High School

Tuesday, February 28

Popcorn Willy's orders due by 2:30 pm

**Please Note:**

Mini-Camp 2012 - June 11 - 15

Summer Sessions 2012 - June 19, July 3, July 17

Band Camp 2011 - July 23 - 27, Week 1

July 30 - August 3, Week 2

***Please plan accordingly with family vacations and day trips.***

# Gift Tree

The Trinity High School  
Music Department

is sponsoring a  
**Gift Tree**  
to benefit local children.



The tree will be on display beginning  
Mid - November.

We encourage you to select a gift tag  
and purchase a gift of clothing  
(\$15.00 to \$25.00)  
to fit the size and gender on the tag.



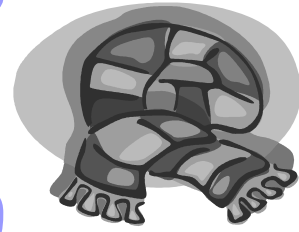
All gifts will be returned  
and placed under the tree at the  
**Holiday Band/Orchestra/Chorus Concert**  
on December 14, 2011.

If you have any questions, please call  
Denise Briggs at 724-267-3398.





Let's help  
others  
stay warm  
this winter!!



The students of the Trinity Band Program  
will be collecting winter items for the  
**Washington City Mission**  
and the  
**Avis Arbor Shelter for Women and Children.**  
We will be collecting Warm Blankets,  
as well as Hats, Gloves, Mittens and Scarves  
for men, women and children.

Please bring any donations  
to the band room by **December 14, 2011.**

*Thank you in advance for your help!!*

