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Congratulations...

...to **Emily Drabeck**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Drabeck, **James Fong**, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Fong, and **Deirdre Skiffington**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington, on successfully auditioning for the PMEA Region I Band Festival to be held at Norwin High School, February 22-24. The auditions took place at the recent District Band Festival.

...to **Baylee Gardner**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner, on her selection as President of the 2012 leadership team.

...to **David Yencsik**, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Yencsik, on his selection to the drum major team. David will join drum majors Emily Drabeck and David Fiem for the 2012 marching season.

...to the following students on their selection as caption heads for the 2012 marching band: **Julia Handra**, woodwinds; **Anthony Groves**, brass; **Annie Walther**, percussion; **Rachel Randolph & Makala VanVarenberg**, color guard.

...to the following students on their selection as section squad leaders for the 2012 marching band (listed alphabetically by section.): **Deirdre Skiffington, Hannah Bryker, Jessica Kernan, Jena Tocci, Legend Thurman, Shannon McLaughlin, Steve Krall, Scott Knowlson, Adam Hasson, James Fong, Maria Grande, Patience Hartzell, Kristen Kubacka, Taylor Pieper.**

...to the following students on their selection as apprentice squad leaders for the 2012 marching band (listed alphabetically): **Breanne Carr, Jorie Celani, Alexis Hornickel**

COMING UP..

Trinity Band Parent Meeting

Monday, February 13

7:30 pm

Cafeteria



Trinity Band Parent
Executive Board

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Denise Locy, 724-267-3294

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Donna Knowlson, 724-228-6509

Mr. Stultz, 724-225-5380, ext. 6144

Mid-Winter Band Concert

Tuesday, February 21

7:30 pm

THS Auditorium

ATTEND SCHOOL CONCERTS...

*Your presence is an encouragement to your child!
Large audiences build the morale of everyone
involved.*

Your child's participation in music provides them with an experience that cannot be duplicated anywhere in the public school system. Music students are introduced to abstract thinking skills and exposed to helping themselves through the motivations provided through serious and enjoyable group activity. Students are exposed to the creative process which is at the basis of all well-guided musical activities.

Leadership Workshop

2012 Leaders - our annual Leadership Workshop is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 3. Fran Kick** will be our guest presenter. More details will be available in the coming months. This is a required event for the leadership team.

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
- Katie Dessert, Trumpet
- 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
- Jessica Kernan, Clarinet
- Scott Knowlson, Euphonium
- 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

WINTER GUARD CORNER...

Consider coming out to support the girls in their upcoming performances:

- Saturday, February 11 - Kiski HS Competition
- Saturday, February 25 - Northgate HS Competition
- Saturday, March 17 - WGI Regional @ Norwin HS
- Saturday, March 24 - East Allegheny HS Competition
- Saturday, March 31 - TRWEA Championships @ Gateway HS



SPRING TRIP..

The final fundraising goal of **\$710.00** is due **March 7.**

Sarris Easter Candy, Joe Corbi's, and Spring Flowers are the final three fundraisers of the year.

Bus sign-ups will occur on **Wednesday, March 14** for those students with complete accounts.



ALL NEW IN SPRING 2012

VERBOLTEN - Will be an all-new multi-launch, indoor/outdoor roller coaster that utilizes electromagnetic technology to propel riders through

a high-speed thrill packed with twists, turns and plunges.

A classic ride at Busch Gardens is the LOCH NESS MONSTER - This interlocking, double-looping coaster stretches a monstrous 13 stories tall before racing those who challenge it down a 114-foot drop, with speeds as fast as 60 mph.



MUSIC FOR ALL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM...

SAVE **\$100** on the **Music for All Summer Symposium** registration by enrolling before **March 31, 2012**. The registration includes tuition, room & board, and admission to the special evening performances. The camp, held annually at Illinois State University, offers student curriculums in Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion, Orchestra, Color Guard, and Drum Major. Applications are available in the band office or students may register online at www.musicforall.org. Contact Mr. Stultz for additional information.

As with everything MFA presents, the student division of the Summer Symposium is about creating and providing positively life-changing experiences for all students.

MFA has assembled an outstanding faculty and staff whose abilities to teach, inspire, and motivate are unmatched. Every member of the band program can grow as a musician and performer while learning leadership and life skills.

Students will experience the value of learning with students from across the nation. The broadened perspective students bring home have positive effects for years to come. The Summer Symposium offers a safe collegiate experience for students who will soon embark in higher education. MFA provides a sense of community that includes all the students, faculty, and staff.

MFA Promises Every Student Will:

- Gain increased experience and skill on the chosen instrument or area of study
- Be challenged to be better at every level of musical and performance experience
- Develop improved leadership and citizenship skills - every participant will grow in areas of personal development and responsibility and be a better leader at home
- Receive real preparation for collegiate life skills and time management experience with living away from home
- Experience once in a lifetime performing artists and faculty contact with top names in music and performance
- Will have a GREAT time!



HERE'S WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT MFA CAMP..

"The camp was AMAZING. It was really fun getting to learn new stuff on rifle and meeting all new people who love what I love. It was also an experience of a lifetime spinning with Carolina Crown."

-Rachel Randolph, Junior, Color Guard Track

"The camp gave me a sense of freedom and I was able to learn from teachers who are the BEST at what they do in the business. I know the friendships that I created at camp will last a lifetime."

-David Fiem, Junior, Drum Major Academy Track

"The coolest part of the camp was that everyone I was with cared about music as much as I did. The best part of the concert band track was working in sectionals. I was able to meet really talented saxophone kids my age and learn from professional faculty."

-Julia Handra, Sophomore, Concert Band Track



If you are planning to attend the Music For All Summer Symposium or are thinking about attending, please let Mr. Stultz know so that you may have a seat saved on the bus. Each year Trinity organizes a bus for students in Southwestern Pennsylvania and Central Ohio to travel to the Summer Symposium. Cost will be available in June. Remember - you may use funds from your student account to pay for your seat!

SUPPORTING MUSIC LEARNING

Dear Parents,

We are very excited about the music program at Trinity High School. The success we continue to enjoy is a direct reflection of the students who participate in our music education curriculum. Every student is an integral part of our musical family. Thank you; I appreciate your ongoing support in this important aspect of your child's growth.

There are many intrinsic as well as extrinsic benefits that result from the study of music. The aesthetic joys of music-making cannot be duplicated in any other art-form; it is a communication unto itself. Music also strengthens the mind's learning potential, and this is transferred to every other aspect of the academic agenda. In other words, the students who are part of our music program are achieving at higher levels in all areas of school. It has been said in many different ways, but simply put: *music makes better students, and music makes students better.*

Ongoing research continues to offer dramatic statistics concerning the young men and women who choose to be a part of their school music programs. In the 1997 publication Profiles of SAT and Achievement Test Takers (from the College Board), it was discovered that, "*Students with course work experience in music performance scored 89 points higher on the SAT tests than students with no course work in the arts.*" This kind of information clearly and positively affects the future for your child and other students.

Parents want to know that their children's educational atmosphere is designed to create a solid foundation for advanced education and, most importantly, a training ground for developing successful life-patterns. The very qualities that are essential to employers in business, education, and service organizations, such as analytical skills, self-discipline, communication skills, and creative thinking, are the foundation blocks of our successful music program at Trinity High School. What the students are learning in music is preparing them for a more prosperous and enjoyable life.

The weeks ahead are filled with rehearsals, concerts, and festivals that will demonstrate the musical growth of our talented young artists; you will hear this during the group's performances. What you will not directly hear or see is the ongoing pursuit of mature responsibility, our basic theme to ensure a signature of excellence in everything we do.

Thank you, once again, for your patronage to the arts and to our music program. You help make a positive difference.

Yours truly,

Matt

Matthew L. Stultz
Director of Instrumental Studies

**February's
Music Advocacy Encore:**

Instruction in music and the arts is essential to a well-rounded education.

[Click Here](#)

Notables...

Deirdre Skiffington successfully auditioned for the Pittsburgh Symphony Youth Orchestra (PYSO).

Allison Broaddrick, Emily Drabeck, David Fiem, Baylee Gardner, and Liam Skiffington will be performing with the Washington Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, February 11 as part of their Side-By-Side concert.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Thursday, February 2

Friday, February 4

Fri.-Sat., February 4-5

Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 7

Thur.-Sat., February 9-11

Saturday, February 11

Monday, February 13

Thursday, February 16

Friday, February 17

Tuesday, February 21

Wed.-Fri., February 22-24

Tuesday, February 28

Tambellini's Gourmet Food pick-up 5:00-6:00 pm

WCMEA County Band Rehearsal, Trinity High School, 9:00a-4:00p

PMEA District One Jr. Orchestra Festival, Deer Lakes High School, All Day

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.

Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm

Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium, 2:45-4:15 pm

Four-Star Coupon delivery in school

WCMEA County Band Rehearsal & Concert, Trinity High School, All Day

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

Joe Corbi's orders due by 2:30 pm

PMEA Region Band Festival @ Norwin High School

Litton's Spring Flower orders due by 2:30 pm

March

Fri.-Sat., March 2-3

PMEA Jr. District Band Festival @ Carrick High School

Monday, March 5

Tuesday, March 6

Solo Recital, Recital Hall, 7:30 pm

United States Navy Concert Band Performance, THS Auditorium, 7:30 pm**Required Performance**

PMEA Jr. District Orchestra Festival @ Deer Lakes High School

Monday, March 12

Tuesday, March 13

Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm

MIOSM All-District Band Festival, THS Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 15

Saturday, March 17

Trinity Marching Band "Experience Day," THS, 5:00 pm**Trinity Marching Band "Experience Day," THS, 2:00 pm**

Wed.-Fri., March 21-23

Thursday, March 22

PMEA Region Band Festival @ Mars High School

Joe Corbi's pick-up 5:00-6:00 pm

Thur.-Sat., March 29-31

Friday, March 30

Saturday, March 31

"Cinderella," THS Auditorium, 7:30 pm

PMEA Music Performance Assessment @ Upper St. Clair High School

Sarris Easter Candy & Litton's Spring Flower pick-up 8:30-9:30 am

April

Thur.-Sat., April 26-29

Spring Music Trip, Virginia Beach

Please Note:

Mini-Camp 2012 - June 11 - 15

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

Band Camp 2012 - July 23 - 27, Week 1

July 30 - August 3, Week 2

Please plan accordingly with family vacations and day trips.