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Happy New Year!

Congratulations...

... 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 Band Festival at Carrick High School in March.

... **Allison Broaddrick**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Broaddrick; **Letty Cawley**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cawley; **Emily Drabeck**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Drabeck; **David Fiem**, son of Ms. Denise Locy; **Baylee Gardner**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gardner; **Cody Hamill**, grandson of Mr. & Mrs. James Blackburn; **Robert Leitsch**, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Leitsch; **Kaylee McCreery**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce McCreery; **Shannon McLaughlin**, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Claude McLaughlin; **Ryan Neely**, son of Ms. Kelly Bishop; **Deirdre Skiffington** and **Liam Skiffington**, children of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington, on their selection to the Washington County Band Festival at Trinity High School in February.

Thanks...

...to everyone who supported our students during the recent music department Holiday Concert. Your willing contributions at the concert enabled us to donate \$925 to the Washington City Mission for use in the Washington community.

...to everyone who supported our students during their recent appearances in the Washington Christmas Parade and the Wind Ensemble Courthouse Performance.

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COMING UP..

Trinity Band Parent Meeting

Monday, January 9
7:30 pm

High School Cafeteria



Concert Band Camp

Friday, January 6

4:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 7

10:00 am - 8:30 pm

Trinity High School

SUMMER SYMPOSIUM...



Save **\$100.00** off the full tuition cost of attending the Music For All Summer Symposium by registering before **January 31, 2012**. Register online at musicforall.org or see Mr. Stultz for an application. Don't miss out on this positively life-changing experience!

What do you get out of the summer symposium?

World-class & world-renown educators in the field of music education - the "Who's Who"

Live performances each night - including the Drum Corps International (DCI) Show

Friendships with the closest 1000 kids in the nation AND WORLD!

Course offerings in Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Percussion, Drum Major, Color Guard, Orchestra

Fee includes notebook, room/board, tuition, ticketed nightly performances, the ALL STAR staff of today's composers, conductors, collegiate directors, and MORE!

JUST DO IT - It will be the BEST experience of your life!!!

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

LEADERSHIP TEAM SELECTIONS...



...will occur this month. Students interested in pursuing the process necessary for selection should see Mr. Stultz for information and an application form. The deadline for all applications is **Friday, January 20**. All students must complete the contract, questionnaire, petition, and recommendations.

Those seeking the position of Drum Major Assistant need to schedule an interview that will take place on **Friday, January 20**. Applicants should contact the band office or email trinityhsband@comcast.net for a time. Interviews will begin at 4:30 pm.

SPRING TRIP UPDATE...

...plans for the Virginia Beach trip are developing nicely. The rooms have been reserved at the SpringHill Suites Chesapeake Greenbrier. Motor coach transportation has been arranged with McCarter Coach & Tours (yes...the big horse busses!).

...a few highlights of the trip will include visits to the Nauticus Maritime Museum & USS Wisconsin, Spirit of Norfolk dinner & dance cruise, International Military Tattoo performance, and Busch Gardens!

...Trinity Marching Band will perform in the International Music Festival "Parade of Nations" on Saturday, April 28.

*See **FUNDRAISING CORNER** on page 3 for more details.



SpringHill Suites Chesapeake Greenbrier - Suite Sitting Area. All rooms also include Queen beds and a kitchenette.

FUNDRAISING CORNER...

Please note the upcoming fundraising deadlines:

Tambellini's Gourmet Foods

Orders Due January 10

Delivery February 2

Sarris Candy Bars

Year-Round

**Available on Wednesday mornings between 7:15-7:35 am.*

REMINDER: To assist the financial committee in the processing of funds - please denote your child's name in the Memo Line of the check. And, please, no cash. Use the appropriate envelopes, as well.

Please be reminded of the upcoming payment deadline for the Virginia Beach trip:

Wednesday, January 18 - \$550 (\$500, second child)

**Students must have an up-to-date account in order to sign up for a room. Room sign-ups will occur on Wednesday, January 25.*

SOLO RECITAL SERIES...

The high school Performing Arts Department is set to raise the curtain on another year of the *Solo Recital Series*. Each month we will showcase students grades 4-12 in the instrumental, vocal, and string programs. We encourage your continued support of our performing arts programs by coming out to view the talents of our students performing each month. All recitals will be held in the high school Recital Hall and begin at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. Below are the 2012 dates.

Monday, February 6

Monday, March 5

Thursday, April 12

CONCERT BAND CAMP..



...is all set for **Friday, January 6** and **Saturday, January 7**. All of the guest conductors and clinicians are very excited about their opportunity to work with our students. A schedule of events is located on the UP TO THE MINUTE page of our website. Our guests for the camp will be the McGuffey and Mt. Lebanon High School Concert Bands. Funding for the camp is being provided by each of the participating ensembles. Special thanks is extended to the Trinity Band Parent Association for its financial support. Please plan to attend the concluding concert at 7:00 pm on Saturday. Admission is free.

SPECIAL THANKS...



A special thank you is extended to everyone who participated in our Hat & Glove campaign or the Gift Tree program.

A wealthy collection of gloves, mittens, hats, jackets, and blankets were delivered to Avis Arbor and the Washington City

Mission for distribution to residents during the holiday. Additionally, over fifty packages were distributed to families of elementary students in our district to brighten their holidays.

These annual programs allow our students the chance to give back to those who support them all year long and the less fortunate of our community. Thank you for making the choice to SERVE and GIVE!

"PARENTS LEARN TO MARCH" PROJECT...

Yes...it's true!! It is time to start planning for next year's marching season! This winter we will be reaching out to the parents of our middle school band program to educate them and share with them what the high school program is all about through "PLM parties." As parent of a high school student that is fully participating in our program you know the wealthy list of benefits music has and the qualities associated with being a part of a team. Our goal is to allow the middle school families to see a small glimpse of the "inside" of our program. If you are interested in hosting a social at your home or learning more about this initiative, please contact the band office at trinityhsband@comcast.net.

THE VALUE OF MUSIC BEYOND PERFORMANCE

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the New Year! We are excited about the full slate of wonderful opportunities ahead of us, and I am eager to continue our exchange of *good news* about the value of music education for our students.

The success of music programs is often measured by a single concert preparation. While it is true the performance does demonstrate the skill attainment of the musicians, it is only one small aspect of our comprehensive music curriculum. Music at Trinity is an academic, co-curricular class. As with any other core subject, it is designed to prepare our students to be responsible citizens in their society-of-tomorrow. We have known for years that music students enjoy a distinct advantage in the primary education (grades 1 - 12), their college lives (over 90% of music students attend college), and their professional careers. What is it about music learning that offers each student a head start over their non-musical peers?

- Music develops interpersonal skills such as teamwork, negotiating, leading, and working with various personalities. It requires effective and efficient communication, the basic personal attributes we see relevant in achieving problem resolutions in our modern day workplace.
- Music stimulates the creative, curious, imaginative mind; these are mental building blocks for critical thinking and self-motivation.
- Since much of music is active listening, it links the creative thought process to reality; “concepts” become “knowns.” The following quote is an excerpt from *The Value of the Arts*, (created by the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities - 1993), “*Some skills taught only in the arts are as important to science as they are to art. Among these tools are playing, abstracting, building models, and recognizing patterns. Non-verbal skills allow people to imagine and visualize new realities before they can be proven by logic or scientific experiments.*”

When students are in the act of personal judgement, based upon present moment choices, it replicates the same mind pattern used to express music. This is a human success quality that cannot be taught, but must be developed; it is the foundation for all problem solving.

When we step back and take a holistic view of music learning, it offers a new perspective and appreciation for our school’s music program. It is obvious why music is so important in the life of your child.

Yours truly,

Matt

Matthew L. Stultz
Director of Instrumental Studies

**January’s
Music Advocacy Encore:**

**Improved Academics Due to
High Arts Involvement**

[Click here to read!](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- Friday, January 6** **Concert Band Camp, THS, 4:00-9:00 pm**
- Saturday, January 7** **Concert Band Camp, THS, 10:00 am-9:00 pm**

- Monday, January 9 Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 10** **Tambellini's Gourmet Food orders due by 2:30 pm**
- Wed.-Fri., January 11-13 PMEADistrict 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** **Tambellini's Gourmet Food pick-up 5:00-6:00 pm**
- Friday, February 4 WCMEA County Band Rehearsal, Trinity High School, 9:00a-4:00p
- Fri.-Sat., February 4-5 PMEADistrict One Jr. Orchestra Festival, Deer Lakes High School, All Day

- Monday, February 6 Solo Recital, Recital Hall, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 7** **Sarris Easter Candy orders due by 2:30 pm**
- Thur.-Sat., February 9-11 PMEADistrict Orchestra Festival @ Norwin High School
- Saturday, February 11** **Washington Symphony Orchestra Concert, THS Auditorium, 8:00 pm.**

- Monday, February 13 Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, February 16** **Dress Rehearsal, THS Auditorium, 2:45-4:15 pm**
- Friday, February 17 **Four-Star Coupon delivery in school**
- WCMEA County Band Rehearsal & Concert, Trinity High School, All Day

- 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**
- PMEADistrict Region Band Festival @ Norwin High School

- Tuesday, February 28 Litton's Spring Flower orders due by 2:30 pm

March

- Fri.-Sat., March 2-3 PMEADistrict Jr. District 1 Band Festival, Carrick High School, All day

- Monday, March 5 Solo Recital, Recital Hall, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 6** **United States Navy Concert Band Performance, THS Auditorium, 7:30 pm**
- Required Performance**

- Monday, March 12 Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 13** **MIOISM All-District Band Festival, THS Auditorium, 7:00 pm**

- Thursday, March 15** **Trinity Marching Band "Experience Day," THS, 5:00 pm**
- Saturday, March 17** **Trinity Marching Band "Experience Day," THS, 2:00 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.