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Congratulations...

...to the marching band on their state championship!
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...to **James Fong**, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Fong; **Deirdre Skiffington**, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington; and **Liam Skiffington**, son of Dr. & Mrs. Gene Skiffington, who successfully auditioned for placement in the PMEA District 1 Honors Band.

...to **Emily Drabeck**, **James Fong**, **David Fiem**, **Anthony Groves**, **Rachel Randolph**, and **Deirdre Skiffington** who will be inducted to the Trinity High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Bravo - this is a very esteemed accomplishment! They join 2010-11 members Allison Broaddrick and Kaylee McCreery.

Notables...

...**Deirdre Skiffington**, and **Liam Skiffington** are members of the Three Rivers Youth Pops Orchestra.

...**Robert Leitsch** and **Mr. Stultz** perform on occasion with the Washington Symphony Orchestra.

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COMING UP..

Trinity Band Parent Meeting

Monday, November 14
7:30 pm

High School Cafeteria



Santa's Arrival

Thursday, November 17
6:00 pm

Washington Crown Center

2011 SEASON REVIEW

CONGRATULATIONS!

...to the marching band on their **SECOND PLACE** finish at the Woodland Hills Competition, **SECOND PLACE** finish at the West Allegheny Competition, and **FIRST PLACE** finish at the PIMBA Championships.



Championships - First Place
High Visual, High General Effect

THANK YOU!

...one final time to everyone who contributed to the success of the high school marching band during the past few months. Your selfless contributions are sincerely appreciated and provide a valuable life-lesson in service and giving to the students. **THANKS.**

THE ANNUAL PIT CREW GUIDE FOR BAND VENUES!

Best Pit Crew Chefs	L.M. & J.V.
Most Helpful Staff Member When There's Food Around	Mr. Stultz, Mr. Falvo, Ms. Earls
Most Helpful Staff Member When There's NO Food Around	_____
Best Hot Chocolate	Ms. Locy
Best Dessert	Championship Cupcakes
Best Meal	Every Friday!
Favorite Place to WIN	Norwin

Memories...

from "Kaleidoscope"

...5 letters - PRIDE! (or BRASS!)

...popsicles at band camp

...rainy Kennywood & "flawless" parade!

...BOA prelims performance

...BOA finalist announcement

...BOA finals performance

...Senior Recognition - the laughter, the tears, the traditions!

...0.75 points

...skittles - "taste the rainbow"

...Mr. Stultz's Lucky Charms speech

...tears of joy and hugs of happiness after the championship run of the show

...the announcement of the second place band at championships

...the announcement of first place at championships

...presenting the gold medals

...silly string!

THANKS...

...to everyone for your tremendous support of the students, staff, and parent association officers and committee chairs. Your gracious cooperation and understanding as we moved through the day to day occurrences of the marching season are sincerely appreciated.

The hidden message in all of this concerns the *attitude of giving*. The greatest joy in life always revolves around *contributing to others*. Music itself is founded upon the concept of expressing oneself to others - *giving*. Our band is successful to the degree to which the members are willing to *give* to the ensemble. In the words of Orison Marden, "*The best thing about giving of ourselves is that what we get is always better than what we give. The reaction is greater than the action.*"

Thank you for your time. You DO make a difference for every student in the band!

PRIVATE LESSONS...

...information is available in the band office. The information sheet contains details about lessons available at the high school as well as a list of recommended teachers in the greater Pittsburgh area. Private lessons are HIGHLY recommended for students who wish to gain more satisfaction from the high school music experience or those interested in music study after high school.

...private lessons are linked to higher math test scores - a study of 113 Georgia students found that 8th grade students who studied music privately for at least two years, scored 5% higher on the math portion of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) than other school musicians who did not take private lessons.

Source: Joyce M. Cheek and Lyle R. Smith. "Music Training and Mathematics Achievement." *Adolescence* Vol. 34, No. 136, Winter 1999.

FUNDRAISING NOTES...

...Sarris Candy Bars may be picked up from Mrs. Knowlson on **Wednesday** mornings from **7:20 - 7:35 am**. Students must have a check - NO CASH - made payable to the TBPA totaling the number of boxes being requested.

...Fruit orders are due on **Tuesday, November 15**

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

...and as you begin to think about Christmas gifts for your child, the following make great gifts or stocking stuffers: cleaning brushes and snakes, feather swabs, an up-grade ligature, a reed guard, a tuner, or a metronome. A bit more expensive would be a folding music stand or a gift certificate for private music lessons. Finally, consider the purchase of an upgrade instrument.



Don't pay full price for any of the items listed above. Contact Mr. Stultz - 724-225-5380, ext. 6144 - for information concerning the best price available to you.

"Musicians surpass the finest athletes in motor performance, complexity, and precision."

-George P. Mason, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, USC

DID YOU KNOW?

Funds raised or deposited beyond the student fundraising goal may be:

1. used to pay tuition for a summer music camp
2. used toward the purchase of a new instrument
3. carried over to next years fundraising goal



A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Parents,

The Thanksgiving season serves as a strong reminder we have much to be *thankful* for in our music program.

- From a national perspective, we must be *thankful* the arts are written into federal law as part of the core curriculum for every school.
- From a community vantage point, we must be *thankful* for local leaders who are solid supporters of music-in-our-schools; they realize music education offers heightened performance in all aspects of life and they are outspoken advocates of music education.
- Sincere *thanks* are extended to our administrators. We continue to enjoy an ongoing open-dialogue focusing on the role of music as part of a complete curriculum offering.
- And, from a personal standpoint, *THANK YOU, PARENTS!* Your keen interest, loyal support, and active participation, are the essential elements to our successful past, our exciting present, and our promising future.
- Collectively, we must all extend *thanks* to the young men and women who spend countless hours learning, rehearsing, and performing music. It is a privilege and an honor to work with the finest students at Trinity High School, the music-makers of today who are preparing to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Yes, *music does make a difference*, and we are *thankful* your child has chosen to become part of our musical family. The disciplines learned in music classes reinforce the theme-of-excellence required for positive growth along life's journey.

As we move rapidly through this first semester, I extend a sincere *vote-of-thanks* to everyone who has made it possible for our music program to thrive and prosper, your investment of time, effort, and energy is the key to our success.

As always, I look forward to our continued communication and am excited to share this important good news.

In your debt,

Matt

Matthew L. Stultz

Support Music!

As parents of children heavily involved in musical activities, along with your own involvement, you can appreciate and begin to understand the ultimate importance music plays in the role of your son or daughter. Support music at every opportunity in our public schools. Phone, email, or write your local school board members, school administration, and local politicians to share the good news about music education and the benefiting role it has in your child's education. If YOU do not - NO ONE else will! Please never take anything for granted. THANK YOU!

WASHINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE...

...is **Friday, December 2** at 7:00 pm. The parade will follow the traditional route from West Chestnut Street to Main Street. Dispersal will occur near the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency on S. Main Street.

Students should report to the Jefferson Avenue United Methodist church parking lot at 6:30 pm. Student pick-up is at 7:30 pm following the parade.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS...

...Santa is coming to the Washington Crown Center Mall on **Thursday, November 17** and the marching band will again provide his musical escort.

Students should report to the mall parking lot, behind Sears, at 5:30 pm. Dismissal will be at approximately 6:20 pm.

2012 CONCERT BAND CAMP...

...plans are moving along nicely for the 2012 Concert Band Camp. The students of the Wind Ensemble will have the opportunity to work Dr. R. Tad Greig, Director of Bands at Westminster College. Mr. Christopher Nichter, Assistant to the Director of Bands at West Virginia University will work with the Symphonic Band.

The camp will be held at Trinity High School on **Friday, January 6** and **Saturday, January 7**.

Concert Calendar

Wednesday, December 14

Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm
THS Auditorium

Wednesday, January 25

Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 pm
Bethel Park HS Auditorium

Tuesday, February 21

Mid-Winter Concert, 7:30 pm
THS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 16

Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
THS Auditorium

Need TRI-M Hours??

See Mr. Stultz in the band office for information in helping with Honors Band rehearsals. Earn your hours early!

The first rehearsal set-up will be on **Friday, November 11** after school.

What does it cost for 7 seniors to be 4-year members of the Trinity Marching Band?

- Fundraising goals for trips to Florida, Louisville, and Virginia Beach: **\$19,600**
- Marching shoes: **\$560**
- Formal pictures: **\$896**
- Fast food meals before competitions: **\$1,400**
- Band jackets: **\$1,120**
- Program ads and programs: **\$1,225**
- Theme shirts: **\$420**
- Eat n' Park after football games & competitions: **\$2,100**
- Under Armor: **\$560**
- Competition tickets: **\$2,380**
- Football ticket to watch the band: **\$1,015**

Learning to be part of a team, learning to be fine musicians and performers, learning to lose with grace and win with pride, learning when to be serious and when to be silly, learning what it takes to be a true friend and spending precious time with those friends, learning that the love of music can open doors the rest of your life??

...PRICELESS

for everything else...there's MOM & DAD! Thank you!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- Tuesday, November 1
Saturday, November 5
4-Star Coupon orders due by 2:30 pm
Band Costume Party & End-of-Season Bonfire, Fiem Residence
- Thursday, November 10
Saturday, November 12
Holiday Pies delivery between 5:00-6:00 pm @ THS
Bands of America Grand Nationals Trip, Indianapolis, IN
PMEA Honors Band Rehearsal, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, THS Auditorium
- Monday, November 14
Tuesday, November 15
Thursday, November 17
Saturday, November 19
Trinity Band Parent Association General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Cafeteria
Fruit orders due by 2:30 pm
Welcome Santa Parade, Washington Crown Center, 6:00 pm, RT: 5:30 pm
4-Star Coupon delivery in class
PMEA Honors Band Rehearsal, 9:00 am -4:00 pm, THS Auditorium
- Saturday, November 26
Sunday, November 27
PMEA Honors Band Rehearsal, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, THS Auditorium
PMEA Honors Band Concert, 4:00 pm, Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland

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
Tuesday, January 31
Wind Ensemble Exchange Concert, Bethel Park Auditorium, 7:30 pm
4-Star Coupon orders due by 2:30 pm

Please Note: Mini-Camp, 2012 - June 11 - 15
Band Camp, 2012 - July 23 - 27, Week 1
July 30 - August 3, Week 2