



Tempo

www.trinityhsband.net

MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity High School Band

To promote pride and excellence through music, emphasizing leadership, discipline, and responsibility. To go beyond the normal standard and play a powerful role in society as musicians and leaders.

Thanks...

...we are off to a great start! Much has happened since our last communication: we had a productive and fun band camp, the students have experienced a performance in uniform, and **many** parents have been working tirelessly to insure the band and band parent association are off to a positive start.

The important aspect of this process is that the students have been able to experience first hand the benefits of cooperation, support, and service as demonstrated by the most important role models – adults. It is vital that the young people see us working together toward a common goal. Thanks to all who have provided their most valuable asset – their **TIME** – as well as being such positive role models for our team.

Please continue these great life lessons for our students!

Family Handbooks...

...there have been a few changes in performance report times from the original calendar, which have been reflected in this newsletter. Also, an updated roster will be electronically sent in early September. Thanks.

COMING UP..

Trinity Band Parent Meeting

Monday, September 12

7:30 pm

High School Cafeteria



Elementary Band Tour

Thursday, September 8 (PM)

Friday, September 9 (AM)

Trinity Area Elementary Schools

Trinity Band Parent
Executive Board

President
Denise Locy, 724-267-3294

Vice-President
Barbara Jones, 724-263-5911

Secretary
Sheri Leitsch, 724-229-0674

Treasurer
Al Zalner, 724-223-1590

Treasurer-Elect
Kevin Prescott, 724-288-1992

Executive Committee
Band Festival Coordinator
Barbara Jones, 724-263-5911
Calling

Chaperones
Sandy Carr, 724-222-3757
Color Guard Equipment

Hospitality
April Plants, 724-986-7994
Membership
MJ Kernan, 724-223-8143
Props & Equipment
Jeff Handra, 724-222-2513
Publicity
Lauri Mendicino, 724-229-9776
Raffles & Tickets
Sherry Blackburn, 724-222-7391
Refreshment Stand
Trisha Caldwell, 724-229-4651
Kristan Hornickel, 724-223-8643
Denise Locy, 724-267-3294
Transportation
Bruce McCreery, 724-228-8062
Uniforms
Rose Zalner, 724-223-1590
Ways & Means
Mona Drabeck, 724-223-0187
Donna Knowlson, 724-228-6509

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

PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Trinity Area School District Music Department

To provide a comprehensive music program that establishes for every student a solid and permanent relationship with music aimed at making all students aware of the many-faceted nature of the subject and helping them build a relationship with music that gives satisfaction and personal growth during the school years and throughout life.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION...

...we will continue this year to email the *Tempo* to families with current email accounts. If you received a hard copy of the newsletter via the mail and have an email account, we would appreciate you notifying the band office and providing your email address. The newsletter will be sent as a PDF file that will enable you to download and print a hard copy if you wish. It will also be available on the website by visiting the NEWSLETTER page.

Mr. Stultz's Daily Schedule

7:35 - 8:25	Color Guard
8:29 - 9:12	Wind Ensemble
9:16 - 9:59	Music Technology
10:03 - 10:46	Symphonic Band
10:50 - 11:20	Lunch
11:24 - 12:07	AP Music Theory
12:11 - 12:54	Concert Band
12:58 - 2:30	MS Band Lessons
(1:47 - 2:30	Prep & Conference)

Band Office: 724-225-5380, ext. 6144

FUNDRAISING NOTES...

The 2011-12 fundraising schedule was provided at the band camp family picnic on August 5. That information can be viewed on the website by clicking on the FUNDRAISING page.

Upcoming Dates & Deadlines:

- Tuesday, September 6 - Litton's Fall Mum orders due
- Tuesday, September 13 - Joe Corbi Pizza Kit orders due
- Tuesday, September 20 - Yankee Candle orders due

Your child was given the Sarris Christmas Candy order form on Tuesday, August 30. FYI - Sarris Christmas Candy orders are due Tuesday, October 18.

Please Note:

To assist the Finance Committee in the collection of money and to insure safeguard in the system, always write your child's name on the memo line of the check. Cash or unmarked checks **will not** be accepted. Please make checks payable to Trinity Band Parent Association. All deposits **must be** submitted in the appropriate Trinity Band envelope. Thank you.

Detailed information regarding the 2012 Spring Trip and the 2011-12 Band Parent Association budget will be available in the October issue of *Tempo*.

About Competition...

...as we move through the thrill of the competitive season perhaps one of the greatest learning opportunities lies in understanding the *importance of participation* rather than the *significance of the competition results*. Most people are comfortable with *winning*, but how does one cope with "not being first?" Or even more crucial; what is considered a "victory?"

Frankly, it is clearly a miracle that the students are capable of executing this level of performance...in that context, everyone wins! The point is: please focus on the many victories along the journey knowing the outcome of the contest is secondary to the growth of every individual associated with the band.

Parent To-Do List

- Attend the Trinity Band Parent Meeting on **Monday, September 12.**
- Pay your Trinity Band Parent dues - \$15.00 per family
- Volunteer to assist when possible - become an active participant with your child!
- Attend as many marching band performances as possible!
- Support the Trinity Area Performing Arts Department - send emails, make phone calls. Share the good news!

TRINITY BAND FESTIVAL...

...Bentworth, Canon-McMillan, McGuffey, Trinity, and Washington are set to perform at the 18th annual Trinity High School Marching Band Festival. A special performance by California University of PA will end the evening. The festival will be held on **Saturday, September 10** at 7:30 pm at Hiller Field. Festivities including dinner and games begin at 6:30 pm.



Pre-sale tickets have been distributed to the students. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, and \$3.00 for students. All monies and unsold tickets must be returned to the band office no later than **Wednesday, September 7.**

Volunteers and committee heads are asked to attend the band parent meeting on Monday, September 12.

Weekly Bookmarks!

Make sure that you and your child review each week's bookmark very carefully. It provides rehearsal times & sites, performance report times and pick-up times.

TUTORS...

...a great deal is expected of band students. They are expected to excel in rehearsals and performances, to be model citizens, and to be successful in the classroom. Every one of our students is capable of making the school Honor Roll! To assist those students who may need assistance in a particular class, peer tutoring is available. Students and parents are encouraged to seek assistance at the first sign of difficulty. All peer tutors have earned an A in the subject(s) they tutor. Please contact the band office for assistance in the following academic areas:

MATH

HISTORY

ENGLISH

SCIENCE

If you need assistance in a subject not listed, notify Mr. Stultz in the band office.

BOA Show

**North Huntingdon, PA Regional
Norwin High School**

- 11:00 am - Prelims begin
- 2:15 pm - Trinity performs
- 4:30 pm - Presentation of awards
- 6:45 pm - Gates open for Finals
- 7:45 pm - Finals begin
- 10:30 pm - Finale presentation

Tickets

- Prelims - \$14 Finals - \$14
- Prelims & Finals Day Pass - \$22



PMEA HONORS BAND AUDITIONS...

...will be held at Gateway High School on **Monday, October 3** beginning at 5:00 pm. Wind and percussion auditions for **District Orchestra** will be held simultaneously. Transportation will be provided. If you have not received music and would like to audition, please see Mr. Stultz in the band office.

BAND COMPETITION REPORT TIMES...

...the report time for all competitive events is determined upon the band's performance time. Each show is different because of the number of bands performing at the event. Additionally, we typically rehearse prior to our departure.



One week prior to each competition a handout will be provided to the students that will include report time, performance time, and pick-up time, as well as ticket prices and directions to the event for you to cheer on and support your children. An electronic copy of the handout will be available on our website under the UP TO THE MINUTE page.

Please make every effort to attend these special events - your interest and involvement means a great deal to your child!

BAND PARENT APPAREL...

Trinity Band Parent Association

...the 2011 orders were distributed on Thursday, September 1. The new logo looks great and we thank our own Deirdre Skiffington again for her design of the logo! We will soon have Hiller blue band hats available for purchase. They will come in two sizes: S-M and L-XL. Contact Denise Locy if interested.

ALERT NOW...

...to keep all band families informed, especially if there is an emergency or a change in schedule, the band parents use the school district's Alert Now system. The home telephone number provided by the school will be used. If you would want to provide an additional number, please email trinityhsband@comcast.net.

Concert Calendar

Wednesday, December 14

Holiday Band, Orchestra, Choir Concert
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Wednesday, January 25

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

Tuesday, February 21

Mid-Winter Band Concert
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Tuesday, March 13

Music In Our Schools Month
Band Festival
7:00 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Tuesday, April 17

Symphonic Band Exchange Concert
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Tuesday, April 24

Percussion Ensemble Festival
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Tuesday, May 1

Small Ensembles Concert
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

Wednesday, May 16

Spring Band Concert
7:30 pm
Trinity HS Auditorium

CONCERT BAND CAMP

Friday - Saturday, January 6 - 7

YOU ARE IMPORTANT!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the most enthusiastic and effective support group in our school community, the Trinity Band Parent Association. Now that your child is an active member of the band, we hope you will take advantage of this outstanding positive family experience. It is the opportunity to join your child in the attainment of a mutual goal, something you do not want to miss.

At a time when young people are making crucial decisions concerning personal behavior, ethics, integrity, morals, and an array of vital life choices, wouldn't you like to be around to have some influence on their direction? Band parents enjoy the unusual vantage point, and all of the band members benefit from such a healthy relationship.

Band parents are also integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply polite sideline audiences, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. We need you!

I can see that there is as much *pride* in our school band parent organization as there is in the band itself. Many of our parent participants have found hidden social benefits for their own growth and development. Not only do our boosters work hand-in-hand with our band program, but they relish the exchange with other parents who share a common interest - the *success* of their child!

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to your situation. You will find everyone willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. It is a chance that will only come around once in the life of your child.

Our next scheduled meeting is **Monday, September 12** in the high school cafeteria. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to be with us for a brief get-together to again meet our veteran members and get a bird's-eye view of our band program. You will enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club - our band parents! You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that has become the trademark of this group. I urge you to attend our meetings, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of a wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade.

Musically yours,

Matt

Matthew L. Stultz

We Have the Best Students Anywhere!

You only need to spend a short time with the members of this year's band to appreciate what a special group of people they are. Their style, maturity, dedication, cooperation, and commitment to the "*pursuit of excellence*" have been tremendous. The groundwork has been laid for a tremendous season and school year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***PLEASE NOTE: Fall Rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning from 6:00 -9:00 pm. Please follow the Fall Rehearsal Schedule online on the UP TO THE MINUTE page of our website. Additionally, each week the bookmark includes the detailed schedule for the week.*

September**Friday, September 2****Football vs. Canon-Mac**

Tuesday, September 6

Fall Mum orders due by 6:00 pm

Friday, September 9**Football @ Chartiers Valley****Saturday, September 10****Trinity Band Festival**

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

Corbi Pizza Kit orders due by 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14

WICKED, Benedum Center, 7:30 pm

Friday, September 16**Football vs. Belle Vernon****Saturday, September 17****Kiski Band Competition**Visit www.pimba.org

Tuesday, September 20

Yankee Candle orders due by 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 22

Fall Mum delivery between 5:00-6:00 pm @ THS

Friday, September 23**Football vs. Central Valley****Saturday, September 24****Bands of America North Huntington Regional**Visit www.musicforall.org**Friday, September 30****Football @ West Mifflin****October**

Monday, October 3

PMEA Honors Band Auditions, 5:00 pm, Gateway HS

Thursday, October 6

Corbi Pizza Kit delivery between 5:00-6:00 pm @ THS

Friday, October 7**Football @ Elizabeth Forward****Saturday, October 8****Woodland Hills Band Competition**Visit www.pimba.org

Monday, October 10

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

Friday, October 14**Football vs. Thomas Jefferson**

Tuesday, October 18

Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias, Sarris Christmas Candy orders due by 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 19

Senior Recognition Dinner, 6:00 pm, Cafeteria

Friday, October 21**Football vs. South Park****Saturday, October 22****West Allegheny Band Competition**Visit www.pimba.org

Tuesday, October 25

Holiday Pie orders due by 6:00 pm

Friday, October 28**Football @ McGuffey****Saturday, October 29****PIMBA Championships @ Norwin**Visit www.pimba.org**November****Friday, November 4****WPIAL Playoff Game, TBD**

Saturday, November 5

Band Costume Party & End-of-Season Bonfire, Fiem Residence *(details in the fall)*

Monday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 12

Bands of America Grand Nationals Trip, Indianapolis, IN

Thursday, November 17**Welcome Santa Parade, Washington Crown Center, 6:00 pm, RT: 5:30 pm**

FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 30	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Thursday, September 1	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Tuesday, September 6	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Thursday, September 8	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Saturday, September 10	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Stadium
Tuesday, September 13	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Thursday, September 15	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Saturday, September 17	TBD	High School
Tuesday, September 20	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Thursday, September 22	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Saturday, September 24	TBD	High School
Tuesday, September 27	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Thursday, September 29	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Tuesday, October 4	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Thursday, October 6	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Saturday, October 8	TBD	High School
Tuesday, October 11	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Thursday, October 13	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Thursday, October 20	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Saturday, October 22	TBD	High School
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Stadium
Thursday, October 27	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	High School
Saturday, October 29	TBD	High School