



Captain's Log

The Crookston Music Department Newsletter

Events Calendar

November

- 19 Jr. High Concert 7:30
- 22-23 No School (Thanksgiving)
- 27 Community Pep Band Night
Rehearsal @ 6:45 in Band Room
- 29 High School Band Concert
"Movies in Concert" 7:30

December

- 4 Boys Hockey Pep Band
- 6 Girls Hockey Pep Band
- 9 Classic Noel Dinner & Concert
- Dec 21 – Jan 1 No School

January

- 10 Boys Hockey Pep Band
- 22 Girls Hockey Pep Band
- 26 Girls BB Pep Band
- 30 Vocal Solo Contest
- 31 Wrestling Pep Band

February

- 1 Girls BB Pep Band
- 12 Boys Hockey Pep Band
- 13 Band Solo Contest
- 14 Boys BB Pep Band

"Arts education aids students in skills needed in the workplace: flexibility, the ability to solve problems and communicate, the ability to learn new skills, to be creative and innovative, and to strive for excellence."

– Joseph M. Calahan, Director of Cooperate Communications, Xerox Corporation

Concert Season Underway

October 29th marked the beginning of the Crookston Music Department concert season with the 53rd Annual Fall Choral Festival. The festival combined the talents of the Crookston High School Choir and the East Grand Forks Choir under the direction of guest conductor Andre Heywood, Artistic Director of the St. John's Boys' Choir.

Following the elections on November 6th, Mr. Entzel and the high school orchestra had their concert debut.

On Monday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m. the Jr. High music program will display their talents in a combined concert featuring the band, choir and orchestra. Each ensemble has been working tirelessly to prepare for the night and it will feature classical, contemporary and patriotic selections. It is sure to be an event worth seeing.

After a short Thanksgiving break the High school band will present its fall concert "Movies in Concert." The program will feature music from several prominent film composers and will be in honor of the Grand Theatre's Centennial. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students, we hope to see you there.

Closing up the Fall Concert season will be a combined night of dinner and music put on by members of the whole department. Classic Noel will take place on December 9th with doors opening at 5:30, dinner served at 6 and a concert at 7:30. Advance tickets for the dinner will be available through the music students.

Welcome Mr. Entzel

Special welcome to Mr. Entzel, our new orchestra director. Mr. Entzel comes to us from the University of North Dakota where he graduated with a degree in Music Education. In addition to playing stringed instruments, Mr. Entzel enjoys singing in choirs, playing the piano, and running. He is very excited to be a part of the CHS Music Staff and is eager to work with the students in Crookston.

Community Pep Band Night

Dust off that clarinet; pull that trombone out of the closet! On November 27th all community members are invited to take part in the first ever Community Pep Band Night. Community musicians are invited to join the band for a short rehearsal at 6:45 in the band room and then play with the pep band for pregame and half time. Community members who participate will be given free admission to the game, and are ensured a great time! Musicians of all ability levels are welcome, so come on out!

Crookston Music Trip Meeting

On Sunday, February 24th at 7 p.m. in the High School auditorium there will be a parent meeting for all students and parents of students going on the Crookston Music Trip to Florida this April. Students will be given several forms to bring filled out to the meeting. A more concrete itinerary will be discussed and any additional questions will be answered.

Pirates Fine Arts Boosters

Once again the Pirates Fine Arts Boosters (PFab) has come through in support of the arts in Crookston Public Schools. This years donations to the art programs totaled over \$15,000 making the total given in support of the department over an 11 year period over \$165,000. The Crookston area is so lucky to have such a great organization advocating for the arts in education. PFab's mission statement is to "work to promote, support, and help fund the various arts programs in the Crookston Public Schools." They have certainly succeeded! Donations can be sent to Pirates Fine Arts Boosters, P.O. Box 743, Crookston, MN 56716.

Did You Know?

The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT's than students with no participation.

Elementary Instrumental Music

Music students at both Highland and Cathedral have all had their sign-up nights and have begun taking part in band (5th and 6th grade) and orchestra (4th – 6th). The band and orchestra meet in the upper gym for both lessons and full rehearsals. The shared space is the new home for all things instrumental at Highland Elementary. Students of all ages are excited and ramping up for the Holiday concert at Highland on December 20th. The matinee will be at 10 a.m. and the final performance will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Large Group Room. Parents and community members are all invited to take part in this celebration!

Fundraising:

Frozen Food Delivery is Saturday November 17th beginning at 7a.m. Please contact your customers to coordinate delivery that day so that food does not thaw. Money will be turned in before school in the CHS Commons on November 19th and 20th. Thank you to all of the parents who help make this fundraiser run so smoothly.