



CHS Band Parent Publication

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May 2004

Important dates at a glance...

- May 11** Spring Concert
- May 28** Last school day
- June 1** Graduation

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Your Band Parent Officers 2003-04:

- President* – Cindy & Bob Serfass
- Vice President* – Terry & Dennis Anderson
- 2nd Vice President* – Pete Wilger
- Secretary* – Brian Zdan
- Treasurer* – Steve Waszak

Student Band Officers 2003-04:

- President* – Matt Schrad
- Vice President* – Nick Goding
- Secretary* – Tammi Cooks
- Treasurer* – Nick Waszak
- Historian* – Erica Yates

**The
next Band Parent Meeting...**

**May meeting for
officers only**

For newsletter information, contributions or questions,
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District Music Contest Results Instrumental Music 2004

Superior, Division I Rating

Concert Band

Flute Solo – Jane Yoe

Oboe Solo – Tammi Cooks

Bassoon Solo – Aimee Koenig

Bassoon Solo – Charles Serfass

Multiple Percussion Solo – Ryan Flemmer

Conga Solo – Alex Wigger

Xylophone Solo – Kira O'Bradovich

Excellent, Division II Rating

Winds/Percussion

Flute solo – Evette Butler

Oboe solo – Eve Mayberger

Clarinet solo – Jay Harmon

Clarinet solo – Abbey Prest

French Horn Solo – Brianna Brei

Flute Trio – Evette Butler, Lindsey Goding, Jane Yoe

Good Division III Rating

Trumpet Solo – Matt Waszak

French Horn Duet – Erin Bottger, Brianna Brei

Percussion Ensemble

Congratulations to the Symphonic Band for their Division I, Superior Rating at District Music Contest on April 23 at Bellevue West! This marks the second year in a row the band has received a superior at Districts and the first time in over twenty-five years that the band program has been able to accomplish this high standard of performance! With the renovation, the band has overcome major hurdles this past year and I believe we can look forward to continued improvement in the years to come. I am very proud of our students and their ability to adapt. As I write this, the Road Show that was postponed is in the final rehearsals and the groups are doing an outstanding job! The Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. We will feature both Symphonic and Concert band in combined pieces as well as outstanding senior soloists.

We have a group of students going to Worlds of Fun on May 15. We hope to see some performances, but mainly celebrate this year and have fun!

The band and orchestra will be playing for graduation on June 1 at the Civic Auditorium. This is after school is out and was on the list of performances sent in October. Please bring your underclassmen to the civic at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1 for practice and 6:15 p.m. for the performance that night.

We are already planning for next year with Drum Major tryouts, Color Guard/Flag Corp Auditions and Band Officer elections. Band Camp is scheduled for August 16-20, with an emphasis on music and some parade marching. More details will follow on this important activity, so please mark your calendar. We plan to host a concert band festival in November. Thank you to all the band parents for all your work in supporting our program. We could not accomplish the successful performances without your help. Special thanks to outgoing Band Parent Officers Cindy and Bob Serfass for all their help, as well as Nancy Getty, for her work on the newsletter. We will miss you all. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events and have a great summer!



Dear Band Parents,

Here we are in our final quarter of the school year. It has been a great year, and Robert and I appreciate all your support. We specifically need to thank all those who contributed to the success of our second annual Swing Dance. It took a great deal of cooperation to pull off this event.

Thanks and double thanks to Steve Wazsak for organizing our bands. Steve recruited and organized musicians. He collected the music needed and arranged rehearsals. This was a huge undertaking, and we truly appreciate his efforts.

Thanks also to Nancy Getty for creating and printing our posters and tickets. She is a genius at this kind of thing and created the most amazing publicity.

Thanks to Mr. Wilger and the Jazz Band for the extra practice it took to rehearse and learn the dance music.

Thanks to the Jitterbugs organization for willing to teach us a few steps before the dance. They have dances every week if you enjoyed your time.

Thanks to the custodial staff at Central for helping us set up and tear down. We appreciate how helpful they are every time we need them.

Thanks to the calling committee and Dennis Anderson for organizing us. The committee members are Debbie Friedman, Alice Love and David and Genie Shumaker. They called to remind band members to return tickets and help us out with pop and bake sale items.

Thanks to the members who manned the concessions and ticket tables. Our helpers were Nancy and Laraine Getty, Janet Koenig, Phyllis and Steve Magnuson, Alice and David Love, and Doug and Erica Bottgers.

That brings us to our wonderful band and parents. Thanks for the help with the concessions and thanks for coming and enjoying our time together. At the end of the dance, clean up was a real group effort;

I think we were done in about 15 minutes.

I'm sure I missed someone because we had so much help; please accept my gratitude.

Well, I guess this is good-bye. Robert and I have really enjoyed our years with the band. You are in good hands with the Terry and Dennis Anderson as your new leaders.

Sincerely,
Bob and Cindy Serfass

We are so lucky to have such talented and brilliant students involved in instrumental music at Central. Terry and I look forward to a busy year supporting their musical endeavors. We hope to introduce a few new projects next year along with maintaining the time honored ones. One of our first ventures will be to create a band handbook; if you have any ideas/input you feel would be of benefit, please pass them along. Many of our solid, dependable band parents will be moving on as their students graduate this year. This leaves some vital positions vacant for the upcoming year. As with any volunteer organization soliciting help to cover all of the upcoming projects is one of our primary concerns. Volunteer early to get those most coveted positions. Expect a phone call over the summer as we seek to find leaders to head up such projects as bake sales, uniforms, fundraisers, seniors' night, truck rental, and the swing/alumni band dance. We are asking that each family participate in just one event during the year. Communication is vital to any organization and we hope to utilize email next year as one means of keeping everyone up to date. Enjoy the summer, we expect to hit the ground running when band camp starts in August. Please feel free to contact us at any time (556-4274 or at gumsrus3@cox.net).

Terry and Dennis Anderson

Our Band Parent officers for the 2004-2005 school year:

- Dennis and Terry Anderson • Presidents
- Doug and Erica Bottger • Vice Presidents
- Pete Wilger • 2nd Vice President
- Steve Waszak • Treasurer
- Brian Zdan • Secretary



Band Camp

We are making plans for Band Camp activities for the coming season...

Band Camp rehearsals are planned for August 16-20.

We will plan to rehearsal here at Central with times to be determined. Please make plans to attend now and mark those calendars!

May 2004

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					April 30 • Roadshow 7 p.m. Central auditorium	1 Roadshow 7 p.m. Central auditorium
2	3 Teacher Work Day No school for students	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Spring Concert at 7 p.m. Central auditorium	12 Student Band Officer elections begin	13	14	15 Band day trip to Kansas City
16	17	18	19	20 3 p.m. Flag Corp Auditions	21 3 p.m. Drum Line Leadership Auditions in rm 048	22
23 	24  Memorial Day	25	26	27	28 Last day of school	29
30	31					

Graduation June 1, 2004