

# KNIGHTS KNOTES

We Believe In Music

Knights Notes

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## WHY WE SUGGEST MUSIC

Music is a **SCIENCE**—it is exact, specific, highly organized and must be 100% correct. It embodies many levels of physics from acoustics to architecture.

Music is **MATHEMATICS**— it is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time and space into fractions, which must be done instantaneously, and not worked out on paper, in a highly specific form with regard to exact placement and symmetry. It is disciplined and logical.

Music is **LANGUAGE**— it is composed of phrases, thoughts, and ideas. Its goal is to communicate and to reach a part of us where words no longer suffice. Most of the terms are in a foreign language, mostly Italian, German, or French. The line notation is certainly *not* English, but a highly developed and organized symbolic system.

Music is **HISTORY**— it is the only art form we can hear as people hundreds of years ago heard. Unlike paint, whose image is always there once created, music is perpetually “repainted” each time it is performed. The feelings and thoughts of countless generations are forever cast into sound.

Music is **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**— it requires fantastic coordination of fingers, eyes, hands, lips, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles. There are as many calories burned by a symphony trumpet player in one performance as there are by a quarterback in a professional football game.

And of course, Music is **ART**— it allows a human being to take science and technique and create *emotion*. This is the one thing that science cannot duplicate—human feelings.

This is why we suggest music for your student. — not because we expect to produce all music majors, not because we expect them to play all of their lives, not so they can relax, not so they can trot around a field in a uniform or concert attire....

But so they will be more human. So they will recognize beauty. So they will be more aware, especially to all the thoughts and feelings put into sound throughout the ages. So they will be closer to their own heart and soul. So they will experience more of being alive.

—*Author Unknown*

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*The North Andover Marching Band poses in front of the Capitol Building during their trip to Washington DC to march in the Memorial Day Parade last May.*



# MARCHING SEASON 2007

## THANKS TO OUR MUSICAL NIGHTS

Like all fall sports, practice starts in the heat of August for the high school band.

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This is an example of one "set" of about fifty that band members learned and memorized for this year's marching band show, *The Duke* – a tribute to Duke Ellington. A lot of administrative work goes on before arriving at the field on day one of band camp. Director's Assistant Evelyn Fortino coordinated the preparation of packets for each member of the band. Students then downloaded their own music parts and intricate codes or "dot sheets" customized for each person. "It's like producing a Broadway show on a football field," Mr. Beatty is quoted as saying in the Nov. 9 article in the Citizen (see link p.4). The result is the spectacular formations and arrange-



ments we see and hear during half-time shows and competitions. The band and color guard practiced from 8:00 – 3:00 each day during the weeklong camp, ending with a well-received demonstration for parents and friends at the end-of-week picnic. Students also presented Mr. Beatty with a baby gift for Rand Anderson, the Beatty's new baby boy. Congratulations, Mr. Beatty!

The band and color guard went on to another packed season of football games, competitions, a performance at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house and four holiday parades.

The marching band has worked so hard practicing after school, during three-hour evening practices and five-hour practices on Saturdays. They give up a lot of their time and energy, and we want them to know how much we appreciate them. When they pull on that uniform for the umpteenth time, they might think it's "old hat." What they don't realize is what a

*huge* impact the ensemble makes in inspiring community and school spirit and pride wherever they perform. Guys, thanks for all your hard work. Please know it is well worth the effort.



## COLOR GUARD BEHIND THE SCENES

The color guard will perform at the pre-Thanksgiving pep rally on Wednesday before the North Andover – Masco football game. This is a first for the North Andover team. The color guard has increased their performance level this year with the addition of new tunics, two 20-piece flag sets and 12 members to the now 18-member team. According to Victoria Winslow, color guard captain, their goal is to maintain the team at 18-20 members.

Fabric was purchased for the construction of the new flags – one entire set made by Liz Fortino and a group effort for the second set coordinated by Liz Fortino at the Trinitarian Church. Beth Bennett sewed the tunics.

A goal for the 2008-2009 season is to acquire six to eight sabers, which cost approximately \$75 each. After all, the Knights must have their swords! The sabers will add flair to the entire marching band routine and increase the level of competition against other schools. Contact Melissa Downey at [downeym@northandover.k12.ma.us](mailto:downeym@northandover.k12.ma.us) if you're interested in sponsoring one of the color guard sabers for next year.



## STUDENT LEADERS

### Chorus Officers:

President: Justine Bowe  
Vice President: Collette Berube  
Secretary: Morgan Healey

### Color Guard

Captain: Victoria Winslow

### Band Officers:

President: Hanna Moverman  
Vice President: Caroline Amighi  
Secretary: Theodore Chen  
Director's Assistant: Evelyn Fortino  
Librarians: Cathy Chamberlin and Ray Chan  
Historian: Sukee Bennett

### Band Section Leaders:

Harmony Lu, Melophone  
Cathy Chamberlin, Flute  
Yvonne Camacho, Trumpet  
Evelyn Fortino and Katy Mastrocola, Clarinet  
John Warden, Trombone  
John Baylies, Tuba  
Hannah Moverman, Saxophone  
Josh Mayo, Jake Palatine and Kevin Foote, Percussion

### Drum Majors:

Patrick Davidson (Head)  
Emily Mange  
Josh Lamm

## NAMS BAND AND CHORUS

The middle school is enjoying an even/odd band schedule this year, which means the students who participate in the band program have band class every other day – a big improvement over last year's trimester schedule. There are approximately 400 students in band classes, which are split up between Mrs. Savory (6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) and Mr. Nelson (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Nelson also conducts a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade jazz band, which rehearses on Thursdays after school.

Concert plans include winter and spring concerts and performances during Middle School Week in March. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and chorus will also participate in the Great East Festival on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Springfield, MA, followed by a visit to the Six Flags theme park. NAMS has not participated in this competition for the past two years, but with the added staff and yearlong scheduling, we are happy to report that this wonderful opportunity is again available to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students.

The high school band and chorus are actively recruiting 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students. Both groups performed at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house held at NAHS on November 13<sup>th</sup> with the band marching down "Main Street." They'll send representatives to NAMS early next year when 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are signing up for high school classes to talk about the HS music program. Plans are also being finalized for a combined MS/HS concert in the spring.

Save the dates for the winter middle school band concerts:

Grade 6 Chorus	Wednesday, January 9
Grade 7 Chorus	Tuesday, January 15
Grade 8 Chorus	Thursday, January 17
Grades 6-8, Even-Day Band	Tuesday, January 29
Grades 6-8, Odd-Day Band	Tuesday, February 26

## ON STAGE AT NAMS

Mark your calendars for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade play:

Friday, November 30, 7:00 PM  
Saturday, December 1, 2:00 PM

The NAMS Drama Club has chosen *Guys and Dolls* for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade musical that will take place Thursday, April 10 – Sunday, April 13. Auditions will be in December.

## NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS TEACHER

We are happy to welcome David Piper to the music teaching staff at the North Andover Middle School. All middle school students take music classes in either chorus or band, which involves a total of about 600 choral students. Mr. Piper teaches all 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus classes and co-teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade chorus with Mrs. Savory and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes with Mr. Nelson. This term, the students have been writing their own compositions! Mr. Piper especially enjoyed the kids' songs about North Andover, and songs in the blues style. He plans to start an after-school a capella choral group next term.

Mr. Piper lives in Somerville, and is a recent graduate of UMass Amherst, with a dual degree in Music and English. He also attended Berkeley College of Music where he received his diploma in Music Production and Engineering. He plays trumpet, euphonium and guitar.



## NORTH ANDOVER MUSIC ASSOCIATION

### 2007-2008 Officers and Volunteers

President: Deborah DeGalla  
Vice President: Robin Ellington  
Treasurer: Kathy Mange  
Recording Secretary: Sue Baylies  
Corresponding Secretary: Anne Milmore  
Fundraising Chair: (need chair)  
Chaperone Coordinator: Liz Fortino  
Volunteer Coordinator: Evy Greene  
Membership: Donna Mastrocola  
Publicity Chair: Pam Foote  
Newsletter Editor: Evy Greene  
E-mail Coordinator: Ann Lu  
Web Site: Caroline Webber  
Uniforms: Ann Lu

### Get More Involved with NAMA!

- ♪ Serve in an officer's position
- ♪ Become a committee volunteer
- ♪ Assist with fundraising events
- ♪ Volunteer for a two-hour time period during the year
- ♪ Assist with the bi-annual trip planning and organizing
- ♪ Chaperone a weekend parade or competition
- ♪ Chaperone football games during marching band season

Contact Deborah DeGalla at 978-683-2095 or [degalla@comcast.net](mailto:degalla@comcast.net) for more information.

## KNIGHTS ORNAMENTS ON SALE AT HOLIDAY PARADE

Saturday, November 24th  
\$10 each

Or contact Kathy Mange  
at 978-686-5228 or  
[jmange6054@comcast.net](mailto:jmange6054@comcast.net).



## NAHS CHORUS ACTIVITIES

Plans are coming together for a spring trip to the Big Apple for the North Andover Chorus. President Justine Bowe, VP Colette Berube and Secretary Morgan Healey have a number of activities planned starting with an upcoming holiday "Jingle Ball" semi-formal dance with a New York theme. Students will receive a formal invitation to the dance, which will feature a live DJ and hors d'oeuvres. In December, high-schoolers may send holiday "singing telegrams" to their friends in class. Smolak Farms has invited chorus members to sing holiday carols for customers during busy weekends at the farm, where they will have the opportunity to receive donations.



This season, the chorus sang the national anthem at all the home football games and plans to do the same at the home basketball games. They performed at the 8th grade open house and will make their pep-rally debut on Wednesday before the annual Thanksgiving day football game against Masconomet.

*The North Andover High School Chorus now sings the national anthem at home football and basketball games.*



## MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007-2008

Saturday, November 24	NA Holiday Parade
Sunday, November 25	Andover Holiday Parade
Monday, November 26	Special Town Meeting
Sunday, December 2	Merrimac, MA Santa Parade
Saturday, January 5	Senior District Festival, Lowell*
Saturday, January 12	Junior District Festival Auditions*
Wednesday, January 9	NAMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Concert
Tuesday, January 15	NAMS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Concert
Thursday, January 17	NAMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choral Concert
Tuesday, January 29	NAMS Band Concert (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Odd)
Wednesday, January 30	NAHS Chorus Concert
Wednesday, February 6	NAMS Band Concert (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Even)
Wednesday, February 13	NAHS Band Concert
March 12, 14-16	Junior District Festival, Lowell*
April 10-13	NAMS Musical
May 1-4	NAHS Musical
Spring (TBA)	MS and HS Band and Chorus Spring Concerts
Friday, May 2	MS Great East Festival West Springfield
May (TBA)	HS Cabaret
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day Parade
June (TBA)	Music Awards Dinner
Friday, June 6	High School Graduation

\* For more information on Senior and Junior District Festivals, visit [www.northeasterndistrict.org](http://www.northeasterndistrict.org)

## BASKET DRAWING TO TAKE PLACE AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NAMA Fundraising efforts were kicked off at Fuddruckers on October 24<sup>th</sup> with the debut of three, spectacular baskets each worth over \$250, including a Red Sox/Patriots basket, a musical instruments theme, and many restaurant gift certificates. You still have a chance at winning one of these baskets at the high school during the Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 26 where the drawing will take place. Tickets are \$2.00 each, three for \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00.

*Dinkles! – the official footwear of the North Andover Marching Band*



## LOCAL NEWS

Check out the photos and articles on the Eagle Tribune's web page dedicated to Merrimack Valley sports, marching band, color guard and cheerleading.

**Band photos can be seen here:**

<http://www.rallynorth.net/localsports/teams/show/1172>

**North Andover Citizen article, Friday, November 9:**

[http://www.wickedlocal.com/northandover/sports/high\\_school/x481181001](http://www.wickedlocal.com/northandover/sports/high_school/x481181001)