Handsworth MUSIC NOTES

February 2010

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS WITH JAZZ BANDS & STRINGS

February 16th & 17th, 2010 6-9 p.m. at Handsworth

Come out and celebrate the Arts at Handsworth. Friends and family will have the opportunity to walk from venue to venue during this event, observing a wide variety of performances and displays in multiple locations. Short performances and activities will be scheduled in Classrooms, the Gallery, Cafeteria, and Gymnasiums. Admission is free.

The tentative schedule is:

Wed. Feb. 16th 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Combined Strings Blast-Off
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Junior Jazz Band
7:15 – 7:30 p.m. Toccati and Concerti Strings
7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Senior Jazz Band

Thurs. Feb.17th 7:00 – 7:15 p.m. Chamber Strings
7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Intermediate Jazz Band

Stay up to date by checking the Handsworth website at
http://nvsd44.bc.ca/schoolsites/handsworth.aspx

Also at the festival will be numerous small group musical ensembles comprised of high school and elementary students, elementary and secondary art displays, video, theatre, dance, literature and more.

Cupcakes will be the theme concession offered from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each evening with juice, coffee and tea. Proceeds to festival expenses and MPAC.

CUPCAKES REQUESTED

Parents of Jazz and Strings students are asked to bake and/or contribute a dozen or two of your favorite cupcakes. P**lease email Deb Burian at deb.burian@shaw.ca to confirm.** Your support of this fundraising effort is greatly appreciated. Please deliver your cupcakes to the school by 5:30 PM on February 16th.

WONDERFUL WINDS CONCERT - Featuring all Handsworth Concert Bands

Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
Highlands United Church in Edgemont Village
Tickets at the door - $5 for Adults. Students are free.

CHAMBER STRINGS AT CENTENNIAL THEATRE

Chamber Strings have been invited to play in the lobby of the Centennial Theatre prior to the February 9th concert at 7:00 p.m. Students should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

STRINGS TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WAS A ROLLER COASTER RIDE!

The strings students returned from the trip to California much wiser about roller coasters as well as performing in public. The Disney personnel were very impressed with the students' appearance and performance. The performance at the Orange County Waldorf School was also a rousing success and great fun. Five days of fun, laughs, music, beaches and motion sickness were enjoyed by all. It was great to have Mr. Brad Wise along as well as our wonderful sponsor and chaperone for everything, Hermila Gallaher. Thank you!

NORTH VANCOUVER HONOUR CONCERT BAND & HONOUR STRINGS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to perform with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in concert at 7:30 p.m. on March 29th, 2010 at Centennial Theatre:
Band Students: Lily Ye (flute/piccolo), Trenton Gallozo (clarinet), Jennifer Whyte (bass and contra bass clarinet), Jason Cyr (trumpet), Matt Harvey (French horn), Mak Kiss (trombone), Polly Lee (percussion), and Min Young Yoo (percussion).
Strings Students: Richard Anderson, Andrew Chang, Josh Chao, Esmee Colbourne, Xander Deggan, Juliana French, Kiarash Hessami, Max Lai, HoJung Lee, Casper Leung, Gabriela Penkov, Hayden Sidey-Philips, Brittany So, Duncan Stratton, Vivian Sue, Ben Tucker, Graham Whyte, Ryan Wise, and Jasper Yoo.
Students were selected on the basis of musical experience, ability, and the instruments they play. As well, care was taken to choose students who represented all the North Vancouver District secondary schools. Participants will have tickets for the concert. Others may order tickets through the Centennial Theatre Box Office. Strings students will receive two master class workshops with musicians of the Symphony on February 9th and 23rd. Band students have already had their master classes.

REMAINING MUSIC TOURS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

- **Senior Wind Ensemble** Performance & Humanitarian Tour to **Peru** (Lima, Cuzco, Aguas Calientes & Machu Picchu), March 8-18, 2010
- **Junior & Senior Jazz Band** to the BC Interior Jazz Festival in **Kelowna**, April 9-11, 2010 (Note: This tour has been shortened by one day from the original dates). The cost for this tour is $300 per student.
- **Intermediate Concert & Jazz Band** to **Kamloops** (Kamloopa - "Meeting of the Rivers"), May 13-16, 2010 (Note: This tour has been extended by an extra day and has added activities from the original 'Sun Peaks' tour). The cost for this tour is $450 per student.
- **All Jazz Bands** (Junior, Intermediate & Senior) at the **Kiwanis Jazz Festival** on Thursday, March 4th, 2010, Salvation Army Cariboo Hill Temple in Burnaby. The cost for this one day field trip is $15 per student. MPAC is paying the transportation fee. Students pay the festival fee.
- **Strings groups** to the **Kiwanis Festival** on May 14, 2010.

GRADE 8 BOYS STRINGS QUARTET

The Grade 8 Boys Strings Quartet made up of strings students Ben Tucker, Seve Patrick, Graham Whyte, and Ryan Wise have been honoured with a request to play at an Education Week reception on the evening of March 3rd at the Leo Marshall Gallery.

NEXT BOTTLE DRIVE - Mark your calendars & save your returnables!

Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HANDSWORTH FAMILY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ZONE BAND CONCERT

Wednesday, March 31st, 2010, 7:30 p.m., Handsworth

This concert features the elementary bands of Canyon Heights, Cleveland, Highlands, and Montroyal. The Handsworth Senior Wind Ensemble will also perform.

FINALE CONCERTS

Junior Finale - Tuesday, May 18th, 2010, Highlands United Church, 7:30 p.m.
Senior Finale - Wednesday, May 19th, 2010, Highlands United Church, 7:30 p.m.

PRIVATE MUSIC TEACHERS

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to give your private teacher a call. Private mentoring is as old as humanity itself. Passing a skill from the master to the student is the oldest form of education. Learning is accelerated even more when joined with a team of students — the school music ensemble. Think of private lessons as "buying knowledge" — a wise investment. If private lessons are available, if you can afford them, and have the time for them; they help ensure success. The Handsworth Music Program has a list of private teachers that been selected over the years on the basis of: their ability to facilitate learning, rapport with your child, traveling distance to private lesson, and cost of lesson. All private teachers on the Handsworth Music Program list are good role-models for your child. The list includes Handsworth senior grads, university/college students, and professional musicians (some from Handsworth).

School District Disclaimer: It is the responsibility of the family and the student to determine if the private teacher is an appropriate person for the student to be alone with. The school district has NOT screened the private teachers on the list for suitability.

BRACES AND PLAYING A WIND INSTRUMENT

There are at least two choices when deciding how to deal with teeth straightening. The most common solution is the traditional wire braces/retainer approach. The other is the "Invisalign" approach (which doubles as a bruxism-guard). Discuss with your dentist or orthodontist as to which would be best for your instrument-playing child. Google "Invisalign for teenagers" to check the many websites and inform yourself on the choices. Mr. Woodward plays many wind instruments and wore Invisalign for two years from 2006-2008 (did anyone notice?)

MPAC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Someone to keep track of student accounts
- Someone to do décor for concerts next year
- Someone to run the staging of the concerts next year

Contact Carol at 604-988-3516 or piercyburge@shaw.ca

UNIFORMS

Does your child have a uniform from a group that they are not playing in anymore? Has he or she moved from one group to another? If so, perhaps you have a uniform piece at home that is no longer needed. If that is the case, please have your child drop it off in the music room.