



Arcola Band Dept.

NEWSLETTER

2012-2013

MUSICAL DINNER CONCERT

The Annual Junior High & High School Band Dinner Concert will be held **Saturday, February 23rd**. This year's theme is "Fantasy/Movies." Featuring music from the Lord of the Rings, The Chronicles of Narnia & Harry Potter. It's sure to be an amazing concert!

Dinner will be served between 5:30-6:30 pm, with the concert following at 6:45 pm in the High School Gymnasium. Admission to the concert is \$6 per person. (*ages 5 and under are free*) Included in the cost of admission is your choice of chili, broccoli cheese or chicken noodle soup, vegetables, crackers, beverages, along with a variety of homemade desserts. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Remember this is a fundraiser, so there is an admission charge even if you choose not to eat.

Students are required to wear their concert attire and report to the band room at 6 pm. They may eat in the cafeteria prior to the concert at 5 pm. The cost for a band students dinner is only \$3. This money is due the night of the concert.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Musical Dinner Concert is one of the band department's biggest fundraisers of the year. Funds raised from this concert, goes towards marching band uniform maintenance, purchase of new instruments, transportation costs, plus much more!

Set up for the concert will begin at 9 am. At this time we will unload the tables and chairs from the truck and set up the gym. This takes about one hour, and requires

some heavy lifting. So send your muscle! Anyone wanting to help decorate can report at 10 am. Serving shifts will start at 4 pm. All parents are asked to sign up for at least one 30 minute serving shift.

Families are also asked to donate a home made dessert to serve at the concert. Due to health codes, we are not allowed to serve any dessert that requires refrigeration. You may deliver your desserts Friday to the band room or Saturday from 2 pm - 4 pm.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

- 9 am:** Unload tables & chairs, set up gym. (*all families are encouraged to help*)
- 10 am:** Decorate Gym (*everyone welcome*)
- 2 - 4 pm:** Dessert Drop off (*Cafeteria*)
- 4 pm - 6:45 pm:** Serving Shifts

We will have a planning meeting at the next band parent meeting on **Monday, February 4th at 6pm**. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We are looking forward to another successful dinner concert and we are excited to host our own solo and ensemble contest this year. Any way parents can help out at either of these events would be a tremendous help to the band!

Mr. Gore

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To keep up to date on band news in between newsletters, visit our website! This is updated weekly with news and announcements.

www.arcolamusicdept.org

EVENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

- 1 • 6:30** - Pep Band Alumni Night
- 4 • 6 pm** - Parent Meeting, band room
- 23 • 5:30** - Musical Dinner Concert

MARCH

- 11 • Parent Meeting (all grades) - 6pm**
- 13 • tba** - High School LOVC Jazz band practice
- 14 • 7 pm** - High School LOVC - Martinsville
- 16 • tba** - 5th-12th grade Solo & Ensemble Contest
- 29 • 7 pm** - Good Friday service



HIGH SCHOOL LOVC

High school LOVC will be held Thursday, March 14th in Martinsville, Illinois. The concert starts at 7.00 pm. Typical admission is by donation. More information to follow about departure time, and money needed for lunch and supper. Students are welcome to ride home parents or on the bus. Mr. Gore will just need a note.

PEP BAND SENIOR NIGHT

Pep Band & Winter Guard senior night will be held Friday, **February 15th**. The seniors that participated in pep band will be announced with their parents prior to the start of the varsity game. It is requested that all parents and seniors arrive prior to the end of the JV game.

SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

GRADES 5-12

We will be hosting our own Elementary, Junior High & High School Solo & Ensemble Contest this year. The event will be held **Saturday, March 16th**.

We are still in the planning stages and will need parents help this day. We will make final plans for this event at our March 11th parents' meeting.

All 5th and 6th grade students are required to take a solo to contest. Participation in this event is the biggest grade of the 3rd quarter. All 7th-12th graders have the option of doing solo and ensemble contest, writing a paper, or a composition project.

Many students have already received their contest pieces and should practicing these at home.



HS & JH STUDENTS

High school and junior high band students should be practicing at home several times each week. We have an important scales test coming up the week of March 4th. This is the biggest grade of the quarter and students need to start preparing at home.

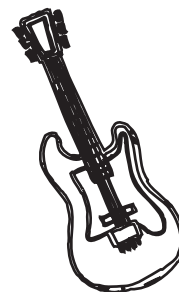
The selections for the dinner concert this year are quite difficult. In order to play these pieces successfully, all students need to be accountable for their own parts. Reviewing difficult passages at home will ensure that we can have more productive rehearsals and that we will have more time to focus on the expressive elements of our music making. Please keep in mind: A student who practices quickly learns slowly. A student who practices slowly learns quickly.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Elementary students should be practicing four times a week for at least 15 minutes to prepare for solo and ensemble contest on March 16th at Arcola. Weekly practice schedules are due every week and need to be turned in on time(at the next lesson). These practice schedules need to be filled out by the student and signed by a grown-up or older sibling every week to maintain an A in band.

GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Guitar ensemble has started! Every Monday afternoon from 4:30-5:20 high school students learn guitar technique and how to read guitar notation and chords. We just had our 3rd session, so it is not too late to join. Any high school band or chorus student is welcome. Free to join, just bring a guitar!



PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

All students need to take their instruments home to practice and prepare for upcoming playing tests. It is much better to practice a little everyday than to practice for a long time once a week. Fifteen minutes, four times a week is expected.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Student band accounts are established for each band student starting in 7th grade. The students earn the profits from their two "door-to-door" fundraisers each year. Funds can be used for trips or any band related expense over \$20. Examples of expenses are: marching band shoes, band t-shirts, instrument repairs or supplies.

If you would like to know the balance of your student's account, please contact the ABBA treasurer, Jean Fulton at: 268-3490.

IMPORTANT CLASSROOM DATES

FEBRUARY

15 • 7-12th Band Pictures: Wear concert clothes to school. Pictures 1st thing Friday morning see Mr. Gore for forms

MARCH

4 • JH & HS scales test

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