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FMA



Newsletter

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Notes from the President

Dear FMA family,

I know it's trite to say, "How quickly the year goes" but really – WOW! AcaSpectacular, Chamber and Ensemble, Honors Orchestra, band Festivals – all have come and gone already this spring. One final set of concerts and the year will be wrapped.

I started the school year saying that I wanted to celebrate FMA and I'll finish the same way. We have somewhere around 130 member families and about 35 exceptionally active parents who help make this organization what it is. On top of all our programming and volunteers this year, we'll donate around ten thousand dollars to the Fremd Music Program over the summer. To all of you who participate in our organization - however much - I thank you. A special note of thanks to our departing parents of seniors – you cannot be replaced and will be missed.

My whole time with kids at Fremd, I have been awed - witnessing the change in them and their friends in such a short period of time – just a huge outpouring of learning and personal growth – all the while making beautiful music. I feel privileged to be a small part of it.

Many of you may want to capture a small piece of this year. You're in luck! FMA has been recording most of the curricular concerts and we'll be pulling together a "Best of Fremd Music 2016" CD set for purchase. This isn't a fund raiser, our costs are for licenses and production. We aim for this service to our members to break even. You can sign up for a copy here: <https://goo.gl/FQUw6y>. Thanks very much to Bob Freer for organizing and Ron Wood for the digital editing and production for these professionally produced CDs.

We will be voting in a new board and appointing committee chairs for next year at our May meeting (Tuesday May 17 – 7pm in the band room). I want to thank our nominating committee – Hema Kaiwar, Suzi Broderick and Mike Corrigan for reaching out across the choir, band and orchestra to find the best group possible. The board slate is posted on the FMA website (fremdmusic.org). If we somehow missed you and you are looking for something to get more involved in next year, please reach out to me. From one hour, one time tasks to all year long engagement, we can help you get involved at the level you're comfortable at.

Our end of year celebration will be Tuesday June 7 at Smith Street Station in downtown Palatine. Details to come. Please come out and celebrate an outstanding finish to the year. Details will be coming in the near future.

FMA activities are never ending. Committees for the Floral Design Showcase and Trivia Night for next year have already formed and are looking for volunteers. The VMB is forming and has lots of opportunities for interested parents looking to help. Let me know if you'd like more information.

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BAND NOTES

Dear FMA Band Families,

Greetings once again from the Fremd Bands! It's hard to believe that it is May already and we are half way done with the fourth quarter. This spring has been very rewarding for the Fremd Band program and we are excited to share lots of information. The band directors would like to say a big "thank you" to our graduating FMA Band parents that have volunteered countless hours towards the Band program: Donna Brand, Rob and Tracey Coleman, Nancy Kaye, Susan Kobeski, Pat Sweeney, and any other parents we're accidentally forgetting to list!

Congratulations to the Fremd Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony for their April festival performances! This past April we hosted our first Concert Band and Symphonic Band festival at FHS. The bands performed very well and had the opportunity to work with renowned guest conductors Chip DeStefano and Ron Polancich.

The Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony all traveled to Hersey High School to perform in the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival". We were very proud of all three bands and their performances. Congratulations to the Wind Ensemble, who received straight "Division 1/Superior" ratings in the second tier division. In addition, all three bands received outstanding educational clinics from collegiate band directors. Please see the Fremd Music YouTube page for performance videos from the Hersey Festival: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FremdMusic>

We are very excited to announce our Viking Marching Band 2016 fall production: "Padora's Box". The 8 ½ minute show will feature music from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake", Mozart's "Requiem", Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King", and Holst's "Mars" from "The Planets". Thank you to all students and parents who recently attended our informational meeting and clinic days. Over the next three months we will be completing all planning and preparation for the fall VMB season. Our "VMB Registration Night" will be Monday May 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Cafe. All students and one parent are required to attend.

We are excited to currently have 260 students enrolled in our five bands for next fall! We continue to be the largest band program in District 211 and are very proud that this will be our 11th consecutive year of having at least 250 students enrolled in the Band program. Our incoming freshmen enrollment for next fall is almost 70 students. Our five bands will meet during the following class periods next year: Wind Ensemble (2nd), Wind Symphony (3rd), Symphonic Band (5th), Symphonic Winds (7th) and Concert Band (8th). Thank you to the students for continuing your musical education with us – we certainly value everyone's participation in the Fremd Bands!

This Memorial Day the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, and Symphonic Band will be combining to perform in the Palatine Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Memorial Service. We are excited to be performing for this important community parade and event. Please see below for specifics regarding the

Please Note
that **Trivia
Night** has
moved to
January 2017.

Plan ahead and
build your Team
for a fun night of
friendly
competition.

BAND *continued*



rehearsals and Memorial Day performance:

- Students are also required to attend the two evening rehearsals to prepare for the event: Wednesday May 18th (6:00-8:30 pm) and Monday May 23rd (3:00-5:30 pm).
- Time commitment for the May 30th Palatine Memorial Day Parade will be from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Students will be transported to and from the parade via D211 buses - departing FHS at 9:15 am. The performance consists of the 1 ¼ mile parade, followed by the stand-still ceremony performance at the Veterans Memorial in Community Park (11:00-11:45 am). The Veterans Memorial is located at the intersection of E. Wood Street and N. Schubert Street in Palatine. Pizza lunch will be provided for all students following the ceremony.

Don't miss our final two concerts of the year occurring on Thursday June 2nd in the Kolze Auditorium (free admission). The Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Winds will perform at 5:30 pm for the "June Band Concert". The "Senior Recognition Band Concert" will occur the same evening at 7:30 pm – featuring our 48 seniors, Wind Ensemble, and the Wind Symphony. Our bands have been preparing very hard – we hope to see you at one or both concerts!

We would like to recognize and thank our 48 graduating Seniors for their dedication to the Fremd Band program and all of your accomplishments. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you the best!

**Class of
2016**

Courtney Baker	Flute	Adrian Kim	Clarinet
Suruchi Batra	Bassoon	Sophie Kish	Flute
Matt Baughman	Tenor Saxophone	Emily Kivland	Trumpet
Kenny Benjamin	Trombone	Braden Kobeski	Percussion
Kerri Bjornholm	Percussion	John Kwak	Oboe
Patrick Brand	Euphonium	Jerry Li	Trombone
Jennifer Brand	Flute	Bruce Liu	Trombone
Tom Bustamante	Bassoon	Jessica Lu	Flute
Julia Cai	Flute	Jakub Nowak	Oboe
Jeremiah Chiang	French Horn	Brenna O'Donoghue	Clarinet
Bobby Christodouloupoulos	Percussion	Natalie Opt	Trumpet
Tiffany Chu	Flute	Keshav Parthasarathy	Alto Saxophone
Abby Cohen	Alto Saxophone	Natalie Pfister	French Horn
Melinda Coleman	Clarinet	Sarah Pitzafarro	French Horn
Jenna Coyne	Clarinet	Eden Schultz	Bass Clarinet
Emma Davies	Oboe	Justin Song	Clarinet
Karishma Desai	Flute	Carlee Svec	Alto Saxophone
Jordan Freer	Flute	Colleen Sweeney	Flute
Pat Geregach	Trumpet	Jared Swenson	Trumpet
Cameron Harro	French Horn	Chris Timonen	Trumpet
Gina Heinsohn	Bari Saxophone	Ippei Togo	Oboe
Sarah Hoadley	Bassoon	Christina Truver	Flute
Veronica Jung	Clarinet	Noah Voehringer	Trombone
Kartik Kansal	Clarinet		
Charlie Kaye	Tuba		



“ Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common”

- Sarah Dessen, Just Listen

BAND continued

Please consider enrolling your son or daughter in private lessons throughout the summer. Summer musical growth and practice is imperative for all high school musicians. All of our students have gained so much during the school year; please don't lose it during the summer months! Schedule routine practice sessions and keep up all endurance and technical aspects of your playing. Please consider studying with one of these fine instructors. Additional information can be found on the Private Lesson Teacher website http://fremdbands.weebly.com/uploads/5/4/5/2/54522937/fremd_bands_-_private_lesson_teachers_2015-2016_-_8-13-15.pdf

Congratulations to our twenty-six Wind Symphony students that have been selected to perform in the District 211 Honor Band. Please see the list below for selected students. The D211 Honor Band Concert will be on Saturday May 21st – 2:00 pm, Schaumburg High School Auditorium. This year's guest conductor is Professor Dan Farris from Northwestern University. Don't miss this special concert and ensemble!

Jason	Buis	Trumpet
Abby	Cohen	Alto Saxophone
Carlee	Svec	Alto Saxophone
Alex	van Roon	Bari Saxophone
Eden	Schultz	Bass Clarinet
Clare	Bowman	Bassoon
Tom	Bustamante	Bassoon
Melinda	Coleman	Clarinet
Andy	Hong	Clarinet
Brenna	O'Donoghue	Clarinet
Justin	Song	Clarinet
Patrick	Brand	Euphonium
Jennifer	Brand	Flute
Julia	Cai	Flute
Jeremiah	Chiang	Horn
Cameron	Harro	Horn
Emma	Davies	Oboe
John	Kwak	Oboe
Braden	Kobeski	Percussion
Matt	Baughman	Tenor Saxophone
Bruce	Liu	Trombone
Jerry	Li	Trombone
Kenny	Benjamin	Bass Trombone
Sylvia	Eltherington	Trumpet
Emily	Kivland	Trumpet
Natalie	Oplt	Trumpet
Charlie	Kaye	Tuba

Thank you for your continued support of the Fremd Band program and we hope to see you at our end of the year concerts!

Sincerely,

Mr. Moore, Mr. Figlewicz, and Mr. Simpson – Band Directors

CHOIR NOTES

It has been a wonderful spring in Fremd choir!

The Choral Classics Concert was on Tuesday, April 5. The concert featured all 5 curricular choirs singing challenging repertoire as well as a combined song with all of the men, a combined advanced women's piece, and a combined finale.

The final concert is on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 PM in Kolze Auditorium. The dress rehearsal schedule is below and students only need to stay for their portion of the rehearsal. I am looking forward to recognizing all of the seniors at this time and hope to have lots of alumni sing "The Awakening" with us.

Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 31

3-3:40 PM- All Choirs

3:40-4 PM- Seniors

4-4:15 PM- A cappella groups

6:15 PM- Call time for concert

Please note: all choir uniforms have been collected and students wear their own clothes for this concert. Men should wear a nice shirt, tie, and dress shoes. Women should wear a spring dress or a blouse with a dress pants or a skirt. Students can wear spring colors to help enhance the visual vibrancy. Shoes should be flats or a very low heel. Attire must be professional and adhere to the school dress code, especially the dress length and cut for the women.

The showchoir had a very successful first season of competition with two 1st place ratings and one 2nd place rating. The group involved 41 singers/dancers and 6 instrumentalists in the combo. At the competitions, they saw larger groups from around the Midwest and received feedback from professional musicians and choreographers. It was an exciting inaugural year and I look forward to continuing to build this program. Thank you to FMA and the Viking Boosters for their support of this new activity. For current showchoir families, there will be a wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 8:30 PM in Room 17 to reflect on this year as well brainstorm ideas for the future.

The a cappella groups had their final performance, AcaSpectacular, on Friday, April 15 at Countryside Church. This event featured all 3 of the a cappella groups, Perfect Harmony, Men's A Cappella, and Audial Sunshine, performing contemporary songs and concluding with a combined song. The a cappella community is growing and 48 students performed to a sold-out crowd. The groups also toured 4 elementary schools and enjoyed singing at Marion Jordan, Hunting Ridge, Pleasant Hill, and Paddock.

Thank you to all choir students and families for another fantastic year! The choir numbers are growing and we have increased by 30 students in the past 2 years. We will continue to offer 5 classes next year, thanks to the success of Men's Chorale. Total enrollment will be about 140 students and I hope to see more students signing up for choir throughout the summer. There is still time to register for choir, especially if you know any incoming freshmen. It is a great time to be in Fremd Choir! Thank you to the students for continuing your musical education in choir. I truly value everyone's participation in all of the curricular and extracurricular ensembles.

Finally, I would like to give a special thank you to the following parents for their help this year. We could not do this without your support!

Jennifer Jones- FMA Choir VP

Nora Gile- FMA treasurer

Deepti Ravi- FMA showchoir representative

Jill Rusktales- uniform coordinator

Kristen Berryhill- hospitality coordinator

Have a relaxing summer!



Choir Seniors

Best of Luck Next Year

And I hope that you keep
Singing !

Chloe Cho

Megan Daniele

Graham Danó

Nathan Du

Amanda Fleischmann

Jordan Freer

Brittany Hayes

Elin Henderlight

Quinn Jackson

Zach Kuehn

Czarisse Maralit

Melissa Nakazawa

Jared Narter-Slezak

Angela Rublaitus

Alex Tangney

Holden Wagner

Sydney Wells

Mizuki Yamashita

Braden Zajler

Annie Zheng

ORCHESTRA NOTES

As I reflect on the year, it's very exciting to see the growth that has happened in the musicians and in each orchestra! In this edition of the newsletter, you will find some celebrations, instructions and events for the future! Please consider doing some sort of an orchestra camp or private lessons over the summer to continue making music!

Congratulations to our student soloists (Sarah Akutsu, violin; Jaime Chen, piano; Katie Haggett, soprano; and Cameron Harro, french horn), Chamber Strings, and Symphony Orchestra on a beautiful Concerto/Aria concert – I could not be more proud of all of you! A special thank you to Teri Freer for organizing the Dairy Queen Blizzard fundraiser for that evening.

We've had the opportunity to work with

- Mr. Frank Lestina, DePaul University - worked with the orchestras and our bassists for a day!
- Dr. Benjamin Whitcomb, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- Mr. Chris Ramaeker, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Fremd Orchestra Students serve our community:

- Several students from Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras assisted with pre-concert preparations (greeting, directing, tuning) before the District 15 Junior High, Beginning and Intermediate Orchestra Concerts this month!
- 20 orchestra students from all four of our orchestras served at Feed My Starving Children on Saturday, May 14th.

Our final Concert is Thursday, May 26th! We are busy preparing for our final concert of the year and are excited to perform for a great audience! Please invite family and friends to this end of the year celebration of music! Each of the orchestras will be performing a wide variety of challenging, entertaining and engaging music. I am also looking forward to honoring and recognizing this year's senior class and their accomplishments - 37 seniors all together!

Dress rehearsal schedule and Concert call times:

Dress rehearsal will be May 25 from 3 – 5:30.

3 - 3:35 Celtic Canon (all strings)

3:35 - 4:20 All orchestras (Rehearsing Celtic Canon and Danzon)

4:20-5:15 Symphony Orchestra only

5:15 All string seniors

Concert – May 26 @ 7 pm

Call times

Seniors – 6:00

Non seniors will be 6:15

Orchestra *continued*

Seniors - we will have one remaining rehearsal for our piece - please do your best to get there and let me know if you have a conflict.:

- Thursday, May 19th @ 2:50 - 3:30 pm

Pictures for the end of the year movie

Do you have any pictures that you can share from orchestra concerts or other events? We will be showing a video before and during the concert and would like to include as many pictures as we can. If you have pictures that you can contribute, please upload them here - students need to use their d211 email addresses to access this folder:

<https://drive.google.com/a/d211.org/folderview?id=0B6EBcwdL4hRDMGE3YUx2OVJPVzA&usp=sharing>

Tuxedo Collection

- All senior tuxes have been collected but we are still missing cummerbunds from Patrick Ruan and Nathan Xu
- All non-seniors will be returning their tux immediately after the concert on May 26th.

End of the year PARTY!

- We are looking for a host site for our end of the year party. We would like to have it either May 27th or May 28th. If you're willing to host, we've had about 30-40 students attend in the past so a large backyard and/or a house close to a park would be ideal. The students would love to be able to grill out but we will supply the food. Please email me if you'd be willing to host us!

Graduation schedule:

- Graduation is on June 5th and Chamber Strings and Symphony Strings are performing. 8:30 a.m. departure – leaving from Fremd and going by bus together.
- We will not be wearing our concert uniforms - see below for more specifics on what to wear:
 - Men - dress pants, dress shirt, tie, dress socks/shoes
 - Women - dress pants, dresses/skirts - LENGTH MUST BE at the SHIN. If students do not meet these requirements, they will be asked to wear one of our spare girls uniforms.

Summer Camps and Private Teacher recommendations!

UWW - <http://www.uww.edu/ce/camps/music/string-orchestra-high>

ISYM - <http://isym.music.illinois.edu/>

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp - <http://bluelake.org/>

Private teachers: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1399eu4w8wa04Si6tBY18TTeV84-hRIGv44GD9bsGhNQ/edit?usp=sharing>

SAVE the DATE:

2016-2017 Potential Trip with Palatine HS Orchestras – Spring Break 2017 (Sunday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 29) – LOS ANGELES, CA!!

- We are waiting for board approval for this trip but I wanted to share these dates with you so you can reserve them for this trip.

Orchestra continued

- Thank you to Mrs. DeFranco who has already volunteered to be our trip coordinator!
- More information to come before the end of the year!

Congratulations to the class of 2016! Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents and for expressing yourself musically over the last 4 years!

Kenny Benjamin, trombone
Kerri Bjornholm, percussion
Jennifer Brand, flute
Patrick Brand, tuba
Sarah Brand, viola
Tom Bustamente, bassoon
Julia Cai, flute
Jeremiah Chiang, french horn
Jenny Chu, violin
Melinda Coleman, clarinet
Emma Davies, oboe
Nathan Du, violin
Cameron Harro, french horn
Charlie Kaye, double bass
Carolyn Kim, violin
Eunice Kim, violin
Joshua Kim, viola
Rosaleen Kim, violin
Braden Kobeski, percussion

Sneha Kumar, violin
John Kwak, oboe
Daniel Lee, double bass
Grace Lee, violin
Jong Lee, cello
Jerry Li, trombone
Brian Lin, violin
Bruce Liu, trombone
Stephanie Mbi, violin
Melissa Nakazawa, violin
Brenna O'Donoghue, clarinet
Angie Peng, violin
Natalie Pfister, french horn
Sarah Pitzafferro, french horn
Ann Rajan, violin
Patrick Ruan, violin
Natasha Thomas, violin
Nathan Xu, violin



Orchestra students lend a helping hand at Feed My Starving Children

Girls Band/Orchestra Performance Dress

Girls are you graduating or leaving Band/Orchestra and not sure you have a use for your performance uniform? FMA maintains a collection of used items to help reduce costs for future Fremd Bands and Orchestra students. Girls can turn in their performance uniform after their last performance up to the last day of school. All uniforms to be donated should be clean and in good condition, with each item in a zip sealed bag labeled with the size.

Attention Band Boys!

Seniors

Tuxedo collections for SENIORS only will begin the week of May 16th through 20th. Please return your tuxes to the racks that will be set up outside the band room with a check-off sheet. Your tux should be hung properly and have your name on the cleaner's bag or on a piece of paper attached to the hanger. Check your pockets before you return the tux. For those in the Honors Band, you may return the tux the Monday after your concert on May 23.

Non-Seniors

For all non-senior band boys, tuxedos may be returned immediately after the concert on June 2 (please bring a change of clothes!), or the following day during school hours. Racks will be available with a check-off sheet. With the late schedule for our concert, we will not have time to extend the collections. Your tux should be hung properly and have your name on the cleaner's bag or on a piece of paper attached to the hanger. Check your pockets before you return the tux.

For all students: Grades or transcripts may be held if your tuxedo is not returned. Lost or ruined tuxedos may result in a charge.

Should anyone have questions, please call Nancy Groch at 847-397-9347 or email at nancy.groch@att.net.



Fremd band students have fun serving others at Feed My Starving Children





Wind Ensemble—
Hersey Music Festival



Wind Symphony—Dr. Yontz Clinic, Wheaton College



Wind Symphony—Wheaton College



Clinic with Ron Polancich—Concert Band



Richard Miles Clinic–Wind Symphony @ Hersey



Symphonic Winds–Hersey Music Festival

Wind Ensemble -
Concordia University



Concert Band—Fremd Music Festival



Symphonic Band—Fremd Music Festival