



FMA Newsletter



Notes from the Co-Presidents

The end of the school year is fast approaching! This will be our last newsletter of the 2014-2015 school year, but there are still many more performances before summer. Our final band concerts will take place May 19, Orchestra on May 21, and Choir on May 28. We will take time to recognize our graduating seniors at the final concert date of each group. Congratulations to all of our senior music students! We thank you for your gift of music at Fremd for the past 4 years, and wish you nothing but the best in your future.

Speaking of the future, we elected our FMA Board for the 2015-2016 school year and are in the process of filling committee members positions. Please consider volunteering next year to help out with FMA. Our group is an excellent way to connect with other music parents, and all that we do benefits our music students.

Not sure what to do with your daughter's band or orchestra performance attire after they graduate? Consider donating it through FMA. Information on how to donate your performance attire is included in this newsletter.

Finally, a big Thank You to all who have donated to FMA this year, either financially or with the gift of time. Our revenues provide so much more than the line items for which we budget. Our excess funds provide the "wish list" items for our Music Directors that are not available through District funds. We are proud to say we accomplished a great deal this year to support the musical activities and education of the Fremd students, and grateful to those who made it happen!

Sincerely,
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FMA Co-Presidents



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Band Notes

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.

Congratulations to the Fremd Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony for their April festival performances. This past April the Symphonic Band participated in the IHSA Organizational Contest, while the Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble, and Wind Symphony traveled to Hersey High School to perform in the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival". The Wind Symphony also traveled to Illinois State University to perform in the "State of Illinois Concert Band Contest" in the ISU Center for the Performing Arts. All of the bands performed very well at the festivals and also participated in outstanding clinics with collegiate band directors.

We are very excited to announce our 2015 Viking Marching Band fall production: "The Hero Within". This superhero show features five separate movements lasting 8 ½ minutes. A complete show summary can be found later in this newsletter. Thank you to all students and parents who recently attended our informational meeting. Over the next three months we will be completing all planning and preparation for the fall VMB season. The complete season schedule and more information can be found at: www.fhs/d211.org/music/moore/vikingmarchingband.htm

The Fremd Bands currently have 280 students enrolled in our five bands for next fall. We continue to be the largest band program in District 211, and one of the largest programs in the state. Our incoming freshmen enrollment for next fall is almost eighty students. Our five bands will meet during the following class periods next year: Wind Symphony (3rd), Symphonic Band (5th), Wind Ensemble (6th), 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!

Don't miss our final two concerts of the year occurring on Tuesday May 19th in the Kolze Auditorium, free admission. The Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Symphonic Winds will perform at 5:30 pm for the May Band Concert. The Senior Recognition Band Concert will occur the same evening at 7:00 pm – featuring our 61 seniors, Wind Ensemble, and the Wind Symphony. Our bands have been preparing very hard – we hope to see you at one or both concerts!



Symphonic Winds performs at "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival" at Hersey HS.

Band Notes (con't)

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 16th – 2:00 pm, Palatine High School Auditorium. This year’s guest conductor is Mr. Ross Kellan from Elmhurst College. Don’t miss this special event!

Ryan	Cajandig	Alto Saxophone
Eden	Schultz	Bass Clarinet
Melanie	Shaffer	Bass Clarinet
Sarah	Behery	Bassoon
Tom	Bustamante	Bassoon
Timothy	Chin	Clarinet
So	Morishima	Clarinet
Melinda	Coleman	Clarinet
Brenna	O'Donoghue	Clarinet
Reilly	Sieпка	Clarinet
Walter	Panfil	Euphonium
Gregor	Wettermann	Euphonium
Hazuki	Okuda	Flute
Grace	Liu	Flute, Piccolo
Alexandra	Baumgart	Horn
Mateo	Diaz	Horn
Cameron	Harro	Horn
Emma	Davies-Hogg	Oboe
Nathan	Cornwell	Percussion
Jenna	Kurtzweil	Percussion
Matt	Baughman	Tenor Sax
Nick	Liotti	Trombone
Kenny	Benjamin	Trombone (bass)
Andrew	Jacks	Trumpet
Elias	Pagones	Trumpet
Chris	Umeki	Trumpet
Partrick	Brand	Tuba
Charlie	Kaye	Tuba



Wind Symphony
at the ISU Invitational Concert Band Festival



Wind Ensemble performing at the Chicagoland
Invitational Concert Band Festival.

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://www.fhs.d211.org/departments/music/mmoore/PrivateTeachers.htm>

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

Choral Corner

It has been a busy spring with many choir performances this past month!

The Choral Classics concert was on Wednesday, April 1 at Cutting Hall. It was a fantastic performance from all of the choirs! The concert also included an additional combined song with all of the men, a combined advanced women's piece, and combined opening civil rights song.

Congratulations to Emilie Kouatchou on her excellent performance of "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess* at the Concerto Aria concert on Friday, April 10. It was a wonderful concert with many outstanding soloists. Thank you to Mrs. Caballero for providing an opportunity for a solo vocalist to sing with the orchestra.

On Saturday, April 11, selected students participated in the District 211 Honors Choir at Palatine High School. The guest conductor was Dr. Mona Wis from North Central College. The students rehearsed during the day on Thursday, April 9 and the concert was a nice showcase for all of choir students in the district. Thank you to all participants and supporters!

The a cappella groups had their final performance, AcaSpectacular, on Friday, April at Countryside Church, This event featured all 3 of the a cappella groups, Perfect Harmony, Men's A Cappella, and Audial Sunshine, performing many contemporary songs and concluding with a combined song. Great job to all of the groups!

The final choir concert is on Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in Kolze Auditorium. The dress rehearsal schedule is below and students only need to stay for their portion of the rehearsal.

Dress Rehearsal- Wednesday, May 27

3-4 p.m. - All Choirs

4-4:30 p.m. - A cappella groups

4:30-5 p.m. - Seniors

Please note- choir 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 skirt or dress pants. 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.

Students going on the Disney trip, please check the rehearsal schedule for May, June, and the fall. Another payment is due on May 15 to Jennifer Jones and the final balance will be due on September 15. You will receive an email with your balance at the beginning of the school year. I am really looking forward to this trip and the choirs' two performances at the Candlelight Processional on Friday, November 27.

Thank you all for a wonderful year in choir! I received such a warm welcome from the students, families, and faculty members! I am so happy to be at Fremd and cannot wait to continue to grow the curricular and extracurricular programs in the future. 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!

In closing, I would like to give a special thank you to the following parents for their help this year. Thank you for giving your time to the choir program!

Choral Corner (con't)

Jennifer Jones- FMA Choir VP
Chris Popovich & Jill Rusktales – uniform coordinators
Marisa Hayes & Jan Kuehn – hospitality coordinators

It is going to be an exciting fall with the musical, a cappella groups, showchoir, and the Disney trip in November! Have a great summer!



AWC



Viking Choir



Chamber Singers



Treble Choir

Orchestra Outlet

FMA orchestra newsletter 5/2015

*Congratulations to our student soloists (Julia Cai, piano; Emilie Kouatchou, soprano; Nathan Mo, cello; Sarah Behery, bassoon; and Karisa Chiu, violin) and Symphony Orchestra on a beautiful Concerto/Aria concert – I could not be more proud of all of you! A special thank you to Mary Anderson for organizing the Dairy Queen Blizzard fundraiser for that evening.

*Thank you to FMA for the financial support that provided Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras with the opportunity to work with members of the Chicago and Elgin Symphonies in sectional rehearsals. The insight that these professional musicians provided to our students was priceless and impactful.

*Orchestra Senior Recognition concert is Thursday, May 21st. 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 - 38 seniors all together!

*All orchestra (strings only) senior tuxes have been collected– thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with this process! All non-senior will be turning their tuxes in immediately following the May 21st orchestra concert. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this! Please click here to sign up: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/EEPFB>

*Student visual artistic gifts will be showcased through locker posters (Sarah Akutsu) and the program cover (Sharon Cheong).

Due dates:

*May 16th – orchestra pictures for the end of the year slide show are due to Krystian Chiu

*May 18 – Senior Strings rehearsal – 2:50 – 3:30 pm (orchestra rm)

*May 20th – orchestra dress rehearsal (on stage)

2:50 – 3:30 pm – senior strings

3:30 – 5:30 pm – Symphony Orchestra

*May 21st – CONCERT!!!! (call time Seniors (6:00); Non-seniors (6:15); Concert starts @ 7 pm)

*May 21st – non-senior orchestra tuxes due after concert

*May 28th – orchestra retreat registration due

*May 29th – concert critiques are due

District 211 Orchestra retreat is August 14-16 – registration information will soon be distributed and posted on the orchestra website: <http://goo.gl/yB3bPI>.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers for their assistance in making this a great year! Parents jumped in to help as chaperones on the D211 Orchestra Retreat, CSO open rehearsal field trip. We had parents help with uniform fittings, the Caramel Apple Sale, student check-in prior to concerts, the festival dinner, concert reception hospitality and so much more! I would like to say a special thank you to the following parents who went above and beyond in the following ways -

Orchestra (con't)

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Akutsu – who played an integral part in planning this year's FMA Floral Design Showcase

Mrs. Kaye – who served as this year's FMA co-VP for Orchestra

and the parent volunteers who are graduating:

Mrs. Anderson – who served as our hospitality chair

Mrs. Sieh – who served as the tuxedo coordinator

Mrs. Krout – who served as the FMA president and treasurer for the last 3 years.

We as a music department staff could not provide many of the opportunities for the music department students without the help of the parent volunteers and student leaders! Thank you for sharing your gifts and giving your time for all of these students!!!

Calling All Orchestra Parents

Now

We are looking for 6 - 8 parent volunteers for approximately 20 minutes help collect the boys' tuxedos following the Senior Recognition Concert next week, Thursday May 21. We will collect tuxes in the hallway outside the Band Room at 8:30 pm or when the concert concludes. Please contact Nancy Sieh at nbsieh@comcast.net to help Thank you!

Later

Our wonderful Orchestra Hospitality Chair, Mary Anderson, is graduating! Mary has been serving us punch and cookies for several years but since her young musicians have moved on, so must she.

Please consider chairing this wonderful committee. You will have many dedicated volunteers. This job takes only about six hours for the entire year spread across the four Orchestra concerts. If you prefer to co-chair, grab a buddy or we will find one for you.

Please contact Mrs. Caballero or Nancy Kaye nckayeda@yahoo.com if you are interested or need more information.



Day breaks over the city. The sun gleams off of the steely reflections of towering skyscrapers, showering the crowds below with promises of hope. Do you have what it takes to lead these people to their true potential? Are you ready to change the world? Will you discover "The Hero Within"?

The 2015 Viking Marching Band explores the idea of what it means to be a superhero. The first movement, "With Great Power...", sets the scene as we look at our fair citizens. While they appear ordinary, something about them appears heroic... Powerful chords ring through the movement, beckoning the audience to join in the fight for justice.

In the second movement, "Awakening", we see the discovery and revelation of super powers. Hypnotizing musical lines cascade from the front ensemble, and the music is enchanting and wondrous as we gaze as superhuman feats.

Every great hero needs a great villain. The third movement, "Nemesis", seeks to showcase the elements of famous villains. Will our heroes be able to face their foes and overcome the odds stacked against them? You will hear the tension as the band battles through the aggressive music.

The fourth movement, "Sacrifice", explores the sacrifices that all superheroes make in order to discover who they are. Echoes of loss, sadness, and isolation permeate the haunting music as we reflect on the sacrifices that are made by every hero.

A flash of green and gold streaks across the sky as our heroes continue their endeavors, always striving to be their best. Through inner courage and a will to never give up, we know that our heroes will always emerge victorious. The music of the fifth movement "...Comes Great Responsibility", is filled with hope, as our heroes recall that it is their great responsibility to guide others with the great powers that they have been given.

There is a superhero inside all of us. We just need the courage to put on the cape. Join us on our heroic quest as the 2015 Viking Marching Band presents "The Hero Within".

LADIES, ARE YOU FINISHED USING YOUR BAND/ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE UNIFORM?

FMA would like to reduce the cost of girl's performance uniforms used by the Fremd Bands and Orchestra students. As students leave the program, we are asking that girls either sell or donate their uniforms through FMA for future students to use.

Senior girls, or those leaving the band and orchestra program, can turn in their performance uniform after their last performance up to the last day of school. All uniforms to be resold/donated must be clean and in good condition, with each item in a zip sealed bag along with a completed tag. These items will be offered for sale at half the retail price on a "first come, first served" basis in the fall. Checks will be mailed once the item has been sold. All unsold items will be available for pickup by the seller during the month of November 2015. Any used uniforms that continue to be stored after November 25, 2015 will become the property of the FMA. For more information please e-mail Rachel Oplt at joplt@comcast.net or Fumiko Akutsu at fakutsu@comcast.net

Donation/Sale Tag

Please complete a form for each item

Top \$16.00

(Circle Size) 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22

Skirt \$14.50 or Pants \$16.00 (circle one)

(Circle Size) XS S M L XL XXL

Name: _____

e-mail: _____

I wish to donate my uniform

I wish to sell my uniform. Please mail my check to:

I understand that all unsold items remaining at Fremd High School after November 25, 2015 will be considered a donation to the Fremd Music Association.

Signed: _____

Calling all volunteers.

We're putting together volunteer lists for next year. These are some great ways to come out and meet other parents and interact with the kids. We have lots of volunteers, but we're always looking to include more people.

- Hospitality committees (choir, orchestra and band)
- Tuxedo/concert dress committees (choir, orchestra and band)
- Arts Fest hospitality committee
- Trivia Night fundraiser committee
- Floral Design Showcase fundraiser committee

Please contact Rob Coleman if interested - roberthcoleman.il@gmail.com

MANNA

Just because school is over that doesn't mean that manna ends. We will continue manna through the summer months. For those choir members going on the Disney trip, all manna earned through the month of August will be applied to the final payment due September 15.

We can make arrangements for summer pickups at a time convenient for all who order.

If you are looking to sign up for manna please email Sue Lech at s.lech@comcast.net with you child's name, your address, phone number and the music class your child is in. Any questions please contact me.

Tuxedo Returns

All boys who have been assigned a school tuxedo should return their tux jacket and tux pants no later than Tuesday May 19th. Senior boys do not wear the tuxedo for next Tuesday's "Senior Recognition Band Concert". All Senior boys should plan on wearing a dress shirt, tie, dress pants, or suit for the concert. Senior girls should not wear their black performance dress to "Senior Recognition Band Concert" next Tuesday. Girls should wear a spring dress or appropriate blouse/skirt (covering the knees) for the concert. Senior boys and girls should meet in the cafeteria prior to their concert (6:15-6:35 pm) to pick up their corsage.

All Senior boys should return their tuxedo Monday or Tuesday before school on the rack outside of the Band Room. Include your name written on a sheet of paper and tape it to the tux hanger.

Tux return directions for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors:

At the completion of the first concert all SB and SW boys will change in the boys locker room, dropping off their tux on a rack located right outside of the locker room (6:50-7:10 pm). Parent volunteers will assist with checking in tuxes. Boys should do this before attending the reception in the cafeteria.

At the completion of the second concert all WS and WE boys should go to reception following the concert – students will be allowed to take pictures with family/friends in the tuxedos. After pictures the boys will change in the Choir/Orchestra room and check in their tux in the Music hallway.

Parents are needed to check in tuxedos at the completion of both concerts – if available please contact Nancy Groch at: nancy.groch@att.net

Additional Music Photos



Dr. Kevin Sedatole (Director of Bands, Michigan State University) giving a clinic to the Wind Symphony at the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival"



Audial Sunshine



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Combined Women



Perfect Harmony