



MUSIC NEWS



Spring 2010
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TWO HS BAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ALL-STATE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FAREWELL SENIORS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE SUMMER DATES!



Marching Band Dates:

Wind Players:

July 13 th , 15 th , and 20 th	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Pre Camp: 21 st – 23 rd	1:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Band Camp: 25 th – 30 th	Time TBA
Mini Camp: August 2 nd – 4 th	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Guard, Pit and Drumline:

July 13 th and 15 th	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Pre Camp: 19 th – 23 rd	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Band Camp: 25 th – 30 th	Time TBA
Mini Camp: August 2 nd – 4 th	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



“Oh What A Time!”

As I sit trying to write my final newsletter article of the year, those words ring throughout my head and heart. This truly has been an amazing year. God has blessed this program beyond all belief over the first six years culminating with this my seventh year--with more performances, bigger trips, more kids in honors, all state and selected groups throughout the state and it just keeps going.

This semester started off with 9 students being selected for the WKU honors band (Stuart Setliffe, Conner Eisenmenger, Kelsay Jones, Allyson Sanders, Raquel Heacock, Rebecca Rafla, Paige McCord, Morgan Pearson and Amelia Glanz). Then we had two students participate for All-State from the band this year both for the second year in a row (Jacob Proctor and Morgan Pearson). Following All-State, the focus turned towards solo and ensemble where 19 high school students received a Distinguished Rating.

Then after a long road of pep band, our focus became New York City! This was a very special trip for us all, and it will be one I remember for a long time. With everything we were able to see and do, the performance opportunities were simply incredible. We performed in a beautiful facility on Staten Island at the Big Apple Classic Music Festival where all our groups made amazing showings with our orchestras finishing 1st and 3rd, the bands finishing 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th and our choir finishing 1st over all and receiving the Grand Champion award for all choirs competing at the entire festival.

Following New York most would assume that our schedule was going to get lighter, but with all KMEA performances ahead we simply took a breath and moved forward.

Concert Band went to KMEA performing at a Grade IV level which, with the much harder classification system in Kentucky, is higher than they have ever done before. They received a Proficient Rating which is the second highest rating possible. But something I would like everyone to understand is that many bands throughout the state went in Grade IV as well. The difference between us and them--they were freshmen through seniors, and we were freshmen and sophomores. Wind Ensemble went in Grade V where they received Straight 1's-Distinguished Rating. Since then we have been somewhat on cruise control by preparing for a Jazz Festival that was canceled and two concerts in the last 5 five weeks of school.

To the Seniors, thank you for the seven years of memories. And know that you will all have a very special place in my heart, and you are always welcome here at CAL. Please come back and visit. The greatest part of this semester by far though has been the opportunity to experience this semester with not only the students and parents but also the music staff here at CAL.



To Jeff, April and Lindsay, thank you for being who you are. You guys truly are amazing and make my job easier everyday; this program is where it is because of you and your willingness to put up with my insanity. Thank you so much for making this place wonderful. As we go into the summer, I will be praying for great rest, great family time and great minds and spirits to come back next year refreshed and filled with the spirit to do it all again Bigger and Better. And for all those returning students and parents for next year, I can happily say have a safe and great summer! And when you return, be prepared 'cause you ain't seen nothin' yet!!!

Matt Wooten
Music Department Head
Director of Bands Director

CHORAL NEWS

Special recognition:

Congratulations to Lauren French, who tied for first place in the MacDowell Young Artists' Competition.

Announcements:

Concert Choir travels to UofL on Wednesday, May 5th, for State Festival. The group will perform at 2:15 along with other top groups from around the state of Kentucky.

Choir Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 6th, at St. John United Methodist Church. Food will be provided by Mark's Feed Store. Cost is \$10 per person.

As if it hasn't already been an exciting year for the choral program, I am excited to announce that Choral dept. is expanding for the 2010-2011 school year. Course offerings will include Advanced Ensemble, Show Choir, and Mixed Choir. I will also be teaching a Worship Seminar for high school students currently active in church music ministry. Areas of study will include, but are not limited to, biblical foundations and perspectives for worship, church music history, audio/visual tech basics, and introductory songwriting and arranging. I am currently writing curriculum and pulling resources together for this course, as it is unique in the fact that I have yet to see another school offer an academic course dedicated to the study of church music and worship. I am also excited to announce the addition of Middle School Choir as a class. Currently, 27 students from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade are registered for the class. To accommodate band and orchestra students who cannot take the class, I will still offer a Tuesday/Thursday morning middle school choir class from 7:30-8:15, as these students are already in a music class that meets daily.



I will like to say “THANK YOU!!!” to all who have supported the choral program and me personally this year. Although I am excited for the year ahead, I am sad that my first

year is almost over. If you had asked me this time last year what I imagined and expected my very first year of teaching to look like, my response would not have been anywhere close to what I have experienced this year. Over 90 students are registered for a choral ensemble for next school year, twice as many students as this year (which is twice as many as the year before.) We sent 4 students to All-State Choir, received straight ones in performance AND sight singing at the most difficult level at the KMEA District Festival, received a composite score of 95 out of 100 in NYC, and were given the opportunity to perform at KMEA State Festival. Although awards and special recognition are great things, they do not compare to the wonderful students that I am blessed to work with on a regular basis. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to teach your children. Their work ethic, positive attitudes, and wonderful personalities inspire me and I cannot help but give God all the glory, honor, and praise for blessing me with such incredible students.

Lindsay Buege
MS/HS Choir Director

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra has been quite busy this spring semester! In February, three of our high school students earned the honor of being selected to represent our state at the KMEA annual convention. Michael Babiarz and Katie Woosley were selected into the All-State Commonwealth String Orchestra, and Lexy Bishop was selected into the All-State Symphonic Orchestra. All three students spent three full days in intense rehearsals with world-renowned conductors. Their culminating concert was held on Saturday, February 6 at the Kentucky Center of the Arts. Both groups were amazing!

On Saturday February 13, the middle school and high school orchestra participated in the KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival at Atherton High School. Thirty-nine of our students participated in 32 events—solos, duets, trios, and quartets! Of those 32 events, 28 received the highest rating of Distinguished. Outstanding work!

Our next major event was the high school music department’s spring trip—to New York City! After a wonderfully relaxing *thirteen hour bus ride* (☺), we arrived in NYC just in time for breakfast, at the Starlight Diner—where the waiters serenade you while you dine! During our tour of the big city, we got to see such sights at St. Patrick’s cathedral, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, and Central Park. We had lunch in Greenwich Village. We saw *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway. We shopped in China town. We had our picture made in Times Square. And we also gave an amazing performance at the Staten Island Music Festival! Both the String Orchestra and the Symphonic Orchestra performed at the festival. The Symphonic group took first place in the competition; the String Orchestra took third. What an amazing trip☺



The week we returned from NYC was KMEA Concert Festival week! All of our groups performed exceptionally well at KMEA, and the judges were very complimentary of all the performances. The middle school orchestra received straight Distinguished Ratings from all four judges—a first for this group! And for the first time in CAL history, we took the Symphonic Orchestra to KMEA Concert Festival—and we were the *only* symphonic group there! The high school String Orchestra and Symphonic Orchestra *both* received straight Distinguished Ratings from all four judges. Although KMEA does not currently offer a State festival for orchestras (as it does for choirs and bands), these scores would have qualified us. Congratulations orchestras! Your hard work shows 😊

On Wednesday, April 14th, the CAL had the honor of hosting the Master's Men Chorus. The group, led by master music educator, former JCPS teacher and Music Supervisor, Melanie Wood, performed several pieces, accompanied by our very own high school Symphonic Orchestra. Tim Greener, CAL Superintendent and member of the Master's Men, noted that this was the first time the group had performed with an amateur (or student) orchestra! What an honor for us to accompany this outstanding group!

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 11 – Orchestra and Choir Concert, 7pm. Our last concert for the school year. 😊 This concert will feature the 5th grade orchestra, middle school orchestra, high school String Orchestra, and the middle school and high school choirs. For the middle school orchestra, the concert will also be “Awards Night”—solo and ensemble medals will be given that evening. For high school, we are pleased to announce what I hope will become a yearly tradition: Alumni Night! We are so excited to have our alumni visit and to join us on stage for a piece that was a much loved favorite five years ago! So far, seven alumni have responded yes to the invitation! In addition to the alumni visit, the night will also feature three of our violinists: Anna Laura Bowling, Jordan Helms, and Michael Babiarz will all be featured concerto soloists that evening! It's going to be an amazing evening of fellowship and music making!

Tuesday, May 18th – High School Orchestra Awards Banquet—this is a time for fun, food, and fellowship—as well as a chance to highlight our awards winning musicians! More info will be forthcoming—but please reserve the date!!

Friday, May 28th—High school graduation, 7pm. The high school String AND Symphonic Orchestra will be playing again this year, so save the date! Call time will be around 5pm, so plan accordingly.

What an amazing year! I want to take this opportunity to thank our seniors—Jordan Lucas, Jordan Helms, and Anna Laura Bowling, for lending us their talents, their wisdom, their sense of humor, and their love. You have made such an impression on our music, on our minds, and in our hearts. You are going on to many new and exciting things—and we wish you all the best!



Orchestra Student Selected to participate in Kentucky Ambassadors Music Tour of Europe in June/July 2010.

Michael Babiarz, violinist and concertmaster of the CAL orchestra, is one of two hundred musicians from across the state selected to tour Europe this summer as part of the Ambassadors of Music program. The Ambassadors of Music tour is an educational program designed as an opportunity for musical honor students to perform and share their musical talents, while gaining cultural enrichment abroad. Michael was nominated for the 2010 tour based on his musicianship, leadership, and character, and was selected for participation by invitation. The Kentucky Ambassadors of Music honor bands, chamber orchestra, and choir will share this music with European audiences in seven different countries and in a variety of performance settings.

April MacDonald
MS/HS Orchestra Director

MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS

Congratulations to the following Middle School Band Students who earned a Distinguished Rating at KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival: Natalie Cline 3, Whitney Lyon, Kasey Wilmsmeyer, Sarah Young, Ryan St Clair, Cameron Smith, Curtis Jackson, Jonathan Watts 3, Brendon Calhoun, Tyler Clements 2, Jason Coultrap. David Parks, Mitchell Manuel, Jeannie Soto, Laura English. Olivia LeFan, Noah Heacock, Alex Curry 2, Nathan Bader, Jared Long 2, Michael Francesconi, Adam Moore, Mason Klemm, Madison Yates, Tess Fasteen, Emma Brown, Abigail Stivers, Peyton Johnson. Alexis Roberts, Amelia Harris, Breanna Ragland, Emily McKinney 2, Jennifer Stratton, Jeff Read 2, Natalie St.Clair, Kelly McMichael 2, Sarah Morgan 2, Chad Finnesand 2, and Alex Clark.

Middle Schools Band Earned Distinguished Ratings

CAL's Middle School Bands traveled for their KMEA State Concert Assessment on Tuesday March 30 held at the Oldham County Arts Center. Both the 6th Grade and 7th/8th Grade Bands earned a Distinguished Rating on their prepare pieces. Both groups also received at Distinguished Rating on their Sight-Reading portion of the assessment. I am very proud of the students they have worked very hard and it shows according to Band Director Jeff Root. I would also like to say THANK-YOU to all of the parents that went as Chaperones along with a big Thanks to Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Bradbury and Patrick LaMar who helped.



7th/8th Grade Band Getting Ready for King's Island Music Festival

The 7th/8th Grade Band along with the middle school choir and orchestra will be traveling on **May 14-15** to the "Music in the Parks" music festival held at King's Island. The band and orchestra will be competing at Loveland High School on Friday May 14th and the Choir will be competing at Loveland Middle School. All groups will have a *fun* day on Saturday before returning back to Louisville Saturday evening. The band will have an extra rehearsal on **Wednesday May 5th and Wednesday May 12th from 7:45am till 8:15am** to prepare for this festival as well as the upcoming Spring Concert.

5th Grade Band to Perform

The 5th grade band will perform at the Spring Concert on Thursday **May 13th**. **The Concert will begin at 7pm**. The 5th graders have done a super job this year, I am very proud of them according to Band Director Jeff Root, and I am looking forward to having them as 6th graders next year.

Jeff Root
MS Band Director

MIDDLE SCHOOL SNACK FUNDRAISER

The middle school students have really enjoyed purchasing and eating their delicious snacks provided by the music boosters this year. This endeavor was not only a very successful fundraiser but a highlight for the middle school students on Mondays and Fridays. They looked forward to the variety of snacks being offered with great anticipation pleading for us to sell them everyday! Over the course of the year we have raised over \$3000 for the music department and we could not have done that without your help. Many of you volunteered your time to help sell the snacks. Thank you for the donations and the service you provided to make this fundraiser successful! Your generosity has been amazing and a blessing! I look forward to partnering again with you next year for this fundraiser!

Serving Him,
Kim Novicki

END OF A SEASON

Well, it's just days before my season ends being a member of the CAL Music Boosters. I wanted to let you know how much I have been blessed to be a member and to serve in the capacity of Communications Chair/Vice President. Thinking over the years I would say



my favorite times have been on the road for Marching Band – even sleeping on the gym floor at Ohio County- and the spring trips – Gatlinburg, Chicago, Atlanta and New York – each having their own special moments (loved Ellen’s Star Dust Restaurant in NY; and my bed did move in Chicago!). And it wasn’t just the places it was the folks – we were family. It has been a learning experience as well - know proper etiquette during concerts/performance; judges don’t always hear well; white bibbers are very striking; you can take 160+ on a NY subway and all get off at the same stop; underwear is important; if you forget your black shoes, black socks work fine; dress warm for the fall marching band mornings; safety pins for all occasions; wind and marching band props don’t go together; great friendships are made in Music Boosters; it’s not the trinkets we bring home it’s the honor of performing; departure time is a sure thing; return time not so much; Christmas cookies and fudge – yum, yum - serving the CAL Music Department a pleasure! Thanks Matt, April, Jeff and Lindsay for your dedication to the students and the opportunity to serve with you. Thanks to the Music Boosters for the experience in supporting the Music Department and allowing me to serve in the capacity of Communications Chair and Vice-President.

God’s best to one and all.

Cheryl La Mar

Communications Chair/Vice President