

The Harmonious Herald

The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

~ Prelude ~

January 2019

Tuesday, January 15

Mid-Year Band Booster Meeting, 7pm, THS Band Room

Saturday, January 19

MSBOA District Chamber Ensemble Festival

~ Intermezzo ~

Dear Band Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We look forward to a musically prosperous 2019! Thank you for your continuous support of excellence in our band program.

TORONTO & IRELAND SPRING TRIP NEWS - Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

TORONTO

❖ **Monday, April 8th, 2019:**

- **4pm-4:30pm:** Load instruments onto semi-trailer immediately after practice. We will need students and parents to help-especially percussion and sousaphones. Parents-please arrive at 4pm.
- **4:30pm-6:30pm:** Annual pre-trip dinner-Troy High cafeteria. Meet and greet with students and their assigned chaperones.

❖ **Thursday, April 11th, 2019: 4:30am (MORNING)-** Trip check-in. All students and chaperones **MUST** present their form of citizenship ID and photo ID to check-in or they **CANNOT** board the bus.

❖ **Saturday, April 13th, 2019:** Performances at the Toronto Center for the Arts-George Weston Hall (times TBA)

❖ **Sunday, April 14th, 2019: 9:30pm:** Estimated arrival back at THS

IRELAND

- ❖ **January 15th, 2019: Ireland registration and deposit are due.** Please be sure to fill out ALL citizenship and instrument information when registering.
 - The trip ID number for students is: MI013700075
 - The trip ID number for groupies is: MI013700067

Please direct all Spring Trip questions to Julie Sasaki-Hom and Jeanette Tanafranca at springtripcoordinator@troycoltbands.org.

“DANCE TO THE MUSIC!” (Early Bird Special) The 2019 Colt Celebration is quickly approaching. Join us for the annual Jazz Ensemble Dinner Dance on **Friday, February 22nd** at the CenterPoint Marriott for a fabulous evening including dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and music provided by your own Troy High Jazz Ensemble. This is an elegant (and very fun!) evening you will not want to miss. It is not necessary to have a student in the Jazz Ensemble to enjoy music celebration. For your dining pleasure, we’ve secured three exceptional meal options. Mark your calendars now to join us in February for an evening to remember. Tickets may be purchased online through the [Charms Store](#) (enter school code - troycoltbands) or by completing and returning the Colt Celebration [order form](#). **Purchase tickets prior to January 1 for early bird prices!**

ON THE HUNT FOR TREASURES, TALENT, and TRAVEL: Do you have tickets to a professional/collegiate sporting event? A special ability such as teaching voice lessons? A place Up North? Yearly, the Colt Celebration, featuring the amazing Troy High Jazz Ensemble, features an exciting silent auction to raise money for the Troy High band program. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate or a connection to a business that may want to donate, please contact our Colt Celebration Auction chairperson, Natalie Tu at natalie.tu@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Festival Concert will take place at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, **Thursday, February 21 at 7pm**. Students will be transported (by bus) directly after school to Lakeside Mall for dinner and then to MCPA for their pre-concert dress rehearsal/sound check. Details and ticket order forms to follow.

CALLING ALL CHAPERONES! With concert season upon us, it is time to seek out chaperones (required by school policy for band travel). Chaperones are needed for our Festival Concert at The Macomb Center, as well as other second semester events. For a list of opportunities and to volunteer, please visit the [chaperone](#) link.

TORONTO HERE WE COME! Band parents Stasi and Greg Mortimore will be organizing a “Groupie” communication contact list for parents who intend to travel to Toronto in April 2019 to support the TCMB, Cadet, Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands in their performances. All pertinent information (such as performance schedule changes) and

parent contact information will be communicated with all groupies (for those interested in sharing rides, dinner plans, etc.). To be included, please email your name, email address, and cell phone number to gandsmort@aol.com. *Please note that trip schedule details are not yet available.* All family members traveling to Toronto should be aware of Canadian and US Customs requirements.

HELP WANTED! There is still an opening on the Troy High Band Booster Executive Board for Fundraising Chairperson. If you are interested in stepping up and helping the band and board by serving in this capacity, please contact THBB President, Denice Schomer at THBB_President@troycoltbands.org.

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS – Our final two Band Booster meetings are scheduled for **January 15** (mid-year) and **April 16** (election) at 7pm. The Executive Board will continue to meet monthly to assist with band operations. Between meetings, stay informed on pertinent, up-to-date information regarding band activities via our monthly newsletters, mass emails, [band website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). If you have ideas, questions, concerns, or want to become involved, please feel free to contact Director [Brian Nutting](#), Assistant Director, [Jacob Greenwood](#), Band Booster President [Denice Schomer](#), or any Band Booster officer (names and contact information listed on the website).

~ Postlude ~

February 1	MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival (Percussion only)
February 2	MSBOA District Solo & Ensemble Festival
February 21	Festival Concert, 7pm, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts (CA, CD, CB, SB)
February 22	“Dance to the Music,” Colt Celebration
March 25, April 8	Spring Trip TCMB Rehearsals (mandatory), 2:30-4:30pm
April 11 – 14	Spring Trip to Toronto (SB, CB, CD, JE, TCMB)

Please keep the following dates free on your calendar, as attendance is mandatory for all 2019-2020 TCMB Members

August 5-8, 2019	2019 Pre-Camp Week
August 9-16, 2019	2019 Band Camp
August 19 & 26, 2019	Marching Band Rehearsals, 2:30-5pm