



Parents and Supporters of North Andover Music Programs,



As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we wanted to send along a few notes and updates from the North Andover Music Association!

We are North Andover's 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting all the music programs in our town. As the "booster club" for music, we are a parent-run, all-volunteer organization that provides all types of support for music students throughout the North Andover Public Schools. No matter what type of school music program your child has participated in – it has been touched in some way by NAMA.

Upcoming Events

- ✓ 4/2 - MICCA Choral Festival, Norwood High School
- ✓ 4/5 - All Town Band Festival, 7pm, NAHS Gym
- ✓ 4/7 - Combined Choral Concert with Andover and Chelmsford, 7pm, Chelmsford High School
- ✓ 4/9 - Choruses in MICCA Gold Medal Showcase, 8am, Mechanics Hall, Worcester

So Far This Year...

- NAMA funded training for our new drum majors over the summer. We also helped 5 students attend summer music camps.
- NAMA funded stipends for our talented technical staff who help teach the NAHS marching band members the drill they perform at football games and competitions.
- NAMA volunteers helped support the Marching Band throughout the season with countless chaperone hours, uniform purchase, distribution, collection, and repair, a band camp barbeque, and the production of a successful and profitable NESBA Marching Band Competition that welcomed 12 bands and hundreds of spectators to our town.
- NAMA volunteers helped support the chorus tailgate party for our chorus members who perform the National Anthem at each football game with such talent and poise.
- NAMA purchased additional dresses and tuxedos to outfit a Concert Choir of over 150 participants.
- NAMA and the North Andover High School hosted the Northeast Senior District auditions, including a profitable concession stand at the event.
- NAMA funded new microphones and sound system equipment for the Elementary Band program.





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Endeavors

- The Middle School has instituted A Little Knight Music, which is an audition only, after school chorus. They performed at the first ever Hot Chocolate House which was held in December at the Middle School, and again at Family Fun Night in February.
- The Middle School is in dire need of a new piano to service the chorus class that each and every non-band student in the school takes each year. NAMA led an effort to raise over \$10,000 to purchase a new baby grand piano and a dolly system to allow the instrument to be transported around the school as needed. Ms. Liacos is testing out new pianos as we speak!
- NAMA parents and supporters got involved in the fun at the first ever 80's Night Fundraiser. Way cool!

Upcoming Events

- ✓ 4/30 - Marching Band in Little League Parade
- ✓ 5/13 - Jazz Night at NAHS
- ✓ 5/24 - Spring Concert at NAHS
- ✓ 5/25 and 5/26 - Band Concerts at NAMS
- ✓ 5/30 - Marching Band in Memorial Day Parade
- ✓ 6/7 - Chorus Concert at NAMS

Recent Performances

- Scarlet & Black Singers performed "God Bless America" with the U.S. Air Force Concert Band & Singing Sergeants at Andover H.S. What an honor!
- The Marching Band and Scarlet & Black Singers performed at our town's annual Veterans Day ceremony - a wonderful yearly gift to our veterans.
- The Pep Band continues to do their thing with enthusiasm at basketball games! Chorus performed at a Manchester Monarchs hockey game and could be seen at several locations around town singing Christmas carols.
- Scarlet & Black Singers participated in an educational Choral Festival at Ms. Durkin's alma mater, Providence College, complete with campus tour!
- December's Winter Concert featured excellent music by the four NAHS ensembles, led by our fantastic teachers, Mr. Smalley and Ms. Durkin!!
- Coffee Houses have showcased talented students who are willing to perform a variety of music on their own or in small groups.
- Our own Devam Dhawan was crowned Mr. North Andover 2016 at the hugely popular NAHS talent show fundraiser, with help from several Marching Band Drumline members in his musical act! Several other Music Department students performed in Mr. North Andover acts as well!
- For the first time, Concert Choir and Scarlet & Black Singers BOTH won Gold at the MICCA Festival on April 2!! Great work and direction paid off!





Ongoing...

- The four High School music ensembles (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Scarlet and Black Singers and Concert Choir) will travel to Williamsburg, Virginia to participate in the World Strides Heritage Performance Festival national competition. Of course, there will be some fun activities as well, including a trip to Busch Gardens, a ghost tour of Williamsburg and a dinner dance cruise. NAMA is proud to help with fundraising for this great opportunity! *If you would like to donate to help defray the cost of the trip, please visit our web site and look under forms to see how!* www.northandovermusic.org
- NAMA will support several of our graduating seniors with college scholarships. We'll celebrate our seniors and all our accomplishments at a banquet and awards night on June 13.

We thought you'd never ask!

- **Want to help?** Join NAMA with a minimal donation! This opportunity is not just for high school parents.....think grandparents, alumni, parents of future music students or really, anyone who believes in music in our public schools! *Visit our web site for membership forms.* NAMA is a 501(c)(3) organization and your donation is tax deductible. www.northandovermusic.org
- If you're already a member, could you make another donation? With our ambitious budget this year, we could certainly put your donation to good use!!
- Does your employer have a Community Giving or Matching Donation Campaign? Contact our treasurer Kim Hearst at kimhearst@gmail.com for our tax ID number or other help with this.
- Attend a board meeting which is usually held the first Tuesday of every month. Check the web site for a schedule. You do not need to be a board member to attend or offer input. We will, however, be looking to fill some board positions this spring when some of our senior parents "graduate".
- Volunteer with us!

Most performances are free and open to the public – We'd love to see you there!

We invite everyone with a child active in music, or anyone with an interest in music to join the North Andover Music Association (NAMA) and help us support the ongoing growth and success of the North Andover music programs. Please consider supporting our association by making a tax-deductible donation!

Please forward this Newsletter!

