

Grattan Academy
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Music Notes



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A fast paced start to school!

This year started out a bit crazy. We found we have some good problems. Our band and music program is growing very quickly and we are having growing pains. Our high school band is at 10 students, 2nd year band is at 6 students, and our 1st year band is at 17 students. Congratulations everyone! Of course with growing as fast as we are, we are in desperate need of music stands, I am working on this solution. Hopefully sometime soon we will have enough. Also, there are some families who find it financially difficult to rent instruments so they need the band department to supply an instrument for them to use. If you see an instrument on Craig's list or someplace else or have one at home sitting in your attic, let me know I may be interested.

We are also in need of shelving for instruments. If you know of a Boy

Scout in need of an Eagle Project, this would be a great project for him to do or if you know of anyone who would be willing to do this, please let me know.



2009-2010 High School Band. Good times!

The sub sale this year was a tremendous success. We sold a grand total of 522 subs!!! Every week we go through a case of sub buns (64 buns per case) for lunches being sold at

school. The top 3 sellers are; 3rd place, Samantha Johnston at 55 subs, 2nd place is A'nika Willingham with 57 subs and 1st place is Caitlin Packard with 68 subs. They will each get a nice prize. I was able to purchase some music for the HS band and a suspended cymbal.

The next fundraiser is coming up on October 25th. I am told by several people that they already have customers asking about the candles! Wow, looks like we are going to have another successful fundraiser. There will be more information later in this newsletter.

We will be starting an after-school choir this week. We will be starting meeting every Wed. and Fri. from 2:45—3:45pm. I will evaluate later and meet only on Fridays. We will be performing at the concerts with the band and also in the community.

Accompanist Needed! If you know of someone, have them contact me.

Calvin College Honor Band

This year I have nominated 5 of our high school band students to play with the Calvin College Honor Band. Those students are Joe Bruin (played last year), A'nika Willingham, Danielle Crawford, Caitlin Packard, and Ashley Kuiper. I should know within the next week if they all were selected. I feel they would be a great addition to the Honor Band. They are all

hardworking and dedicated to music.

They will rehearse with the honor band Tuesday October 26th during the day. They will be under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Rodney Dorsey and also conductor Dr. Tiffany Engle. The concert will be that evening at 7pm. The concert

if free and will be in Calvin's new and renovated music building. All who can attend and support our band members is welcome! I will see you there!

This space for students, parents, anybody

This space is reserved for any student, parent, anybody to place an article.



The Blue Lake Middle School Band.

Why did the chicken
cross the road?
*To get away from the
Oboe recital.*

How do you know
when a trumpet player
is at your door?
The door shrieks.

Blaze-n-lite Candles

Starting October 25th—November 8th, we will be having a fundraiser selling soy-based candles. Blaze-n-lite Candles is a local small business from Kalamazoo area. We sold their product last year and was a great success. I know we have people already asking about them.

We will get 30% profit of everything sold. Since we will be getting uniform shirts this year, those who weren't with us last year to

raise money to purchase their shirts, you can have a choice to use this fundraiser to pay for your shirt. You will need to sell \$45 in candles/candle products in order for your shirt to be covered.

The rest of the money raised from this fundraiser will go towards purchasing stands and towards purchasing the bass drum.

Each Manhasset stand is \$20. We will need to purchase 16 more

stands at the lease and that will total \$320. A bass drum with stand is \$700, of which we have around \$50 towards it so far.

This could be a VERY successful fundraiser.

These candles are perfect for presents, whether it be for birthday, Christmas, etc.

I look forward to seeing what we can do with this fundraiser!

Grattan Academy Music Cookbook

We will be putting together a cookbook to sell at the beginning of the year. Please send along at least 2 favorite recipes or more to be placed in the cookbook. If you want to have something special put along side your recipe, please make sure you

put it with the recipe. For example, "this was a family recipe passed along from great-grandma."

If anyone would like to help put together this cookbook, your help would be greatly appreciated!! Please contact Mrs. Norton

We will accept your recipes anytime from now through December 3rd.



"At the Car Wash Yeah!"

Concert Dates



2009-2010
 Middle School
 Band. Havin'
 fun and laugh-
 in'

Graduation:
 Thursday May 19, time
 TBA

Any further concerts
 TBA

In this section I will list all the performance/concert dates and times. This includes Pep band when I have the Basketball schedule.

Holiday Concert: Sunday December 12 at 3pm.

Spring Concert: Sunday May 15 at 3pm.

Upcoming Events

1. Flutists Rhonda Larson in recital. October 22 at 7:00pm at Aquinas College Arts and Music Building, Kretschmer Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults.
2. Calvin College Music Festival: October 22-23, 7:30pm at the CFAC Auditorium. Adults—\$15, students/children—\$5.
3. Calvin College Honor Band Concert: Tuesday October 26 at 7:00pm at Calvin College Covenant Fine Arts Building. Tickets are free.
4. Fall Aquinas college Band, Chamber Stings, and New Dimensions "Percussion Plus" in concert. Sunday October 31 at 3pm. Aquinas college Art and Music Building, Kretschmer Recital Hall. This concert is free.
5. AQ Chamber Choir and the AQ Guitar Ensemble and Soloists at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Sunday, November 7 at 3:00pm. Concert if free.
6. New Dimensions "Percussion Plus". Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30pm at Aquinas College Art and Music Building, Kretschmer Recital Hall. Concert if free.

Look for more in later editions.

"Music is a higher
 revelation than all
 wisdom and
 philosophy."
 -Ludwig van
 Beethoven

Update on Uniform Shirts

I have talked with Cedar Sales and Graphix. We will be able to get red polo shirts with "Grattan Academy Band or Choir" with our Bear embroidered onto each shirt for \$12 each! I will be sending home order forms for shirts in November so we can have them for our Holiday Concert.

Yes, parents, guardians, and supporters of our band can purchase a shirt as well. I am sure we can have names put

on shirts, those shirts won't be able to be used for concerts though.

If you would like to help get the orders together, please feel free to let me know.



Just chillin' before the concert and being ourselves.

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Grattan Academy Mission Statement:

“Empower all children with the academic knowledge and skills required for success as students, workers, and citizens through an educational program focused on high academic standards, achievement-based promotion, exemplary citizenship, and tough accountability standards.”

Thanks for Everything!

We have had a wonderful start to the year. I am looking forward to what the rest of the year has in store for us.

Again, thanks for everything you do.

Mrs. Pam Norton

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“Without music to decorate it, time is just a bunch of boring production deadlines or dates by which bills must be paid.”

-Frank Zappa (American rock musician)



Awards banquet /potluck May of 2010 for school year 2009-2010.