

CCHS
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Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 11, 2010
Boys Varsity Pep Band
- Feb. 12, 2010
DeKalb Chicken & Jazz
- Feb. 13, 2010
Nicholas Jazz Festival
- Feb. 19, 2010
Boys Varsity Pep Band /
Middle School Invite
- Feb. 20, 2010
North Side Jazz Festival
- Feb. 27, 2010
ISSMA State Solo/Ensemble

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CCHS Pride Call

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CCHS Members Take Top Honors

Please congratulate our ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Finalists!! They will be performing at the State competition on February 27, 2010.

Olivia Western, Clarinet Solo
Thomas Cox, Snare Drum Solo

Rachel Hazelet, Xylophone Solo

Natalie Angel, Flute Solo

Amelia Roman, Flute Solo

Samuel Spencer, Alto Saxophone Solo

Nicole Yingst, Clarinet Solo

The following students achieved a perfect score in their percussion event.

Jenny Reeve

Rachel Hazelet

Michaela McIntosh

Cody Horvath

Wil Hockemeyer

Michael Estep

Tommy Cox

Neil Johnson

Austin Erne

Brice Aldrich

Danny Boismier

Jason Coverstone

Kaileb O'Connor

All students involved in this event put in a tremendous amount of hard work outside of their school day. Some even began work on their solos when it was still warm outside! If you can pass this information on to the community, these students truly deserve their recognition.



CCHS Percussionists Selected

Four CCHS percussionists auditioned and were selected to participate in an open class percussion ensemble. Heritage Independent Percussion includes students from all over the region, including

schools such as Homestead HS, Snider HS, Heritage HS, Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne, and Ball State University.

These students performed for a large crowd in exhibi-

tion on Saturday, February 6, 2010. They had an excellent show, and we wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the season.

Students Selected for Honor Band



Five students auditioned and were selected to participate in the IPFW Three Rivers Honor Band and Festival. The Festival took place in the new Rhinehart Music Center at IPFW.

Olivia Western placed at first chair clarinet, and had a beautiful solo during the concert. Nicole Yingst placed fourth chair, first

part, and played beautifully. Amelia Roman and Sam Spencer were both selected for flute and alto saxophone, respectively. Tyler Sheets was selected to play second chair tuba. Students were selected based on a blind audition judged by members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

Students participated in this event, headed by Dr. Chad Nicholson, director of

Instrumental Studies at IPFW. The guest conductor for the high school group was Dr. Roland Barrett of the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Barrett is a well-known composer, conductor, and clinician. The band played effortlessly and emotionally under his direction.

We hope to have more students from the high school and middle school partici-

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District Wide Concert

On March 25, 2010, Indian Springs Middle School and Columbia City High School will be performing in a concert together, showcasing both programs.

Mrs. Carolyn Hindbaugh and Mrs. Helen Bennett will be conducting these

groups, along with Assistant Director Marcus Farr, and a special guest conductor. The students are putting in hard work to showcase their talents.

Groups scheduled to perform include: 6th Grade Band, 7th Grade Band, 8th Grade Band, CCHS

Concert Band, CC Percussion, ISMS Jazz Band, CCHS Jazz Band, and to conclude a MASS NUMBER! We hope that you attend this show; last year there were over 1000 people in attendance!

Staff Spotlight: Marcus Farr

Marcus Farr, Assistant Director of Bands



Marcus Farr is the Assistant Director of Bands at Columbia City High School. His experience with bands in this area is vast. He has worked with such groups as North Side High School, Woodlan High School, Leo

High School, and Norwell High School. He is currently the Band Director at Indiana Tech, and heads the Mastodon Stomp Pep Band at Indiana Purdue University in Fort Wayne.

Marcus is an active performer locally, playing in big bands, jazz bands, wind ensembles, and the Freak Brothers funk band. He plays many instruments, but he mainly plays trombone and flute.



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WHY MUSIC?

According to a Gallup Poll sponsored by NAMM, the International Music Products Association, 95 percent of Americans feel music is part of a well-rounded education, 93 percent feel schools should offer musical instruction as part of the regular curriculum and 78 percent feel states should mandate music education for all students.

These polling results exist because the public believes deeply in the value of the arts in education. And among the groups that value the focused activity and real skill and knowledge-building that the arts bring to students — students, teachers and administrators — is another group that is essential to the making of each community's educational policy. That group is, of course, the parents. Every time a parent hears his or her child play in a school ensemble, that parent is drawn closer to the world of the school and of the child's academic success.

NEWLY UPDATED!!

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We Need Your Pictures!!



If you have gathered pictures of any CCHS Bands this season (2009-10),

we are in great need of them! We have created a bulletin board outside the band room which needs to be filled with current pictures of our successful ensembles in action! With so much going on, it is difficult for students or staff to take these pictures....so now it's up to you!

The following groups need pictures: CC Percussion, Concert Band, Solo & Ensemble

groups, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Jazz Combo.

Pictures can be forwarded to the band director electronically, via jump drive, disk, or physical copies.

We have the ability to scan in pictures, so we can return anything that might be one-of-a-kind.

DVD SALE

Get your CCHME DVD from last season! This DVD includes recordings of all performances from the perspective of a judge for the whole season. Forms were emailed, but you can request another form by emailing Mrs. Bennett.

We hope you choose to purchase this memento to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the students this season!

