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Dear Finneytown Music Families,

We have hit the ground running again this school year in the music department! The marching band has performed several times already at football games and qualified for state at their first competition, the choirs and orchestras are preparing for their first concerts of the year, the FMPA fall fundraiser is in full swing, and several of our music students have auditioned for and been accepted into area music organizations. In other words, music is alive and well in Finneytown!

In this edition of *Music Notes*, you will read about happenings in the music department this year - past, present and future. I hope this whirlwind of activity will get you excited about getting involved to support it in one way or another. The **first** way to help is to **become a member of FMPA** if you have not done so already. Your membership and patron dollars are critical in meeting FMPA's financial goals for providing our music students with things they need to succeed. The importance of membership is more than just financial, however. A strong membership shows strong support of music in our school district, helping to ensure that quality music education continues. You will find a blue membership form in the insert, as well as some information about our new **online membership** option on page 3.

The **second way** to help is to simply **be there**. Whether it is helping with one of the many parent volunteer opportunities or being in the audience, your presence is one of the things that make Finneytown a special place to be. Our students and teachers are encouraged by the community support we have here, which helps keep them motivated and excited about continuing to put forth their best effort. As a result, we get to hear some great music. It's a win – win!

One of the mottos used by the staff at the secondary campus with the students is TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More. That goes for parents too. ☺ Hope to see you at the next music performance!

Best regards,

Penny

Penny Sauer, FMPA President

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~Thank you~

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"Music is a lens through which we can visit another place and time."

~ Bootsy Collins

Fall Fundraiser Update!

by Penny Sauer

As our Savory Sweets fall fundraiser draws to a close, I want to remind you of a few key dates and details. Order forms and money should be turned in to your music teacher by **October 22nd or 23rd**. In order to meet our goals for this sale, we are asking each student to try to sell at least 10 items. **Don't forget that you can earn money for your own personal music education account - \$3 for each item over 20 that you sell. This can be used for band camp or other music-related expense. Top sellers from each school receive \$50 from FMPA!**



If you have earned a prize from Savory Sweets, please be sure to fill out and turn in your prize sheet, as you will not receive your prize(s) without the form!

The products will be delivered to the **Secondary Campus gymnasium on Thursday, November 15th**. A group of parent volunteers will sort the orders and have them ready for pick-up between **3 and 6 pm**. We will be using the back half of the gym, so it will be closer for you if you drive around to the **back** of the building. If you would like to pick up your order earlier, please contact Penny Sauer prior to delivery day at bpsauer@fuse.net or 521-8896 and let us know when you will be there. We encourage early pick-ups, especially of large orders.

It is critical that all orders are picked up and delivered or refrigerated on the 15th!

We always order some extra cookie dough for folks who decide they'd like to purchase a few more tubs. We'll have additional items available for sale at the high school on November 15th. After that date, contact Jennifer Schmidt at JenMattTim@hotmail.com or 560-8617 to arrange to purchase more. Also, tubs will be available at the December concerts while they last.

Also, please let us know if you are available to help with unloading and sorting orders on the 15th for a 2 hour shift or longer. It is a big job, and extra help is always appreciated. A free lunch and great company is included ☺ See you on **November 15th!**



FUSION, the High School electric orchestra will be performing at Union Terminal Museum Center in the Rotunda Saturday, December 1st
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Bound for State

By **Jeff** and **Kellie Smoker**

Wow, what an awesome start to the Marching Band Season! Your Marching Wildcats arrived on the field Saturday evening prepared, determined and focused. I hope that you all had a chance to watch the show and see your Marching Wildcats excel.



It has taken a tremendous effort over the last several months to get to where we are today. So many people have played a vital role in making this marching band season a huge success so far. First, we want to say a big Thank You and Congratulations to Band Director **Carl Philipot**, Assistant Band Director **Aimee Collins** and Percussion Director **John Marque**. They have pushed our students to excel and have already achieved one of their goals: they have qualified to participate in the State Marching Band Competition! It has been an exciting start!

We also want to thank some of the key volunteers who have worked behind the scenes to support our students, create a strong marching band family and provide our students with everything that they need to succeed. Thank you to each of the families that have hosted a band picnic. The band picnics give the students a sense of community and belonging. This has become one of the favorite traditions for the band members. The **Grubbs'**, **Jarvis's**, **Kleiman's** and **Hartman's** each have welcomed the band into their homes, fed them and provided a great opportunity for building strong relationships within the band. There is no way to thank them enough for their gracious support of our band family.

Thank you to **Chris Hadley**, **Jeff Hershey** and **Dave Earlywine** for designing and building the frames for the banners that you have seen on the field in our competitions. Their willingness to provide leadership, creativity and many late nights added a great new element to the performance this year.

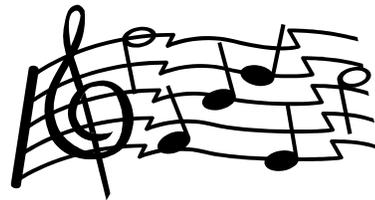
Thank you to our pit crew coordinator, **Tony Gast**, for his tireless effort to make sure that golf cart batteries are working and charged, that the transportation is coordinated and that all the "stuff" gets on and off the field as quickly and orderly as possible.

Thank you also to all of the many volunteers. It is always amazing to see how quickly people step up to volunteer for serving food, cleaning up, chaperoning, pit crew, providing food and so much more. It really is a privilege to be a part of such a great community.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIPS ARE HERE!

FMPA now offers the option to pay for memberships, make patron or scholarship donations or buy an FMPA polo shirt online. Go to the FMPA website, www.finneytownfmpa.org, or access it through the school website by pulling down the Support Organization menu and choosing Finneytown Music Parents Association. You will see a link to PaySchools on the FMPA home page. Click on the link and follow the instructions. Do not go through the PaySchools link on the school website home page. There is a separate account. If, however, you have used the school's PaySchools account in the past, your information is already in their system and you don't have to register.

We hope you will take advantage of this easy way to join or donate to FMPA. If you have any questions about using the FMPA PaySchools account, please contact **Bill Fessler** at webmaster@finneytownfmpa.org.



And In This Corner...

Coming soon to a *Music Notes* near you: "Alumni Update," a new feature highlighting our talented music alumni!

Are you a graduate of Finneytown's stellar music program? Would you love to know what your classmates have been up to for the past several years? We'd love to know what's been happening with you! Send us your news so we can let everyone know! Have you changed majors, started an internship or job-shadowing experience? Have you had a once-in-a-lifetime experience you'd like the world to know about? Have you moved out of town/state? Are you beginning a new career? Starting grad school? Engaged to be married, or recently married? Are you a new parent or grandparent? Share your news with Finneytown!

When you join FMPA as an Alumni member, not only are you supporting the same music program that enriched your life when you were a student, you'll also be doing your part to maintain the tradition of Finneytown's excellence in music. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter, *Music Notes*, so you'll always know where and when to catch your favorite group's next performance.

Are you the parent of a more recent graduate? Send us their news so we can spread the word! Remember, when your graduate joins FMPA at the Alumni level, s/he will receive their own copy of *Music Notes* so you won't have to share yours.

Send your Alumni news to: Alumni Update C/O **Angela Murphy** 8413 Sunrise Ave Cincinnati, OH 45231. Or email updates to Angela: a.murphy720@gmail.com



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Changes to the PTA Kroger Card Fundraiser

You may have already heard or seen in the PTA newsletter about the changes to PTA's Kroger Card Fundraiser, but just in case you have not, we wanted to make the information available to you here. The Kroger gift card program was a **Secondary PTA** fundraiser, where they received a percentage of the amount of purchases people made on the cards to help fund PTA activities. Some years ago they opened it up to two groups, 8th grade students who were going on the Washington DC trip and band students attending band camp, allowing them to share in the percentage that they received from Kroger. Last spring, Kroger changed from using individual gift cards to having people register their Kroger Plus card and tracking it that way. Here is what PTA president **Donna Saul** had to say about this change in the last Secondary PTA newsletter:

The biggest challenge for our budget committee this year was understanding the ramifications of the new Kroger Community Rewards program and how it affects the PTA and it's fundraising capabilities. When the PTA received its first check from the new Kroger program, we learned two things:

1. *The quarterly payout was going to be less than before – almost one quarter of previous monthly payouts.*
2. *Kroger cannot provide a list of individual participants and their account balances due to privacy laws.*

The result is a budget that will receive substantially less revenue and an inability to provide specific payouts to individual families. After a lengthy and thoughtful discussion, the Budget Committee decided it was only fair for the first check to be shared with FBOE to be used for band camp and the 8th grade D.C. Trip since we believe this is from where the bulk of support came when the new program, Kroger Community Rewards, began in May. We are disappointed we cannot support individual families paying for band camp and trips at this time.

We are grateful to PTA and Kroger for their support of our band students in the past. **The good news is that if anyone had money left over in their individual account from last school year, it can still be used toward the next band camp!** Look for more information about how it can be redeemed when band camp information comes out in the spring.

In the meantime, please consider registering your Kroger Plus card for Finneytown Secondary PTA. Their many programs benefit the entire Secondary Campus community. Go to www.kroger.com and use **code 80481**.



"Looking Good"

by **Marsha Grubbs**

Haven't the Marching Wildcats looked great? That is due to the hard work the students and the directors have done this season. It is also due to all those who have helped with the uniform fittings and the hemming of the trousers, as well as the task of distributing and collecting the uniforms before and after each performance.

I want to thank the people who came in this summer during band camp and at other times to help get the students fitted into their jackets, trousers, hats and gloves: **Lillie Healy, Vickie Stump, Penny Sauer, Glenda Esslinger, and Karen O'Connell**.

To **Penny Sauer, Angela Murphy, and Linda Carlsson** who helped hem those trousers, thank you so much. I don't know why these kids insist on growing, but thank you for helping with that!

To keep everything organized, we have a platoon of helpers to hand out the uniforms, hats and cuffs before the performances, and then collect the cuffs and plumes after each show, as well as collect and inspect the jackets and trousers.

The 2012 Platoon includes: **Angela Murphy, Lillie Healy, Janet Germann, Felicia Sorrells, Vickie Stump, Karen O'Connell, Lynne Steel, Emily Clausing, Claire Snyder, Brenda Dennis, and Leslie Gamble**.

Also, I want to thank my "right-hand mom," **Glenda Esslinger**, who has spent many hours helping in the uniform room this summer and fall, and who has also washed and sorted the gloves after each performance.

And last, but not least, we appreciate the work of **Jansi Dry Cleaners** who cleaned all the jackets of the band, helping the students "sparkle" as they perform.

Everyone has contributed their time and effort to keeping our Marching Wildcats looking great and many thanks to all of them.

Save the Date!

10th Annual Dinner Before the Show
and
Bid and Buy
Friday, March 1, 2013

Do you like to organize, file, put things in order? Then **Ms. Johnson** needs you! She is looking for someone willing to volunteer 2-4 hours a month (preferably during the school day) to help her with filing music after concerts and help organize files of information. If you are interested and willing to help out, please contact Ms. Johnson at: hjohnson@finneytown.org



Honoring Veterans Celebration

Sunday, November 11th (Veteran's Day)-
1:00-2:30pm
At Whitaker Elementary School

This event will honor veterans (if you know of any local veterans please let us know so we can invite them). There will be a cookout of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs from 1:00-2:00 with opportunities to write a thank you note to veterans, face painting, games, etc. The 6th grade instrumental pop group known as the "Phenomenons" will perform a concert of patriotic songs directed by Heidi Johnson from 2:00-2:15. Flags (8"x12") will be sold to place in front of the school to show our support. All proceeds from this event will go to **Honor Flight** which provides flights for veterans to go to Washington, DC to see their war memorials. Donations of canned pop, ketchup, mustard, strawberries, blue berries, and whipped cream are needed. If you can help in any way at this community event please contact **Heidi Johnson** at: hjohnson@finneytown.org

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Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra

Janelle Bouman, grade 10, flute

Maureen Hickey, grade 10, violin

Kara Sauer, grade 11, french horn

Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble

Kristina Cowan, grade 11, french horn

Cincinnati Children's Choir – Girl Choir

Molly Brown, grade 9

Cincinnati Children's Choir – Young Men's Choir

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All-State News



Audition CDs were sent last spring.

Eight Finneytown students were notified that they were selected for the All - State Band, Choir and Orchestra by the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). The students will perform at the Columbus Convention Center the weekend of February 7-9, 2013.

All-State Choir: **Jeffrey Grogan, Thomas Steel, Megan Zimmerer, Julia McDannold**

All-State Band: **Maureen Hickey, Janelle Bouman, Kristina Cowan**

All-State Orchestra: **Kara Sauer**



by **Angela Murphy**, Membership

Now that the school year is underway and you've had a chance to catch your breath and unearth the dining room table, you may have discovered the FMPA membership form you thought you'd completed and mailed. Don't despair! It's never too late to support our wonderful music programs! If you've lost or misplaced your

membership form, again, don't despair! Simply complete the enclosed blue form, indicate where you'd like to volunteer your time and talent and mail with your payment to the address at the bottom. Can't remember if you filled out your form and sent it in? Check this edition of *Music Notes* for the FMPA roster, where we acknowledge current family and alumni members and patrons and thank them for their support.

With marching season already upon us, there are plenty of opportunities to show your Finneytown spirit by cheering wildly at football games and, of course, at OMEA-sponsored contests. If you prefer the warmth and comfort of a climate-controlled venue, visit the PAC where our middle-school and high-school orchestras begin the concert season. Choral performances will follow later in the month, and the middle- and high-school concert bands will start their seasons in December.

Thank you for supporting your children's music education in Finneytown. We look forward to seeing you in the stadium, in the auditorium, and around the community, enjoying the many sounds of music.

CHOIR CONCERTS for KIRSTIN'S KLOSET

Finneytown Secondary Campus Vocal Music Department will present their FALL CONCERT on Tuesday, October 23 @ 7:00 p.m. and their WINTER CONCERT on Thursday, December 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

This year, there is no admission charge for concerts, but we are collecting donations of children's 2-piece, button-front pajamas to be donated to "Kirstin's Kloset" – a charity started by two sisters who sing here in our Finneytown choirs. "Kirstin's Kloset" contributes children's pajamas to Cincinnati Children's Hospital to try to make a child's hospital stay a little more comfortable.

New pajamas (with tags, please) and/or monetary donations welcome at the door of all our concerts, or donations can be dropped off in the choir room any time.

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🎵 Notes on Your Calendar 🎵

As of Oct 12, 2012

Oct 19 No School – In Service Day
Oct 20 Anderson Band Contest 12:00p
Oct 23 MS/HS Choral Concert PAC 7:00p
Oct 26 First Quarter Ends
Varsity Football (H) 7:30
Oct 28 Ohio State Band Competition
Nov 12 FMPA meeting 7:00p*
Nov 13 NKU Honor Choir Concert 7:00p
Nov 21 No School -Conference Release Day
Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4 HS/MS Band Concert PAC 7:00p
Dec 6 Whitaker Choral Concert PAC 7:00p
Dec 10 FMPA meeting 7:00p*
Dec 11 Whitaker Band Concert PAC 7:00p
Dec 13 MS/HS Choral Concert PAC 7:00p
Dec 24 Winter Break Begins
Jan 7 School Resumes

Visit FMPA online at

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Also visit the school website:

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*FMPA meets 2nd Mondays at 7pm in the Secondary Campus Teacher's Lunch room next to the cafeteria. All FMPA members are encouraged to attend.

**All school concerts at the Wm. Swartzel PAC are now FREE!
So come to the concerts and support our students.**