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Thank you.

"It's easy to play any musical instrument: all you have to do is touch the right key at the right time and the instrument will play itself." — J.S. Bach

Dear Music Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of **Music Notes** for 2012! As I reflect back on 2011, one comment that I heard a lot of parents make is how much they appreciate that their students are able to participate in such a wide variety of activities in Finneytown. I couldn't agree more! Not only do our students get to benefit from our awesome music programs, but many of them also participate in sports, theater, clubs and community service, to name a few. In bigger school districts, students would have to choose between these activities, but with a smaller student body such as ours, students must be able to do more than one thing in order to have enough students to offer all of these activities. That means that our teachers, coaches and administrators have to work hard to juggle the schedules and make it work. I hope in 2012 you will join me in showing appreciation to those individuals for making this possible in our district.

As you know, our Finneytown music parents are well known for being great "cheerleaders" for our music students. Let's widen that influence this year by encouraging, supporting and speaking positively about all Finneytown activities, many of which our music students are participating in as well. This variety of activities is one of the things that make Finneytown a great place to be. In this season of resolutions, let's all resolve to take an active role in supporting our Finneytown school community as a whole.

In this edition of **Music Notes**, you will read about the results of our fall fundraisers, some achievements of our music students as well as our parents, and find an order form for the popular **Dinner Before the Show** LaRosa's spaghetti dinner and Bid and Buy. Enjoy!

Best regards,

Penny

Penny Sauer
FMPA President

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Upcoming Events and Theatre Production – **Casablanca**



Thanks to **FMPA Member Honor Roll** and a membership form to join or renew your membership



Bravo, Brava!, Music Department News and **Notes on your Calendar**

FMPA TO BE RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONFERENCE

By Penny Sauer

The Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) gives recognition each year at their state conference to an Outstanding Support Organization. Our Director of Choruses, **Jason McKee**, nominated the Finneytown Music Parents Association for this honor, and we have been selected as this year's recipient! Members of the FMPA Executive Board will travel to Columbus on February 17th to be recognized by OMEA.

Congratulations go out to all FMPA members for your many hours of volunteer and fundraising efforts that benefit our music programs and students. You are what makes FMPA an exceptional organization. Many thanks to **Mr. McKee** for your nomination!

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

There are two kinds of truth: the truth that lights the way and the truth that warms the heart. The first of these is science, and the second is art. Neither is independent of the other or more important than the other. Without art, science would be as useless as a pair of high forceps in the hands of a plumber. Without science, art would become a crude mess of folklore and emotional quackery. The truth of art keeps science from becoming inhuman, and the truth of science keeps art from becoming ridiculous.

-Raymond Thornton Chandler, writer (1888-1959)



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LIGHT UP FINNEYTOWN makes community shine!

By Cathy Zimmerly



Thank you to the following businesses that sponsored Light up Finneytown:

Finneytown Curves
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Uncle Bill's Garden Center

A big thank you to **Uncle Bill's** for donating all the sand to the project. There is talk next year of having street contests to see which small neighborhood can be the most "illuminated". Go Pineglen! The residents there lit up their entire street! Thank you to the following FMPA members who helped promote, assemble and deliver luminaries: **Angela Murphy, Jenny Towner, Mary Barkocy, Penny Sauer, Sue Burton, Renee Keith and Brenda Dennis**. We look forward to Lighting Up Finneytown again in 2012. Thanks to your support this project raised close to \$1000!

Attention! Class of 2012 Parents

We are looking for three (3) photos of your senior through the years, these photos depict your students growing up from a baby picture to grade school years and finally the senior photo.

In addition we are looking for two (2) group photos of your student with a group of his/her friends.

Clearly label the photos with the student name. I will have 6x9 envelopes in Barb Osborn's office for each student to put their name on to keep photo organized for returning. If it is easier send photos to me at Patty Kathman 1043 Thornfield Lane Cincinnati, OH 45224 or put in my mailbox. I can even pick them up if needed. Any questions? Call 235-4282

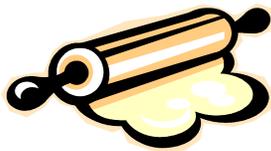


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Cash in the Dough

Submitted by **Cathy Zimmerly**

Time to redeem cookie dough incentive money! Thank you to all who supported the cookie dough fundraiser. Congratulations to top sellers **Ian Esslinger, Heather Gamble and Alexis Ward**. Students who sold more than 20 tubs earned funds to be put towards Disney trip, band camp, music lessons, sheet music, etc. Over \$1700 in incentive cookie dough money was earned. Students selling more than 20 tubs received statements indicating the amounts they earned. Please be sure to return these before May 1 or money will be transferred to FMPA general scholarship fund for the following year.



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FMPA Membership

By **Angela Murphy**, Membership Chair

Now that the rush of the holiday season is over, we have time to reflect on the past year and look to the future. If, in your ruminations, you realize with a pang of guilt that you've forgotten to join FMPA, take heart. It's not too late to support our wonderful music programs! Simply complete the enclosed membership form (on page 7) and send it with your check to the address at the bottom of the form.

Your contribution to FMPA is vital to the continued success of our music programs. As you know, the sole purpose of Finneytown Music Parents' Association is to raise the money necessary to continually improve the quality of music education in our schools. The strength of Finneytown's music program is unusual in this era of budget cuts and the reduction of services offered in the schools. It is with the support of caring families that we are able to help our music faculty provide our children with the best music experience possible. We provide yearly funds, matched by the Board of Education, for the purchase of new uniforms. In addition, we help purchase much-needed instruments—from the beautiful grand piano in the PAC, to band instruments needed both at the elementary and high school level. FMPA also provides scholarships to students to help defray the costs of private music lessons, All-State Band fees, solo and ensemble fees, band camp, and trips like this year's trip to Disneyworld.

When you join FMPA, you also have an opportunity to volunteer your time and talents in various capacities. Whether it's chaperoning, hemming band or choral and orchestra uniforms, providing baked goods and drinks, or helping with our annual Dinner Before the Show fundraiser, every contribution makes our music programs even more successful. If you're unable to volunteer your time, please know that your monetary support of FMPA is just as important to our students and the continued success of Finneytown's music program.

Thank you for your willingness to help our children.



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ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT

Submitted by **Jason McKee**

The Finneytown Chorale joined forces with the Lakota West Chamber Choir and the Taylor High School Senior Choir on Saturday, December 10th at the College of Mount St. Joseph for the second annual "Sing for a Cause." After performing selections independently, the three choirs combined to perform Part I of Handel's *Messiah*, complete with soloists from UC's College-Conservatory of Music. The event raised over \$6200 for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Cincinnati, and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform with two other fantastic choirs. We hope to be invited again to be a part of this wonderful event next year, and our students truly made our community proud! Special thanks to **Colleen Grogan** for her assistance with filling ticket orders and to **Penny Sauer** for facilitating the dinner for students. Thanks also to all of the FMPA members who came to assist with the concert as well as attend and support such a great event!

Mark your Calendars!



After Prom White Elephant Fundraiser

Sunday January 22, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
@Xenos Christian Fellowship
1016 Northbend Road

RSVP to: Lisa Siegel (518-7097) or
Renee Keith (931-2701)

Bring a snack to share and your donated items for silent and live auctions.

All proceeds will go to Finneytown High School After Prom Committee. After Prom is an annual event organized by parents to provide a safe and fun environment for students after the prom. There are games, fabulous prizes, music, etc... Parents work all year round to develop a theme, gather donations, and decorate the school for this event.

Bravo, Brava!

Congratulations to all students that auditioned for the OMEA District 14 Honor Band and Choir this year. All students should be commended for their outstanding preparation and hard work!

OMEA District 14 High School Honor Band

Janelle Bouman, 1st chair flute
Megan Zimmerer, 2nd chair flute
Heather Gamble, 6th chair flute
Kristi Cowan, 3rd chair horn
Kara Sauer, 4th chair horn
Maureen Hickey, 6th chair horn
Alina Murphy, 2nd chair tenor sax
Alex Brown, 11th chair trumpet

OMEA District 14 High School Honor Choir

Abby Bolling
Joe Brueggemeyer
Caleb Burton
Jeff Grogan
Becca Huff
Rebecca Inman
Chris O'Connell
Lindsay Salters
Megan Zimmerer

NKU Honor Choir

Tori Buchheim
Allison Gast
Tara Keller
Julia McDannold
Bree McLaren
Conner Zimmermann

All State Orchestra

Congratulations to **Kristina Cowan** for being accepted into the All-State Orchestra!

7th Grade Honor Band

Belinda Batty (Clarinet)

8th Grade Honor Band

Molly Brown (Alto Saxophone)
Katherine Germann (Flute)
Sarah Germann (Percussion)
Aidan Matzko (Percussion)



EVERYBODY COMES TO CASABLANCA

submitted by **Shawn Maus**

One of the most beloved American films, this captivating wartime adventure of romance and intrigue is the story of Rick Blaine (**Nathan Bond**, senior), a world-weary ex-freedom fighter who runs a nightclub in Casablanca during the early part of WWII. Despite pressure from the local authorities, notably the crafty Capt. Renault (**Ben Burton**, freshman), Rick's café has become a haven for refugees looking to purchase illicit letters of transit which will allow them to escape to America. One day, to Rick's great surprise, he is approached by the famed rebel Victor Laszlo (**Colin Connell**, senior) and his wife, Ilsa (**Caroline Michaelson**, senior), Rick's true love who deserted him when the Nazis invaded Paris. She still wants Victor to escape to America, but now that she's renewed her love for Rick, she wants to stay behind in Casablanca.

Here's looking at you, kid, on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd, at 7:30 pm in the William R. Swartzel Performing Arts Center.

Ticket information is available at www.finneytown.org or on the enclosed flier.

The Finneytown Theatre program is proud to announce the cast of "Casablanca".

Rick Blaine
 Renault
 Victor Laszlo
 Ilsa
 Annina
 Ugarte*
 Major Strasser
 Carl (Matre De)
 Ferrari (*owner of Blue Parrot*)
 Sam
 Sacha the bartender
 Yvonne
 Herr Heinze
 Tonelli
 English Woman
 English Man
 Dark European (Pickpocket)*/Berger

Nate Bond
Ben Burton
Colin Connell
Caroline Michaelson
Katie Connell
Jeffrey Grogan
Conner Zimmermann
Joseph Brueggemeyer
Coby Stump
Darius Harris
Alberto Tuican
Katie Bramble
Phillip Colegrove
Ali Taylor
Hannah Heath
Thomas Steel
Joel Trifillio

Other cast members include: **Amber Boardman, Trinity Circle, Brennan Eve, Maria Galioto, Katherine German, Rachel Green, Sam Gruber, Carlie Hammond, Luda Holder, Rebecca Huff, Colleen Sauer, Gina Smith, Katie Wade, Lauren Wade, Jenny Wimmers, Morgan Wolfram.**

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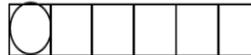
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ANSWER:

“THE  SUSPECTS”



How you round up in Casablanca.

Members of High School Symphonic Band perform at Carver's Club Holiday Dinner

By Rick Canter

On December 7th, members of the High School Band performed for the Carver's Club Holiday party in Mt. Healthy. The band was received very well and very appreciated by members of the Carvers Club. Thank you to the Carvers Club for their hospitality and for all of the goodies they provided following our performance!

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Bill and Elise Fessler

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 Bart and Penny Sauer in memory of Jewel and Louise Vidito
 Brian and Vickie Stump in memory of Myrtle Barto
 Cathy Zimmerly & Seth Rensberger, in memory of Miles (Mick) Michaelson
 Anonymous donation in memory of Rebecca Archambeault

Finneytown Music Parents' Association wishes to thank all who give financial support to FMPA through their membership dollars. To become a **member** (or to give the gift of FMPA Membership—including a year's subscription to **Music Notes**) please send your membership form to **FMPA Membership Chair Angela Murphy**, 8413 Sunrise Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231, or contact her at 522-1120, or email a.murphy720@gmail.com. FMPA is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, which means that all contributions are tax deductible to the extent that nothing of tangible value has been received in return. Your cancelled check is your receipt, but if you need an additional receipt for tax purposes, Angela Murphy will be happy to provide it. The **FMPA Honor Roll** reflects contributions received through Dec 18th. If you haven't joined yet, please consider joining!

Finneytown Music Parents' Association

FMPA members volunteer time, talent and resources to support our music programs. Please indicate on the membership form if you would be willing to explore volunteering and an FMPA board member will contact you. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

You can contribute financially to the FMPA's budget in the following ways:

Family Membership- \$25

Admission fees are charged at all Middle & High school concerts, but members & immediate families are admitted free as a benefit of membership (theatre musical and faculty benefit concert not included).

Patron Donation

Any amount beyond the basic membership – will go towards our general budget.

FMPA Memorial Scholarship Fund

Funds are directed to student and staff music education scholarships. Please make sure you tell us whom we are remembering.

Finneytown Music Alumni Fund

Designed to recognize the Alumni and parents of Alumni who would like to keep assisting Finneytown Music programs. Money goes towards our general budget.

*Thanks for your support! FMPA members and donors are listed in our quarterly newsletter, **Music Notes** and in all concert programs.*

Membership Form

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Name:			
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Phone:			
E-Mail:			
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	Other:		Just let me know where you need help!
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Patron Donation (any amount beyond the basic membership)	
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Finneytown Alumni Membership Alumni Name(s):	
Checks payable to FMPA	TOTAL

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 Questions or comments, please contact Angela at: (513)522-1120 or email: a.murphy720@gmail.com

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♪♪ Notes on Your Calendar ♪♪

As of January 13, 2012

Jan 16-17: No School – Martin Luther King Day	Apr 28 Prom and After Prom
Jan 25 Early Release	May 4-5 OMEA State Band and Choir Contest
Feb 2-5 Disney Trip	May 8 Choral Festival 7:00p
Feb 13 FMPA Meeting* 7:00 p	May 10 Whitaker Choral Concert 7:00p
Feb 16 HS/MS Orchestra Concert 7:00p	May 14 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p
Feb 17 No School - Conferences	May 15 Band Festival 7:00p
Feb 17-18: OMEA All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra	May 16 Early Release
Feb 20 No School – Presidents Day	May 17 Orchestra Festival 7:00p
Feb 29 Early Release	May 18-19 OMEA District 14 Jr. Hi Band, Choir, Orchestra
Mar 2 FMPA Dinner Before the Show 5:00p	May 29 No School – Memorial Day
Mar 2-3 Casablanca 7:30p	May 31 Last Day of School
Mar 6 HS/MS Choral Concert 7:00p	May 31 Graduation 7:00p
Mar 8 Band Concert 7:00p	
Mar 9-10 OMEA District 14 Band and Choir	
Mar 12 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p	
Mar 13 Grades 4, 5,6 Band and Orchestra - Ice Cream Social & Concert 7:00p	
Mar 23 3 rd Quarter Ends	
Mar 24 Band Festival for Charity 10:00a	
Apr 2-6 No School – Spring Break	
Apr 9 FMPA Meeting* 7:00p	
Apr 21 OMEA District 14 JrHi Solo & Ensemble	

Visit FMPA online at
www.finneytownfmpa.org

Also visit the school website:
www.finneytown.org

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