



## Notes from the President

The end of the school year is fast approaching! This will be our last newsletter of the 2013-2014 school year, but there are still many more performances before summer. Our final band concerts will take place May 20, Orchestra on May 22, and Choir on May 29. We will take time to recognize our graduating seniors at the final concert date of each group. Congratulations to all of our senior music students! We thank you for your gift of music at Fremd for the past 4 years, and wish you nothing but the best in your future.

Speaking of the future, we are in the process of finalizing our FMA Board and Committee members for the 2014-2015 school year. Please consider volunteering next year to help out with FMA. Our group is an excellent way to connect with other music parents, and all that we do benefits our music students.

Not sure what to do with your daughter's band or orchestra performance attire after they graduate? Consider selling or donating it through FMA. Information on how to sell/donate your performance attire is included in this newsletter.

Finally, a big Thank You to all who have donated to FMA this year, either financially or with the gift of time. Our revenues provide so much more than the line items for which we budget. Our excess funds provide the "wish list" items for our Music Directors that are not available through District funds. I am proud to say we accomplished a great deal this year to support the musical activities and education of the Fremd students, and grateful to those who made it happen!

*Jill Rusten*  
FMA President



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## Band Notes

Dear FMA Band Families,

Greetings once again from the Fremd Bands! It's hard to believe that it is May already and we are half way done with the fourth quarter. This spring has been very rewarding for the Fremd Band program and we are excited to share lots of information.

Congratulations to the Fremd Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, and Wind Symphony for their April festival performances. In early April Symphonic Band participated in the IHSA Organizational Contest, while the Symphonic Winds and Wind Symphony traveled to Hersey High School to perform in the "Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival". Our two older bands were awarded "Division 1/Superior" ratings by the collegiate band director adjudicators at the Hersey HS festival in their respected divisions. The Wind Symphony also traveled to Illinois State University to perform in the "State of Illinois Concert Band Contest" in the ISU Center for the Performing Arts. The band performed for a packed house and was awarded straight "Division 1/Superior" ratings by the three adjudicators. The band also earned a second place rating in the 6A school Division.

We are very excited to announce our 2014 Viking Marching Band fall production: "Revolution and Triumph". Music for the show is being custom written and arranged for the VMB by composer/arranger Brad Honeycutt. Over the next four weeks we will be completing all planning and preparation for the fall VMB season. Interested students and one parent should plan on attending the VMB Informational Meeting on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Lecture Hall Room 125. A summary of the "Revolution and Triumph" is as follows:

*The Viking Marching Band explores ideas from several of the most revolutionary musical composers of our history in their 2014 production "Revolution & Triumph." The program draws visual and musical inspiration from current popular themes of literature and music, and focuses on themes of tension, hypocrisy, chaos, and ultimately glorious triumph.*

*From the opening chords of Beethoven's "Allegretto" from Symphony No. 7, the audience is drawn into the haunting musical vision of a revolutionary and genius composer. The infectious groove of Imogen Heap's "Aha!" cries out against hypocrisy, and commands all listening to rise up and join the revolution. The music from Muse's revolutionary album "The Resistance" stirs up emotions of strength and resolve while music from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" brings about an aggressive altercation as the revolution comes to its apex. With victory at hand, the joyful melody of the "Finale" from Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 2 bursts forth, proclaiming ultimate triumph for a field of heroes.*

Please also visit the VMB website for summer and fall season schedule and other information:

[www.fhs/d211.org/music/moore/vikingmarchingband.htm](http://www.fhs/d211.org/music/moore/vikingmarchingband.htm)

The Fremd Bands currently have 303 students enrolled in our five bands for next fall. We continue to be the largest band program in District 211, and one of the largest programs in the state. Our incoming freshmen enrollment for next fall is almost eighty students. The Fremd Bands will meet during the following class periods next year: Symphonic Band (2<sup>nd</sup>), Wind Symphony (3<sup>rd</sup>), Wind Ensemble (6<sup>th</sup>), Symphonic Winds (7<sup>th</sup>) and Concert Band (8<sup>th</sup>). Thank you to the students for continuing your musical education with us – we certainly value everyone's participation in the Fremd Bands!

Don't miss our final two concerts of the year occurring on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Kolze Auditorium, free admission. Both Concert Bands and the Symphonic Band will perform at 5:00 pm for the May Band Concert. The Senior Recognition Band Concert will occur the same evening at 7:00 pm. The Senior Recognition Band concert will also honor and feature our forty-four senior band

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students in their final concert. Our students have been preparing very hard – we hope to see you at one or both concerts!

Congratulations to our twenty-three Wind Symphony students that have been selected to perform in the District 211 Honor Band. Please see the list below for selected students. The D211 Honor Band Concert will be on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm, Conant High School Auditorium. This year's guest conductor is Dr. Timothy Yontz from Wheaton College. Don't miss this special event!

|           |            |                 |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| Julia     | Cai        | Flute           |
| Grace     | Liu        | Flute           |
| Lizzy     | Fisk       | Oboe            |
| John      | Kwak       | Oboe            |
| Roy       | Cho        | Clarinet        |
| Joanne    | Park       | Clarinet        |
| Dorothy   | Feng       | Clarinet        |
| Elizabeth | Jackson    | Clarinet        |
| Melanie   | Shaffer    | Bass Clarinet   |
| Sarah     | Behery     | Bassoon         |
| Lauren    | Finegan    | Alto Saxophone  |
| Isaiah    | Sanderman  | Tenor Saxophone |
| John      | Magnani    | Bari Saxophone  |
| Hannah    | Kuhl       | Trumpet         |
| Elias     | Pagones    | Trumpet         |
| Andrew    | Xu         | Trumpet         |
| Alexandra | Baumgart   | Horn            |
| Mateo     | Diaz       | Horn            |
| Bruce     | Liu        | Trombone        |
| Gregor    | Wettermann | Euphonium       |
| Kevin     | Hur        | Tuba            |
| Joe       | Resis      | Percussion      |
| Arthur    | Choi       | Percussion      |

Palatine Memorial Day Parade – The Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, and Wind Symphony will combine to form the Fremd “Memorial Day Parade Band” to perform on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> in downtown Palatine. All students need to purchase the \$10.00 Memorial Day Band t-shirt for the event. Students will be marching in the t-shirt, khaki shorts, white socks, and gym shoes for this event. The only rehearsal for this event will be on Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7 pm in the FHS front parking lot. Please do not miss this mandatory rehearsal. On May 26<sup>th</sup> the bands will depart on buses at 9:00 am, with the parade kicking off at 10:15 am. Following the parade the band will perform a few selections at the Veterans Memorial from 11:00-11:45 am. Immediately following the ceremony we will have a pizza lunch for the students in the surrounding park. Buses should return to FHS around 12:15-12:30 pm. We hope to see you there supporting this wonderful event!

Please consider enrolling your son or daughter in private lessons throughout the summer. Summer musical growth and practice is imperative for all high school musicians. All of our students have gained so much during the school year; please don't lose it during the summer months! Schedule routine practice sessions and keep up all endurance and technical aspects of your playing. Additionally, all twelve of our FHS Band private lesson teachers will be teaching at FHS during the summer months. Please consider studying with one of these fine instructors. Additional information can be found on the Private Lesson Teacher website: <http://www.fhs.d211.org/departments/music/mmoore/PrivateTeachers.htm>

Thank you for your continued support of the Fremd Band program and we hope to see you at our end of the year concerts!

Sincerely,

Mr. Moore & Mr. Figlewicz

## *Choral Corner*

Choir numbers and participation for next year are looking very good. Our incoming Freshman Treble Choir is currently around 45 students, and we are getting around 10 Freshmen boys for Viking Chorale as well. Total enrollment is currently around 120 students, and we project a few more to continue signing up for choir throughout the summer.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Conant hosted the D211 Honors Chorus Festival at Conant HS. The guest conductor was Dr. Jon Hurty from Augustana College. The students rehearsed with him all day Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and spoke very highly of his conducting, rehearsal technique, vocal technique, as well as his personality and demeanor. The concert went well, and our own Chamber Singers was able to perform one of their Choral Classics songs, "Lux Aurumque" by Eric Whitacre, at the concert with each D211 school contributing a vocal group of their own, in addition to the five songs prepared by the D211 Honors Chorus and Dr. Hurty. Thank you to all participants, supporters, and especially our guest conductor Dr. Hurty for providing the students with such a musically meaningful experience.

Congratulations to Caroline Prescott for her excellent performance of "O Mio Babbino Caro" at Concerto Aria April 10<sup>th</sup>. Her hard work and dedication paid off with such a vocally demanding piece. Thank you to Caroline for your passion to Concerto Aria, Mrs. Caballero for providing such an opportunity for our vocal students, and for all supporters and attendees.

Our Choral Classics Concert was on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Cutting Hall, which is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of doing the event at this venue. It was a beautiful, classy venue with excellent acoustics, and the students performed with heart, passion, and honesty. Their combined number of "How Can I Keep From Singing" received many compliments. Ethan Kohring and Caroline Prescott sang their solos from their Chamber Night performances where they received a "Best of Day" award from their respective judges. Thank you to the students for your patience with taking buses to the dress rehearsal and performance, for your flexibility with the venue, and to all parents and family members for your continued support.

*Acaspectacular* took place Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> at Countryside Church, our 2<sup>nd</sup> year at this venue. This event featured our 3 a cappella groups – Vocal Jazz, Men's A Cappella, Audial Sunshine – performing a total set of around 20 songs, with a focus on more popular, contemporary music. We covered many artists, such as Ellie Goulding, Al Green, Gavin DeGraw, Maroon 5, and even Britney Spears. We also included some classic jazz standards such as "All the Things You Are", "Tenderly", and "God Bless the Child". The event was a success and we received a lot of positive feedback, so we look forward to continuing this event in the future.

Our next and final concert of the year is Senior Recognition on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>. There are two dress rehearsal days the week of, one on Tuesday and the other on Wednesday, both after school; two of the choirs will be one day and the other two choirs will be the other day, please stay tuned once scheduling has been finalized. Seniors have been instructed and given a sheet in class asking them to turn in their program bios and pictures by May 18<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Clarin then formats everything, puts it into the program, and submits it to Faculty Services for copying May 21<sup>st</sup>. That is a hard deadline, which means a student will be omitted from the program if they have not turned in their bio and pictures when the program gets submitted to Faculty Services. Please contact Mr. Clarin if you have any questions on what is needed, or simply ask your student for the list that was passed out in class.

I also wanted to remind you all that students are wearing their own uniform for our final concert. Men are expected to be in shirt and tie, a sport coat is also a nice option – parents, please ensure that socks and shoes match and are appropriate. Women traditionally wear a longer, more flowery spring-type dress that helps add visual color to

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the concert. Shoes should be flats or a very low heel. Please help Mr. Clarin reinforce skirt and dress length, as well as ensuring your student is dressed professionally and in accordance with the dress guidelines established by our school and administration. Feel free to ask Mr. Clarin any questions if clarification is needed regarding dress.

Thank you all for another wonderful choral year filled with music and memories!

Mr. Clarin



New York Trip Choir Pictures

Look for some or share your own. Follow the link below:

<https://fremdchoirnyctrip2014.shutterfly.com>

## A Summer Fremd Family Tradition

Phantom Regiment is proud to present the Tour of Champions, an exciting live entertainment format featuring seven of the top drum corps groups in the world. Performing will be Phantom Regiment, The Cavaliers, The Cadets, Blue Stars, Carolina Crown, Bluecoats, and the Blue Devils. Huskie Stadium on the campus of Northern Illinois University will again host this fantastic night of family entertainment! Watch groups compete against DCI's defending champion - Carolina Crown! Fremd students and their families have always enjoyed the music and creative field maneuvers. See the attached ticket order form at the back of this newsletter. **Due: Friday, June 13**



## Orchestra Outlet

- Congratulations to our student soloists (Roy Cho, clarinet; Brian Lin, violin; Caroline Prescott, soprano; and Joe Resis, Marimba) and Symphony Orchestra on our very successful Concerto/Aria concert – I could not be more proud of all of you! Thank you to Mary Anderson for organizing the Dairy Queen Blizzard sale.
- Special thanks to Brad and Jill Rukstales who donated the goodies for Symphony Orchestra's ice cream social following their evening rehearsal in April!
- Orchestra Senior Recognition concert is Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please invite family and friends to this end of the year celebration of music! We will be performing a wide variety of challenging music for all of the orchestras. Included on this concert is: Folk Tune/Fiddle Dance, Flamenco style piece, Skyfall (James Bond), Themes from the Moldau, Dvorak Symphony, Emerald Falcon and Mendelssohn, Harry Potter, Firebird and Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence and La Bamba performed by the Class of 2014. I am also looking forward to honoring and recognizing this year's senior class and their accomplishments. 29 seniors all together!
- All senior tuxes have been collected in orchestra – thank you to all of the seniors! All non-senior tuxes are due immediately following the May 22<sup>nd</sup> orchestra concert.
- Student visual artistic gifts will be showcased as they are designing locker posters (Sarah Akutsu) and the program cover (Sharon Cheong).

Due dates:

- \*May 9<sup>th</sup> – senior bios, powerpoint slides and senior pics for the program are due
- \*May 15<sup>th</sup> – orchestra pictures for the end of the year slide show are due to Krystian Chiu
- \*May 20<sup>th</sup> – orchestra retreat registration due
- \*May 21<sup>st</sup> – orchestra dress rehearsal (3 – 5:30 p.m.)
- \*May 21<sup>st</sup> – non-senior orchestra tuxes due
- \*May 22<sup>th</sup> – orchestra concert
- \*May 26<sup>th</sup> – concert critiques are due
- \*June 1<sup>st</sup> – graduation – rehearsal @ 12:00 (please note new time)

District 211 Orchestra retreat is August 8-10 – registration information is posted on the orchestra website:

<http://goo.gl/yB3bPL>

- The Fremd Orchestras are waiting for final administrative approval for their Spring Break '15 trip to Nashville, TN. I'm very excited about sharing the details of this trip with all of the orchestra families once it has been approved by the administration! We are looking for a parent who would be willing to serve as the trip coordinator for this trip. If you have experience using excel spreadsheet and you like to organize, this is right up your alley! Please contact me @ [mcaballero@d211.org](mailto:mcaballero@d211.org), if you're interested in helping in this way.



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I would like to thank all of our wonderful parent volunteers for their assistance in making this a great year! Parents jumped in to help as chaperones on the D211 Orchestra Retreat, CSO open rehearsal field trip and Philharmonic's trip to Northern Illinois University. We had parents help with uniform fittings, the Caramel Apple Sale, student check-in prior to concerts, the festival dinner, and so much more! I would like to say a special thank you to the following parents who went above and beyond in the following ways -

Mary Anderson – who served as our hospitality chair

Mrs. Akutsu – who played an integral part in planning this year's FMA Floral Design Showcase

Nancy Kaye – who served as this year's FMA co-VP for Orchestra

Nancy Sieh – who served as the tuxedo co-ordinator

Jane Krout – who served as the FMA treasurer (for the last 2 years)

### **and the parent volunteers of seniors:**

Rachel Oplt – who served as the girls uniform co-ordinator (for two years)

Jill Rukstales – who served as the FMA co-VP for Orchestra (for two years) and

Jill Rusten (band parent) – who served as orchestra hospitality chair and the FMA Board President

We as a music department staff could not provide many of the opportunities for the music department students without the help of the parent volunteers and student leaders! Thank you for sharing your gifts and giving your time for all of these students!!!



### **Congratulations to the following orchestra members:**

- Freshmen violinist Karisa Chiu, junior cellist Krystian Chiu and their string quartet, the Atara Quartet, from The Academy of Music Institute of Chicago won 2nd Place in the St. Paul String Quartet Competition a couple of weeks ago! Their quartet also made it to the semi-finals round of the 2014 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. You can listen to all of ensemble performances from the St. Paul Competition here:
  - o Round I: <http://www.stolaf.edu/multimedia/play/?e=983>
  - o Round II: <http://www.stolaf.edu/multimedia/play/?e=984>

● Freshmen cellist, Nathan Mo and his string quartet, the Vox Quartet, from The Academy of Music Institute of Chicago. The quartet won The Second Place Medal and Scholarship at the 2014 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. For more information, please check out [www.fischhoff.org](http://www.fischhoff.org).

We're excited for the "Revolution & Triumph" show for 2014! Later this month you'll have an opportunity to sign up to help at specific events. Right now, we're looking for people to fill the following roles on our committee:

- **VMB Uniform coordinator (1 opening)** *Work with the other 2 coordinators to organize and fit uniforms for Band Camp, football games, and competitions.*
- **Band Camp Picnic coordinator** *Plan the family picnic held at the end of Band Camp week on August 16. (This position can be shared by 2 or 3 people.)*
- **Senior Night coordinator** *Organize activities for senior recognition night. Coordinate getting sashes for seniors to decorate for their final home VMB football game. (Ideally parent of a senior)*



No experience necessary! If you're interested, contact Rob and Tracey Coleman, Co-VPs Viking Marching Band, at [ypvikingmb@gmail.com](mailto:ypvikingmb@gmail.com) or (847)934-8251.

### Senior Recognition Concerts

Band:

May 20, 2014 7p.m.

Orchestra:

May 22, 2014 7p.m.

Choir:

May 29, 2014 7p.m.





## UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

### *Band*

- 5/16 D211 Honors Band – Rehearsal at Conant High School (selected WS students) Periods 1-8
- 5/17 D211 Honors Band - Concert – 2:00 pm, CHS Auditorium (selected WS students)
- 5/20 Band Concert – Concert Bands, Symphonic Band – 5:00 pm, Kolze Auditorium  
Senior Recognition Band Concert – Symphonic Winds, Wind Symphony – 7:00 pm, Kolze Auditorium
- 5/21 Senior Recognition Orchestra Concert dress rehearsal (selected WS students) – 3:00-5:30 pm
- 5/22 Senior Recognition Orchestra Concert (selected WS students) – 7:00 pm, Kolze Auditorium
- 5/26 Palatine Memorial Day Parade – Required for SB, SW, and WS students – 9 am – 1 pm

### *Choir*

- 5/27 Senior Recognition Choral Dress Auditorium afterschool
- 5/28 Senior Recognition Choral Dress Auditorium afterschool
- 5/29 Senior Recognition Choral Concert Auditorium 7 p.m. , Kolze Auditorium

### *Orchestra*

- 5/21 orchestra dress rehearsal (3 – 5:30 p.m.)
- 5/22 orchestra concert 7p.m., Kolze Auditorium
- 6/1 graduation – rehearsal @ 12:00 (please note new time)



# LADIES, ARE YOU FINISHED USING YOUR BAND/ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE UNIFORM?

FMA would like to reduce the cost of girl's performance uniforms used by the Fremd Bands and Orchestras. As students leave the program, we are asking that girls either sell or donate their uniforms through FMA to band and orchestra students for reuse.

Senior girls or those leaving the band and orchestra program can turn in their performance uniform after their last performance up to the last day of school. All uniforms to be resold/donated must be clean and in good condition, with each item in a zip sealed bag along with a completed tag. These items will be offered for sale at half the retail price on a "first come, first served" basis in the fall. Checks will be mailed once the item has been sold. All unsold items will be available for pickup by the seller during the month of November 2014. Any used uniforms that continue to be stored after November 26, 2014 will become the property of the FMA. For more information please e-mail Jill Rusten at [jillrusten@comcast.net](mailto:jillrusten@comcast.net)

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## Donation/Sale Tag

Please complete a form for each item

Top \$14.50  
(Circle Size)      0      2      4      6      8      10      12      14      16      18

(circle one)      Skirt \$13.50      Pants \$15.50  
Size      XS      S      M      L      XL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

[    ]      I wish to donate my uniform

[    ]      I wish to sell my uniform. Please mail my check to:

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that all unsold items remaining at Fremd High School after November 29, 2014 will be considered a donation to the Fremd Music Association.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**Drum Corps International Presents  
Tour of Champions - Northern Illinois  
Sunday, July 13, 2014**

**NIU Huskie Stadium 1245 Stadium Drive South DeKalb, IL**

**Gates Open at 6:00 p.m./Show Starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**\*THE VIKING MARCHING BAND WILL COMPETE ON THIS FIELD - FALL OF 2014\***

**Scheduled to Perform: Phantom Regiment, The Cavaliers, The Cadets, Blue Stars, Carolina Crown, Bluecoats, Blue Devils**

Group rate tickets are \$ 34.10 through the Fremd Music Association. Prices subject to change due to seating availability. Should less expensive seats become available, refunds will be applied to student accounts.

Please return the lower portion of this form and a check payable to FMA by Friday, June 13 to:

FMA / Susan Kobeski 1640 Galloway Drive Inverness, IL 60010 (847-202-0226)

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for tickets to be mailed to you prior to event.

*All students and families are responsible for their own transportation.*

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) Fall 2014:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number:

Email address:

Number of Tickets Ordered at \$34.10 each (27.00 + 7.10 Ticketmaster fees):

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Return Band Tuxes Here!



**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 21st thru Friday May 23rd\*

**WHERE:** Here in band hallway!

Check in with volunteer or place on rack in alphabetical order with original paperwork attached

## **QUESTIONS:**

Call Nancy Groch (847)397-9347 or

Email: [nancy.groch@att.net](mailto:nancy.groch@att.net)

Or Luanne Shaffer at [lpshaffer@comcast.net](mailto:lpshaffer@comcast.net)

***Thank you for your cooperation and a year of wonderful music!***

\*Please note that tuxedos are the property of the school, and must be returned before final grades are released.