

New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters

November 2011 Meeting

The November Meeting of the New Bremen Cardinal Music Boosters was cancelled, and held over email between the officers and directors.

Choir Director Report

7th and 8th Grade Choir Enrichment students performed for the November 11th Veteran's Day Assembly. Eighth graders Brittany Pence, Craig Francis and Tate McKinney sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The high school choir students will be performing at the New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Tree Lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. by the Lock House on Thursday December 1st.

20 high school choir students will be participating in Christmas in the Village this Sunday December 4, 2011. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The high school band and choir annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday December 11, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the James F. Dicke Auditorium.

The high school choir will be selling Romer's Chicken Dinners following the Christmas Concert on December 11th. Each meal includes ½ barbeque chicken, applesauce, chips, roll and butter. The cost of each meal is \$7.00. Meals can be picked up in the commons following the concert. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from any high school choir student or by contacting Mrs. Ruckman.

9 high school choir students were selected for the District III High School Honor's Choir. Those students include: Taylor Schemmel, Robb Clark, Holly Champagne, Dillon Boroff, Rachel Parker, Braden Elshoff, Henry Linniman, Patrick Ferguson and Troy Wendel.

The Butterbraid fundraiser ended on October 31, 2011. The high school choir students sold close to 400 butterbraids this year profiting roughly \$1800.00. This money will help to off-set the cost of performing at the Fort Wayne Komet's hockey game in March of 2012.

Mr. Yahl and Mrs. Ruckman met with Mr. Clark in regards to the upcoming 2013 Disney trip. More information to come.

Band Director Report

Since our last meeting, two of the bands performed at Veterans Day functions. The eighth grade band performed as part of the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the middle school. It was probably one of the nicest ceremonies we have had in recent years. Lots of Veterans in attendance, and a wonderful job by the students and teachers who participated in the ceremony.

Mrs. Thornsberry and Mrs. Ruckman were spotlighted by some of the area media outlets with WLIO from Lima and WHIO from Dayton being in attendance.

The high school marching band participated in the St. Marys Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 12. We received a thank you letter in the mail from the parade committee, and reminded us we do it all as a thank you to our Servicemen and women, and letting them know that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

Three high school band students were selected as members of the OMEA District III Honor Band. Those students are Kelsey Davidson, Jeff Kuenning, and Mathew Dawson. Kelsey was selected as first chair of the flute section. The boosters traditionally purchase Coffee Shop gift cards for those students, so I ask that we continue that again this year. Congratulations also to the six band students who were selected as members of the honors choir: Holly Champagne, Taylor Schemmel, Hank Linniman, Patrick Ferguson, Troy Wendel, and Robb Clark.

The first pep-band outing will be Friday, December 9, as the Cardinals take on Lima Central Catholic. We also have home games on December 17, and December 23. There are no games over the holiday break this year. Alumni are always welcome to attend and play with the pep-band.

The Holiday season is here, and as such, the instrumental department is busy gearing up for Christmas performances.

The high school Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 PM in the auditorium. The choir will be selling chicken dinners afterward, so buy your meals and support them.

The middle school Christmas Concert is Monday, December 12, at 7:30 PM in the Middle School Large Gym. This concert will feature grades 5-8.

After the Christmas Concert we will be digging into Solo and Ensemble and Large Group Contest music. Solo and Ensemble is January 28, at St. Marys High School.