



BAND NOTES

A Newsletter of the Henry Clay Band



December 2010
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Blue Devil Band Dates

December

13-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
14-7p **Holiday Concert**
20-**Winter Break Begins**

January

3-Classes **Resume**
3-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
5-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
6-**All-District Auditions-TCHS**
10-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
12-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
17-**No School-MLK Day**
18-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
18-7p Board/Booster Meeting
19-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
20-22-All-District Weekend
22-**All-District Bands Concert**
24-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
26-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
31-**HCJE at Comedy Off Bdwy**

February

2-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
7-4-6p HCJE Rehearsal
9-12- **KMEA Conf/All-State**
11-12:50p **HCJE at KMEA Conf.**
16-3:45-5:30p Steel Band
19-**KMEA Solo & Ensemble-LCHS**
21-**No School-President's Day**
22-7p Board/Booster Meeting
22-28 HCHS Basketball Tourney
23-3:45-5:30p Steel Band

Director's Desk...Bill Kite

Dear Henry Clay Band Families,

*I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday! Wasting no time at all, we returned to our Winter Jazz/Percussion Concert on December 2nd. Please make plans to attend our **HC Wind Ensemble/Concert Band Winter Concert this coming Tuesday evening, December 14th at 7 p.m. in the HC Lassiter Theater.***

We are very busy this concert season, so please watch for email, website and Facebook updates and check the online calendar often for updates at <http://henryclayband.org>.

*Congratulations to the **13 students** who made the 1st cut of the **KMEA All-State Finals** and auditioned for the Finals selections yesterday at John Hardin HS in Elizabethtown (results are posted on page 7), and congratulations to **Clay Cox** for being selected to the **KMEA All-State Jazz Band!** We are proud of all students who auditioned for their extra efforts on behalf of our band program!*

Please see the remainder of the newsletter for important updates and information regarding all aspects of the HC Band program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, and Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Bill Kite

Director of Bands, Henry Clay High School

william.kite@fayette.kyschools.us or 381-3441

President's Pen...HC Band Booster Co-Presidents

Band Students and Families,

Thank you to the students, parents, friends and siblings who worked in place of their students and parents who came after just finishing the night shift- thank you all for the tremendous day at UK stadium removing stadium seats. We earned \$5000 for the work we did that day! It would not have been done so well without the participation of so many people. We look forward to the opportunity to install and remove an even greater number of seats next year - won't that be fun!

The Henry Clay band has a great group of parents supporting the band program. If you are not involved, please consider how you can give your support to the many events and programs the band has. You will always be welcome, so check the emails and band calendar to keep informed of the happenings and current needs. We look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday concert. Contact Kathy and Russell Edwards with any questions at kathyandrussell@hotmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

*Kathy & Russell Edwards,
HCBB Co-Presidents*

kathyandrussell@hotmail.com or 263-7902



Hospitality Committee Notes

Hello HC Band Family!

We will be providing light refreshments at the Winter Concert on December 14th. This will consist of cookies and punch. If you would be willing to help by donating either cookies (they don't have to be homemade) or punch ingredients, please let me know by responding either "cookies" or "punch". I will let you know what ingredients I need for the punch as I receive emails. Thanks so much. This is always a festive event and everyone always loves the refreshments!

As the parent of a senior, Holden (Mohawk) Bradley, I will be looking for a replacement for next year. I have spoken to a couple of people that are interested, but there is room for several if you want to work as a team. Let me know if you are interested and I will fill you in on all the details. I DO keep a notebook of tips and guidelines, so you won't be left without a clue....besides, I will always be available for advice, if it is wanted.

Diane Bradley, Hospitality, 948-1654 or scrabrose@windstream.net



IMPORTANT BINGO NEWS!

Happy Holidays Everyone!

It's hard to believe the fall semester is nearly over, and the seniors are heading into their home stretch. We've had some great bingo weekends recently, with students and parents working with high energy and accuracy. Our fingers and toes still are crossed, but we're hopeful we'll be able to produce percentage numbers that will allow bingo to continue after the first of the year. If you are an experienced, accurate and energetic pulltab seller, PLEASE contact Diane Bradley to sign up to sell pulltabs during one or more of the sessions between now and the end of the year -- Sat. Dec. 11 or 18, or MONDAY Dec. 27 (our makeup date for Christmas).

Next, now that the scheduling conflicts of marching season are over, we need several more adults to step up to fill key positions -- (1) Immediately, we need two adults to run the pulltab counter during the 4th weekend of each month, as well as one adult to join the paper counter team as an assistant during that same weekend. (2) We need at least one or two more bingo callers to start training ASAP. (3) Additionally, we need to start training two adults to take over the pulltab counter during the 2nd weekend of the month, and three adults to take over the paper counter during the first weekend of the month. Those of us who currently work those spots will be leaving when our kids graduate in a few months. (4) Also, as Diane Bradley and Jean O'Daniel are parents of seniors, in the next few months two adults will need to take over pulltab scheduling, and bingo counter scheduling. Please seriously consider filling one or more of these positions. Every band student, whether marching or non-marching, benefits greatly from the \$50,000 (or more) raised by bingo each year. We have great, cooperative team members, so we need just a few more to keep the band's biggest fundraiser running smoothly. We'll provide free, on-site training(!), and rumor has it that if you ACT NOW, some of the outgoing counter workers might commit to filling in at the counter for you during marching competition weekends next year!!!! (How's THAT for a hard sell???) All kidding aside, PLEASE step up to do your share.

Last but certainly not least -- many thanks to Scott Riley, Rhonda Riddle, Steve Worrell, June Hyndman, Jackson Overton and Emilie Cope -- these alumni students and parents helped run the counters or sell pulltabs during marching season so parents of marchers could attend competitions.

Please contact us to discuss or sign up for any position by emailing, phoning or texting: **DIANE BRADLEY:** scrabrose@windstream.net, 948-1654 or **JEAN O'DANIEL:** jean.odaniel@insightbb.com, 388-4286. Thanks!!



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HC BAND "CHARMS" ONLINE SYSTEM

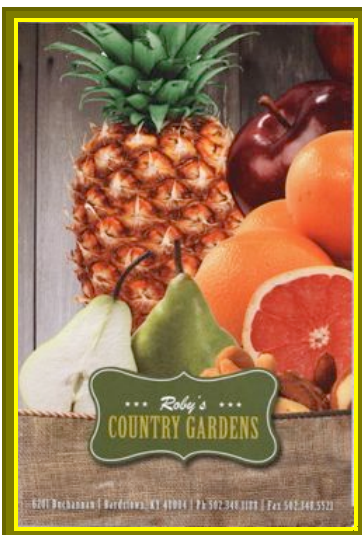
Charms Office Assistant is an online management system for bands and other organizations. Features for the HC Band program include: student profile information for directors; Booster organization tools; student areas for accessing calendar updates, music tools (i.e.: recording studio, assigned music, metronome, tuner, etc.), etc. The Charms online system is a very valuable communications & record-keeping program for the HC Band. To log in, follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.charmsoffice.com (or click on the link on the HCHS band website top banner)
2. Enter hclayhsband under the pink "Parent/Student Login".
3. Enter your student's 6-digit birthday (mmddyy) as the Student ID/Password (you may change the password once inside the program).
4. If you have difficulty accessing your student's information, please contact Mr. Bayerle at: jeffrey.bayerle@fayette.kyschools.us. Please include your student's birth date in your email message. Or you can call at 381-3423, ext. 3307.

DECEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!!!



Dylan Sarkisian
Kyle Higgins
Andrew Osborne
Amanda Dixon
Allen Moore
Nick Evans
Kristine Grossman



FRUIT AND POINSETTIA SALES

Final profit and selling information will be published in the January newsletter.

Kroger Cards offer a wonderful opportunity for the band! Kroger donates \$4 to the band for every \$100 loaded on a HC Band card; the card can then be used just like a prepaid credit or debit card for all Kroger purchases including prescriptions and gas. Your Kroger Gift Card can also be used to purchase a number of gift cards for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. available right at your Kroger store instead of having to travel to each store, restaurant, etc. to purchase gift cards! Thank you to those who used your cards last month! We have received a check for \$205 because you chose to shop, buy gift cards or buy gas with your Kroger card. Keep up the good work! For more information or to purchase a card, contact Geni Osborn at: gosporn7@aol.com.

Use Your HC Band Kroger Card When You Purchase Christmas Gift Cards!!



We Still Need You!!

We still have **ONE crucial 2010-2011 Booster position to fill: Vice President.** The **Vice-President(s)** assists the president and helps with various committees. It is basically a year of learning the details of the Booster organization in preparation for becoming president the following year. Please consider the Vice President position and contact Kathy and Russell Edwards at: kathyandrussell@hotmail.com.

2010-2011 VALUE CARDS

We are still selling **VALUE CARDS** and need your help! The cards are **\$10** and worth hundreds of dollars in discounts! Please call **Dana Silver @ 420-5524** or email at: danasilver@insightbb.com. Parents need to sign for the cards, and I can arrange to meet you after practice or whenever is convenient. Remember, they make GREAT stocking stuffers for the Holidays!! Also, those who currently have Value Cards need to turn the money into the band box! You may get more cards to sell at anytime, but the money from the first round of sale needs to be in now.

<p>Limit one discount per card per visit. Equal or lesser value at regular price. Other restrictions may apply.</p> <p>marcos Buy 1 Pizza @ Reg Menu Price GET ONE FREE CARRY OUT ONLY 115 N. Locust Hill Dr. Lexington</p>	<p>Collins Bowling Centers 1 FREE SHOE RENTAL One per Card per Visit Open Bowl. Both Locations</p>	<p>The Parkette Drive-in Buy 1 Meal & 2 Drinks. Get a 2nd Meal FREE up to \$7 1216 E. New Circle Rd</p>	<p>SUBWAY Buy 1 - 6" Sub Get One FREE w/your meal Hamburg, Ham & Veg. Meat, Brannon, Richmond, R.B. Crossroads, Eastland, Kingshire Pl., Beaumont, Garderside, 3180 Richmond Rd.</p>
<p>Puccini's \$5 OFF Any \$20 or More Purchase. Excl. Alcohol 3 Lexington Locations</p>	<p>SONIC Buy One Single Patty Burger GET ONE FREE 234 E. New Circle Rd</p>	<p>Maggie Moo's Buy One Reg Ice Cream GET ONE FREE Mon-Thurs. =or< Value 3801 Wall Rd Suite 135</p>	<p>McDonald's Buy an Extra Value Meal Get a FREE Dessert! excludes w/Flumes & Shakes 2576 Richmond Rd</p>
<p>Joseph Beth Booksellers 10% Off Any Pur. over \$25 15% Off Any Pur. over \$50 10% Off Any Kids Purchase Not to be Combined with Other Offers Lexington Green Mall</p>	<p>Newport Cleaners \$2.50 OFF each item of Dry Cleaning must present card All Locations-excl. Richmond</p>	<p>Jiffy Lube \$5 OFF Signature Service Oil Change 801 Lane Allen Rd.</p>	<p>Danietos \$2.00 OFF Any Large Pizza 728 E. Main. 269-5700</p>
<p>Rally's FREE 20 oz soft drink with any purchase Lexington Locations</p>	<p>PREMIERE Home Video Rent 2 Videos Get 3rd FREE 722 E. Evidal Ave</p>	<p>Wendy's \$1 off a Reg. priced Adult buffet Mon-Fri. 11am-2pm 2524 Nicholasville Rd</p>	<p>Don Wilson Music 20% off any accessory item purchase (excl. music books) 275 Southland Drive</p>
<p>Hunt Music 20% Off Accessories (10% Off Music/Tuners/Metronomes) 101 N. N. Labor Rd. 335-0500</p>	<p>Brooklyn Pizza \$5 Off Purchase of \$20 Excludes Alcohol 3090 Helmsdale 263-5855</p>	<p>Atlanta Bread Buy 1 Breakfast Sandwich Get One FREE w/pur of a drink 1080 S. Broadway</p>	<p>PAPA JOHN'S Large 1-topping for \$7.99 ALL Lexington Locations</p>

The HC Band concert season is off to a busy start! See photos below of the **HCWE/HCCB Fall Concert** and the **HC Jazz/Percussion Concert**. Make plans to attend the **HCWE/HCCB Holiday Concert next Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the HC Lassiter Theatre.**



HC Concert Band at the Fall Concert



HC Wind Ensemble at the Fall Concert



HC First-Hour Percussion Ensemble at the Jazz/Percussion Concert

KMEA News



Congratulations to **Clay Cox** for being selected to the **2011 KY All-State Jazz Band!** A Big Thanks to all students who volunteered to assist with the auditions on December 4th.

Congratulations to the following students for making the **1st cut** of the **2011 KMEA All-State Bands** and auditioning for the Finals selections yesterday at John Hardin HS in Elizabethtown...

James Piper, *Flute (the **only** 9th grade flute player selected in our district!!)*

Jade Daugherty, *Clarinet*

Anna Kraemer, *Clarinet*

Nathan Bush, *Alto Saxophone*

Andrew Osborn, *French Horn*

Jeffrey Doll, *Trumpet*

Elliott Mawby, *Trumpet*

Daniel Polk, *Trumpet*

Dylan Sarkisian, *Trumpet*

Margaret Sumney, *Trumpet*

Clay Cox, *Trombone*

Will Hjorth, *Trombone*

Allen Moore, *Timpani*

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the **2011 KMEA All-State Bands**...

James Piper, *Flute, 2nd chair Orchestra (4th in state overall!); Anna Kraemer*, *Clarinet, 2⁷th chair Concert Band; Nathan Bush*, *Alto Saxophone, 4th chair Symphonic Band (4th in state overall!); Daniel Polk*, *Trumpet, 6th chair Symphonic Band; Andrew Osborne*, *French Horn, 5th chair Concert Band*

KMEA All-District auditions are Thursday, January 6th at Tates Creek HS. Students should have pre-registered and paid a \$5 audition fee at present. Those selected must attend the **All-District rehearsals and concerts January 20-22.** We look forward to many students auditioning! It is a great experience and the students are already learning the audition music for a HC Band playing test. Why not audition for All-District if you are already learning the music?

*****HC BAND IMPORTANT NEWS*****

* **Exciting HC Jazz Ensemble News!** Congratulations to the ensemble for being selected for the second time in four years (only eligible every four years) to the **Kentucky Music Educator's Association (KMEA) Annual Conference**, held every February in Louisville. Performance time has been set for **Friday, February 11th at 12:50 PM in the Kentucky Convention Center in Cascade A-B room**. The ensemble will perform in front of thousands of music educators at all levels, professional musicians, college music majors, free-lance professionals, conductors, etc.! The Cascade room is the largest performance hall at the convention center next to the Exhibit Hall! **Dr. Gordon Towell**, *professor of Saxophone and Jazz Studies at MSU*, has agreed to perform and work with the ensemble as guest artist for the conference! Please be checking the online calendar at www.henryclayband.org for rehearsal/performance dates, and the website for updates!

* **Even More HCJE News!** The HC Jazz Ensemble has also been invited by **Miles Osland**, *professor of saxophone studies at UK and co-director of DiMartino/Osland Jazz Orchestra (DOJO)* to **open for DOJO at Comedy Off Broadway at Lexington Green on Monday, January 31, 2011!** Again, watch for information updates on the website!

* **Henry Clay High School Blue Devils Band Facebook Page:** We have a new Facebook Page! It is the OFFICIAL Facebook communication site of the "Henry Clay High School Blue Devils Band", maintained by the HC Band Boosters for students, parents and the public. If you are a Facebook member, search for the above title and click the "Like" button to join and stay updated on everything HC Band-related via Facebook!

* **News Regarding New HCHS Website!:** HC has a new website and we are having reported problems accessing our band website (a separate link) from the mail school website. Until our link is updated correctly, please save the direct link to our band website to your "favorites" on your browser page. Our website address is: <http://henryclayband.org/>. Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve the link issues!



*****ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE*****

* **Fleece Embroidery:** A reminder that band mom, Karen Rardin will embroider fleeces with the student's name for \$6.36. If interested, you may contact Karen Rardin at kardan3201@insightbb.com.

* **Got Media?** If you take pictures of the band during the year and want to share those photos with the rest of the band family, it's easy! The Media page on the band website: <http://www.henryclayband.org>, includes links to the image collections we already know about. If yours is not listed, contact Beth Kraemer at: kraemer@email.uky.edu to have your site added. The band also has a Flickr group: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/henryclayband/>, where Flickr users can submit images directly. If you have a Flickr account (it's free to join!), let us know so we can send you an invitation to the band group! Images from the Flickr group are also displayed on the band home page: <http://www.henryclayband.org>. We've also started a "blip.tv" video channel: <http://henryclayband.blip.tv/>. Contact Beth at: kraemer@email.uky.edu for information on how to get your band videos added! Also, if you have pictures that would look great in the newsletter, please contact Amy Polk at: amypolk@insightbb.com.

* **Alumni News:** HC Band Alumni **Becca Saylor ('10)** continues her musical interest as a member of the Campbellsville University Flute Ensemble. Attending a recent concert to hear the 15 member ensemble, her parents were informed that she was the only 'Non' music major/minor in the group. Becca played first flute on several selections and also played in a flute quartet. Becca's major at CU is Social Work and her dad says she is continually encouraged by professors to consider a minor in music. Congratulations Becca on continuing the HC Band tradition of excellence! **HC Band Alumni, please keep us updated on your lives and futures!**

* **Band Room After Hours:** Due to recent instrument safety concerns, the band room will no longer be open after school except by the directors or Justin Fisher. Students will need to carry their instruments (for home practice) to 5th and 6th hour classes unless informed by the directors that they will be available after school.



Dear Wind Ensemble Families,

I hope everyone is doing well! I wanted to share the HC Wind Ensemble Fall 2010 Final Exam information with you. The Wind Ensemble Final Exam will be held on **Thursday, December 16th from 1:18-3:15 PM**. I have attached the assignment. Please review all details carefully. We will be completing practice exams in class over the next 2 weeks and I have files of the blank test and keyboard should you need them. Please e-mail me if you would like the files for the exam for further practice. This is a cumulative exam covering all prepared material throughout the fall semester. Please be sure to have the 2 octave scales committed to memory for the playing portion of the test. Thanks to all students for their hard work this semester!! I look forward to a great concert on Dec. 14th and a great spring semester!

Mr. Kite

HENRY CLAY WIND ENSEMBLE **FINAL EXAM: FALL 2010**

Written Exam (100 points):

All HC Wind Ensemble students will be prepared to successfully complete the major circle of 5ths with the correct key/scale names starting at the top of the circle with C major. The students will need to write in all 12 different key/scale names along with the 3 enharmonic keys at the bottom of the circle (B/Cb, F#/Gb, C#/Db). They will also be responsible for writing the correct number of sharps or flats for each key inside the circle, along with the notating the proper key signature on a hand drawn staff for each key listed.

The written exam will include a blank keyboard in which the students must complete the proper white and black key names on the keyboard. It is important that each student list 2 names for each black key on the keyboard to understand the function and location of all sharp and flat pitches in relation to one another. In addition to completing the keyboard, the students must correctly label the order of flats and sharps.

*****See practice written exam on back of paper. Students must be prepared to understand and complete the written exam from memory. Refer to page 41 of Foundations for Superior Performance to study the Circle of 5ths.*****

Playing Exam (100 points):

All HC Wind Ensemble students need to be prepared to successfully perform 6 major scales (3 easy and 3 difficult) on their instrument in 2 octaves whenever possible from memory. Scales must be performed in an 8th note pattern. The tempo for the playing portion of the final should be a **minimum** of quarter note = 100. Students may use a circle of 5ths that **they** create as a reference for the playing portion of the final. They may **NOT** use the book or a sheet with all of the notes of each scale written out. Scales must be performed from memory. The playing exam will be graded based upon tone production, technique, note/key accuracy, and legato tonguing style. The students will select their own scales from the appropriate lists of easy and difficult scales.

Easy scales in concert pitch: F, Bb, Eb, Ab

Difficult scales in concert pitch: C, G, D, A, E, B/Cb, F#/Gb, C#/Db

The Henry Clay High School **Wind Ensemble Final Exam** schedule is as follows:

Dear Wind Ensemble and Concert Band Families,

I have attached a very important chair test assignment that has been distributed to each student today. Please review the information carefully so that every student and family knows what is expected of them. The learning and preparation of these selections will dramatically improve each student's overall playing and performance ability if the proper attention and practice time is given to this assignment.

Thanks very much for your time.

Mr. Kite

Wind Ensemble/Concert Band

Chair Test: January 4-5, 2011

ASSIGNMENT

All Henry Clay High School Wind Ensemble and Concert Band students will be responsible for learning and preparing the District 7 All-District Band Audition Music. Each student will perform the excerpts for a test grade on **Tuesday, January 4th or Wednesday, January 5th** during band classes to determine chair placement and part assignments in each class for the majority of the 2011 spring semester. The chair placements will last from January 5th through Concert Band Festival on April 29th and 30th. The assignment consists of learning and preparing the printed *chromatic scale* along with the *lyrical* and *technical etudes*. The test will be scored out of **100 points** using the following point break down: **20 point-Chromatic Scale, 40 point-Lyrical Etude, and 40 point-Technical Etude**.

Extra credit will be given (to overall band grade) to any student choosing to audition for the District 7 All-District Band on **Thursday evening, January 6th, 2011** at Tates Creek High School. This audition is not required, but strongly encouraged and recommended as it is a great learning experience regardless of the end result. The philosophy is the audition experience will better prepare students for performance under pressure in all areas of life not exclusive to music. If selected to one of the District 7 All-District Bands, the students will rehearse and perform with the band from January 20th-22nd! Please be sure you are available for All-District Band weekend, January 20-22 should you choose to audition as parts are carefully planned, assigned, and distributed to deserving high school students.

Booster Board and Committees

President	Kathy & Russell Edwards	263-7902	Bingo Inventory	open
Vice Pres.		open	Chaperone	Jean O'Daniel 388-4286
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'12 Rep	Lorri Ransom	421-1152	Flower Sales	Grossmans 271-6088
'12 Rep	Stephanie Baldwin	263-0820	Guard	Ruth Lundborg 263-1964
'12 Rep	Lisa Bush	421-0345	Hospitality	Diane Bradley 948-1654
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'14 Rep	Mary Olmstead	806-6521	Publicity	open
'14 Rep		open	Phone Tree	Lynne Daviet 523-9467
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