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From the Principal...

It is with great pleasure that I greet you in this newsletter. It is quite an honor to work in a school that is so dedicated to the fine arts. This would not be possible without the outstanding support we receive from our parent groups. As I am sure you are aware study after study has reconfirmed that students who are engaged in the fine arts are much more productive students.

The performing groups of Burleigh Manor Middle School give me great pleasure on a daily basis as I listen to them practice. We are very lucky to have high quality teachers and students who aim to be the very best.

Once again, thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing all of our parents at the upcoming concerts.

— Stephen Gibson

From the President...

The Burleigh Manor Music Parents are off to a terrific start this year. Whether you are new to the BMMS performing music programs or are a long-time fan, I hope you will join with us to support our terrific students and outstanding music directors.

I am pleased to announce that BMMP has created a new music scholarship fund to be used to pay expenses associated with the Hershey Festival in the Parks adjudications. Mr. Gibson will administer the fund. Although Music Parents will raise money for the fund, we will not be informed of its recipients. The amount of the fund will depend on how much money is raised from the Musical Note Club.

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Musical Note Club! Your support is deeply appreciated, and critical to helping meet the financial needs of our first-class Music programs. If you have not yet joined the Musical Note Club, please consider doing so. You can learn more about it on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you, also, to everyone who has volunteered to help with many of the

upcoming music events. Your help is invaluable! We have many hands on deck, but more are needed to ensure that our students' concerts and other events run smoothly. Getting involved is a great way to hear some great music, and to show enthusiasm for all that your child is achieving.

And achieving they are. Many of our music students have been working hard preparing for the All-County and All-State auditions. To all of you, good luck! We are proud of you as you strive to become even better musicians.

There is a lot of energy and excitement for this music year's events to come: concerts, dinners, adjudications and celebrations. Please take a moment to review the calendar in this newsletter, and add the dates to your schedule. It includes much that you won't want to miss!

— Malinda Hughes

BMMP WEBSITE NEWS

In June, Music Parents launched a revised Website, and added a few new features. We now have music clips from the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years. Clips from last year will be added once the copyrights are finalized for the CD produced in May. The Website also now has a classified ads page for parents wishing to sell a musical instrument. Any instrument. So if you're wondering what to do with a harp you've inherited from a great aunt, look no further than the BMMP classifieds. Please visit us on the Web at www.burleighmanormusic.org.

Music Calendar

Night Rehearsals, BMMS

Concert Band 5:30-6:15
Wind Ensemble 6:30-8:00
December 5

BMMS Concert I

6th Grade Chorus, Concert Band, Chamber Choir, Wind Ensemble
Centennial High School,
7:00 p.m.
December 12

BMMS Concert II

Choir, Orchestra, String Ensemble
Centennial High School,
7:00 p.m.
December 19

BMMS Jazz Concert

Burleigh Manor Middle School
January 10

Tersiguel's Musical Feasts

January 29 and February 5

Howard County Adjudication for Orchestra (Period 6)

Marriotts Ridge High School, 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
March 6

Night Rehearsals, BMMS

Wind Ensemble 6:30-8:00
March 13
Wind Ensemble 6:30-8:00
March 20

Middle School Choral Adjudication

Hammond High School Chamber Choir
March 26

Wind Ensemble Adjudication

Hammond High School
March 27

Middle School Choral Festival

Howard Community College Choir and Sixth Grade Chorus
April 17 or 18

Concert Band Adjudication

Location and time TBD
April 24

State Adjudication for Orchestra (Period 6)

April 30 or May 1

Chorus Lines

Music should be performed by live people for live people. Take advantage of the many choral performances in the area! Please check the local papers and the websites listed below for upcoming performance dates and times.

Baltimore Choral Arts Society
www.baltimorechoralarts.org

Cathedral Choral Society (National Cathedral)
www.cathedralchoralsociety.org

Centennial High School Choir and Madrigal Singers
www.centennialonline.org

Children's Chorus of Maryland
www.ccmsings.org

Choral Arts Society of Washington
www.choralarts.org

Columbia Pro Cantare
www.procantare.org

Handel Choir of Baltimore
www.handelchoir.org

Howard County Children's Chorus
www2.hcpss.org/music

Howard County GT Middle School Chorus
www2.hcpss.org/music

Master Chorale of Washington
www.masterchorale.org

Morgan State University Choir
www.morgan.edu/community/choir/msuchoir.as

There is also an interesting website that plays vocal music all day long! You can access it at: www.vivalavoce.com.

— *Ellen Doring*



Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is this thing about Tersiguel's I keep hearing about?

A It is a delicious and fun night out to support the BMMS music programs! On January 29 and February 5, 2007, Tersiguels French Country Restaurant in historic Ellicott City will play host to Burleigh Manor music students and their parents. While parents sip wine and dine on wonderful French food in the upstairs dining rooms, student musicians provide entertainment as they go from room to room playing their instruments or singing. When they aren't performing, they sit with their parents. A three-course, fixed-price meal is available (half price for performing students), with half the proceeds going to the BMMS music programs. Watch for more information coming home soon!



Thank YOU!

BMMP thanks Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant and Savin Sound for their generous support of the Music programs.

Tersiguel's French Country Restaurant

8293 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043

410.465.4004; www.tersiguels.com

Named one of Baltimore Magazine's 2006 "12 Favorite Restaurants."

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Perfect for recording audition CDs for music schools and camps!

Hats off for Music Spirit wear!

We are planning to offer a 100% garment-washed cotton twill ball cap with embroidered lettering of "BMMS Music" on the front and "Sounds Great!" on the back. The hat will be offered in two great colors and is a great gift idea for kids or parents. Stay tuned for more information.

Band Buzz

Band Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far!

Parent volunteers really make a difference. Whether you are selling tickets, monitoring the auditorium doors during performances, chaperoning the students, or setting up for a concert — it really helps!

Please consider giving an hour or so of your time to support the bands. It is not too late to submit a form to volunteer for the many fabulous band events this year. **We particularly need more help with our December concerts.** Just fill out the form on the BMMP website and send it in to Mr. Brodie. I will contact volunteers as the event date approaches.

Thanks!

— Joan LeRoy

The bands are off to another great year. Student musicians are excited about the All County and All State auditions. We are working hard on developing our individual skills and musical sensitivity as ensembles. I would like to speak about **rehearsal preparation**, most of which falls into the area of **individual responsibility**. We can all agree that musicians need to be prepared for rehearsals, but what specifically does this mean? The preparation starts the evening prior to rehearsal to make sure that the students have everything needed:

**1. Instrument in good playing condition
(a list of repair shops can be found at our web site)**

- a. Mouthpiece
- b. Reeds, Valve oil, Slide Grease, Bone Bottle, etc.
- c. Tuner and Metronome
- d. Name on the Case

2. Music Folder

- a. Lesson Book
- b. Band Music
- c. Practice Record (Filled out and signed)
- d. Pencil
- e. Any Permission Slips or Letters
- f. Written Homework
- g. Rhythm Charts
- h. Sectional Calendar and Card

I mention this because every rehearsal so far this year we have had at least one person forget his or her instrument, mouthpiece, or music, or bring in a broken instrument! When practice records are turned in each week, and when deadlines arrive for items

that are to be signed and returned, the average non-compliance is 20%!!

The second aspect of rehearsal preparation is **individual practice**. *It is no secret, in order to play a musical instrument you have to put in the time practicing.* Some students need to start putting in the time; others need to start making better use of their time. Practice does not make perfect! Perfect practice make perfect. If you make the same mistakes over and over, you will be able to play it wrong better than anybody else!

As students advance in musical study, the regularity and quality of their practice increases in importance. This can be promoted if parents see that students have favorable practice conditions. Students must have a music stand. It is better to practice everyday for 30 min. than to practice one day for 3 hours. It helps to schedule a regular time or times each day for practice. Students should be working on **long tones** and **scales** every day. They then work on drills, etudes, band music and solos.

Students need to isolate the problem spots and work them out. This means work on the hard spots! *Identify the problem* and come up with a plan to correct it. If it is a pitch problem, students should finger the part first. If it is a rhythmic problem, students should count and clap it or perform it on only a single pitch first. *Short sections* of music, a few measures, should be completely worked out at a time. Slow practice must precede rapid playing. Efficiency of practice is what we are working to achieve.

— Jeff Brodie

CLARINET FOR SALE

Buffet, B-12. Excellent condition; less than one-year old, used only two times. \$340.00 with new stand and books

Please contact Mimi Agvald at 410.418.5673 or mimiagvald@verizon.net.

Looking Ahead...News from CHS Bands

Thank you and congrats to the BMMS students who joined with students from DMS, EMMS, CLES, and NES to perform the Star Spangled Banner at the CHS marching band USSBA competition event on Oct 7. Many thanks to Mr. Owens for conducting the ensemble.

On Nov. 9, CHS will be hosting NYC jazz artist James Westphal (vibraphone). All BMMS students are invited. The concert is scheduled for after school. Also coming up: On Nov. 11, the CHS Marching Unit is performing at Annapolis Naval Academy at 5:15 pm. This is the USSBA National Championships, with groups coming from Tennessee, Michigan, etc.

The CHS wind ensemble will be performing for the CHS dance department's "The Nutcracker." Come and hear this fine wind arrangement of this classic on Dec. 7, 8, and 9th. And don't miss the Dec.14 CHS winter concert of Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble.

CHS bands are honored to have BMMS as its feeder!

— Dr. VanDerBeek



Help our kids Make Music – Join the Musical Note Club!

Musical Note Club

Thank you to our Musical Note Club members for their financial support of our performing music programs here at Burleigh Manor.

The BMMS music program just keeps growing! This year, over 400 students are enrolled in chorus, orchestra and band. The program receives a few dollars per student from the County, but that funding does not fully cover the costs of running the program. To help meet the deficit, BMMP created the Musical Note Club, our primary fundraiser.

The Musical Note Club has raised more than \$20,000 since it began. Proceeds, under the direction of the Music Department and with the approval of our Board, have gone to pay for sheet music, instrument repair, new instruments, and program activities for all three music groups at Burleigh Manor.

Donations of any amount are appreciated, whether they are made by individual, family, or corporate sponsors.

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Other Note Club

Helene and Greg Thoreson

The Musical Note Club Needs you!

The Musical Note Club is BMMP's fundraising program. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Whole Note sponsors donate \$100, Half Note sponsors donate \$50, and Quarter Note sponsors donate \$25. Whole Note sponsors receive 4 complimentary tickets, which can be used at all concerts throughout the year, Half Note sponsors receive 2 tickets, and Quarter Note sponsors receive 1 ticket (please keep your complimentary tickets for the entire school year!). Along with the tickets, your sponsor name is published in each concert program throughout the year. Donations received by Nov. 30 will be acknowledged in the Winter Concert Programs. Please let us know if you prefer not to be listed in the program.

All donations are tax deductible since we are an approved 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We welcome corporate, personal and family sponsors. If you would like to contribute, kindly complete the form below and return it in an envelope marked "BMMP" to any of the music instructors or to the main office at Burleigh Manor. Please be sure to indicate your name as you wish it to appear in the program and make checks payable to Burleigh Manor Music Parents, Inc, or just BMMP. *If you have already given, thanks again!*

Name (as you want it to appear in the concert program) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please check your preference:

- Whole Note Club \$100 Half Note Club \$50
 Quarter Note Club \$25 Other \$ _____
 Please do not list my name in the concert program.