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A Whole New Look!

The Yorkville Music Boosters board of directors has taken on a whole new look for the 2003-2004 school year. However, before I introduce the new board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ken Johnson, Donna Sebby, and Debbie Cool for their many years of hard work and dedication as board officers. Now representing the Boosters are Donna Brengman (Vice-President), Pam Milliron (Treasurer), Deb Myers (Secretary), and myself, Dave Weisz (President). We are all looking forward to serving the students and teachers in Yorkville.

We are in the process of purchasing a marimba for the YHS/YMS Bands, string bass for the YHS Orchestra, digital piano for the YHS Chorus/Madrigal, flags and poles for the YHS Color Guard, and music for YMS Chorus.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the fruit sale and look forward to the upcoming Valu-Card sale. Thank you students for all your hard work, not only with fundraising, but for the many hours of entertainment. Without you, there would be no need for Music Boosters. I would also like to thank the many patrons, families, friends, businesses, teachers, staff, and administration for your continued support.

Dave Weisz, President



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What a Difference a Year Makes!

How about many years..... As many of you now know, I am no longer Director of Bands for the entire school district. My role as Band Director leads me to an important position, now as Director of Elementary Bands, concentrating on 4th, 5th and 6th grades.



I wel-

come the task of helping students in Band in this most crucial phase of Band Development. A lot of foundations will and have been laid; shaping is taking place for all Band members too eventually move on to better and greater things in our Band program! Of course, this is something that I have been doing for a long time. 28 years to be exact! But now, I have the luxury of being part of a specific grade level, rather than satisfying all grade lev-

els in the school district.

At our recent YMS concert, I made the statement, Home Is Where The Heart Is. My home is now with our developing Band program and I am now firmly planted in giving my best to our most important Bands in our school district, our Beginning Band (grades 4 & 5) and our Varsity Band (6th grade).

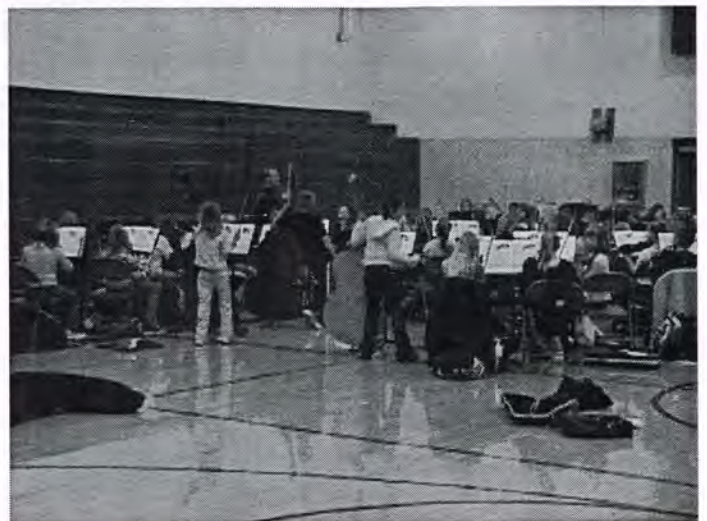
Steve Moline

CCIS Outgrows General Music Room

The orchestra program at Circle Center Elementary School has more than doubled in size this year with over eighty instrumentalists. The new students have moved from the general music room to the gymnasium for after school rehearsals. The addition of fourth grade students has added about thirty- four new students to the orchestra with the largest growth being in the fifth grade.

The following orchestra students are in the picture: Chris Allen, Emma Beale, Sarah Beck, Amanda Bell, Ashley Bendien, Brittney Bendien, Jacob Bertrum, Allyson Bolden, Eric Bollanger, Haylie Bollweg, Cody Brown, Claire Collins, Taylor Cosgrove, Courtney Crain, Rachael Cyr, Chelene Dearth, Ilir Emini, Jami Feeley, Jonathan Field, Molly Flynn, Megan Friel, Gianna Genonesi, Ashley Getchman, Kristin Gilbertson, Sonja Gilbertson, Ashtyn Griffin, Emily Grommon, Bailey Gorey, Koru Haarz, Amy Henkel, Riley Insko, Jessica Irons, Shannon Jaffke, Matt Kingsbury Elizabeth Kleinhanzl, Amanda Krauper, Dana Lacey, Cassady Leech, Holly Lindwall, Amanda Lunn, Allyson Marsh, Joni Meeder, Megan Mozen, Lindsey McDonald, Alexander Moore, Kylie Moore, Karli Moulding, Paige Murray, Jason Murry, Cai O'Connell, Marrassa Olson, Meridith Ol-

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Say Hi! to the newest members of our Band Family —Our Beginning Band Members of CCIS!

Nicholas Addison
Kaitly Anderson
Jessica Arnfelt
Nathan Arnold
Kyle Bauer
Brandon Beerup
Alyssa Beerup
Carlee Bieritz
Matt Bogobowicz
Paul Boorsma
Jordan Brosi
Jenna Chandler
Ryan Chapman
Josh Cooper
Allie Cope
Alex Cosentino
Heide Dockstader
Connor Drella
Kaitlyn Dudding

Kailey Dunn
Ginna Eccher
James Edwards
Rachel Ems
Michael Ems
Chelsea Esposito
Caleb Felker
Alex Foster
Michael Free
Tony Giangulio
Tarah Gilich
Ava Greenholt
Andre Harris
Joey Haske
Steven Haske
Caitlyn Hewitt
Tyler Hughes
Amy Hunt
Jennifer Johnson
Joey Johnson
Kiley King
Alex King
Jacob Klingel
Garrett Knox
Brian Koski
Christopher Kuehn
Ethan Kunnt
Jordan Lincoln
Ryne Lippold

Johnathan Lubbers
Amber Milliron
Breanne Mitchell
Brianna Morris
Alex Mulligan
Devin Olin
Steve Paku
Samantha Pearson
Cheyenne Peterson
Susie Pratt
Katherine Rainey
Hayley Rediger
Justin Reinbacher
Kristina Reinbacher
Lauren Rhodes
Kallie Richards
Rachel Riemenschneider
Alyssa Riva
Jimmy Robbins
Sean Robbins
Courtany Schick
Rachel Schmidt
Steve Schwebke
Kiya Severson
Staci Shimanis
Tyler Sibenaller
Elizabeth Sirbaugh
Eva Smith
Ryan Smith



Brody Smith
Caitlyn Snodgrass
Samantha Stearns
John Stenger
Levi Stewart
Jacklyn Taylor
Jacob Teeling
Ali Thom
Jordan Toshack
Kevin Tudisco
Nick Turnbull
Devin Turner
Eric Welz
Connor Wilkinson
Adam Wyeth
Erica Wyeth
Austin Yelenosky
Kaitlyn Zak
Marvin Zdunczyk
Natalie Zglobicki



One year older, one year better...Our Varsity Band Members!

CLARINETS
Devin Johnston
Scarlett Kendra
Kelly Malloy
Dan Mellema
Dana Ninow
Chris Robinson
Bethany Schick
Kristen Sells
Joel Smith

Nicole Steller
**ALTO SAXO-
PHONES**
Emily Adam
Brian Gardner
Cody Jaffke
Kristin Krouse
Kiersten Kruse
Seyi Olanbiwonnu

Jairo Perez
Cindy Strykowski
**TENOR SAXO-
PHONE**
Patrick Dabbs
TRUMPETS
Ryan Millen
Tiffany Nawa

Vince Nevills
Patrick Rochford
Kager Schlichting
Robbie Taptich
TROMBONE
Joey Jerebek
DRUMS
Ben Holich
Lindsay Loikets

Tyler Merkel
Kevin Provancher
Kyle Thiemke
FLUTE
Aimee Suiter
OBOE
Scott Myers

Yorkville Middle School Events

YMS PERFORMING ARTS FIELD TRIP

Each semester, the performing arts department (band, chorus, drama, and orchestra) attempts to schedule field trips to expose our students to high quality performances of various types. The trips are costly, but it is a valuable investment for your student. This fall we are pleased to offer *The Lion King*, the Broadway musical, to our students.

The trip is scheduled for December 10. We will leave YMS on charter coaches at 8:30 AM. Our first stop in Chicago is to view the holiday displays, then off for an early lunch at Portillo's. From there, we will go to Navy Pier for 90 minutes of site seeing before heading to the Cadillac Palace for our 2 PM show. We expect to return to YMS at 6:30 PM.

There are 153 tickets available. The cost is \$92, which includes the admission, lunch, and transportation. Tickets are allotted on a first come, first served basis. Mrs. Tammy Eaton, drama teacher at YMS, organizes the trip.

YMS TO HOST SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST

On February 14th, 2003 Yorkville Middle School will be hosting the Illinois Grade School Music Association's (IGSMA) Solo-Ensemble Contest. The contest is an annual event that in most recent years has been hosted in Plainfield and the Joliet area. With the help of parents, students, and YMS staff, we hope to host a first-rate contest and boost our own students participation.

YMS IMEA DISTRICT IX JUNIOR FESTIVAL

Twenty-eight 8th grade choir members, one band member, and one orchestra member represented YMS in the IMEA District 9 Junior Festival in Elgin, on November 1, 2003.

Colin Johnston represented the band on trumpet. Clayton Brengman represented the orchestra on violin.

The following students, pictured below, represented the choir: Alena Brady, Heather Escoc, Tessa Fetzer, Nikki Jones, Alyssa Kruse, Brianna Nelson, Kati Schillinger, Carmen Stenger, Kelsey Wawrzynice, Beth Bazan, Kelley Cook, Paig Ginther, Hannah Hageman, Kate Hennessy, Rachel Robbins, Alexis Sellars, Erin Scheck, Naomi Silagyi, Kylie Willyard, Noel Batres, Chris Burt, Brian Keister, Sean Kesselring, Ryan Techau, Chris Lange, Jeff Goins, John Pilmer, and Chris Weaver. The choir students had the privilege of being conducted by Rollo Dilworth, who composed two of the four songs that the choir sang. It was a truly educational experience and the students had a great time!



Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos—"A" Day

Brittany Woods, Molly Duncan, Lauren McCleary, Yohana Enders, Taylor Axelson, Kayla M. Simmons, Megan Wollenweber, Alex Nelson, Justine Plock, Stephanie Juckem, Kylie Snyder, Loran Hambrick, Stephanie Smith, Sami Elliott, Hailey Moore, Kristina Toplak, Nicki Durancik, Kaitlyn Lepley



Baritones—"A" Day

Luke Collins, Vince Amabile, Sean Anderson, Luke Parece, Ethan O'Brien, Randy Brummel
Tyler Kennell, Zach Tonyan, Alex Jones, Ryan Freer, Alex DeLegge, Dan Flores

6th grade—Period 8



Baritones—"B" Day

Mario Arriaga, Jay Salinas, Ryan Dockstader, Mike Boughton, Shane O'Neil, Ryan Moulding, Yemi Olanbiwonnu, Eric Kellogg, Taylor Coffey



Sopranos—"B" Day

Kourtney Mizel, Kristin Chandler, Samee Seybold, Coral Busby, Ryane Brady, Nina Swistara, Michelle Escoe, Kelsey Kruse, Katrina Donarski, Kayla N. Simmons, Ashley Nelson, Paige Langhoff, Amanda Kozlowski, Paige Sullivan, Lanie Platt, Alicia Barth, Meghan Greaves, Michelle Staie, Jessie Stuck, Sandy Ocegüera, Stacy Hamling

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



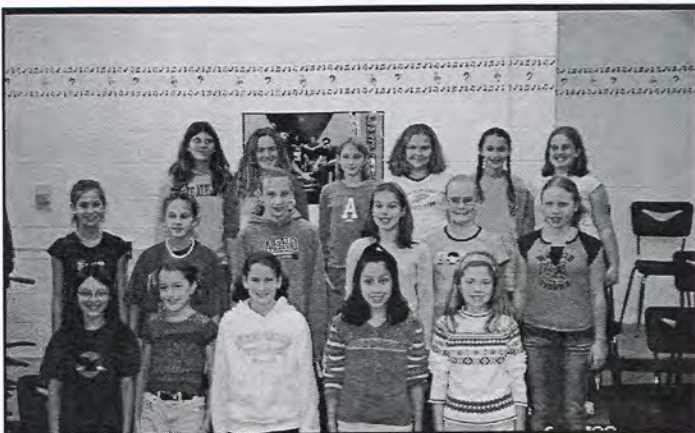
Baritones—"A" Day

Michael Fairfield, Jake Gondar, Nick Siwek, James Younce, Brendan Mahaney, Anthony Athens, Nick Muellner, Danny Fish, Bobby Paver, Dalton Medzunas, Mike Garbe, Tyler Owens, Shane McGinley, Matt Buesing, Tyler Secor, Ryan Rega, Zac Loeffert, Michael Howell, Cody Kraber, Chris Johnson, Patrick Grommon, Josh Schumann, Chris Watts, Zeb Tourt, Julio Ramirez, Scott Vickery



Altos—"B" Day

Maxine Bieritz, Jessica Peck, Haley Young, Amanda Reynoso, Alexis Pearson
Naomi Haas, Ali Dellinger, Stephanie Brendal, Karen Greyer, Brittany Grist
Vicki Huble, Katie Mitchell, Kelly Gilmour, Kayla McHugh, Lexi Mascarella, Allison Larson



Sopranos—"B" Day

Ashley Cope, Rebecca Siebens, Valerie Stokes, Meghan Hilderbrand, Maddie Hester, Alison Thomas
Lauren Behrens, Megan Hughes, Rachel Boyd, Ellie Ligon, Kelly Merchant, Bobbi Mattson
Louise Hosburgh, Hannah Franklin, Samantha Buemel, Gabriela Barajas, Rachael Brant

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos

Brittany Ryan, Samantha Carlson, Katie Kraupner, Megan Pi-
erre
Mercedez Reyna, Ashley Tamayo, Courtney Olson, Caite
Forbes
Valerie Miedema, Toni Artlip, Kendall Kotora
Ashley Conrad, Sammie Schreiber, Sam Koch, Devan Baker



Baritones

Terence Enders, Danny Szopinski, Jordan Roberts, Q Bell,
Dylan Sutcliff, Zach Ream, Kevin Freeman, Zach Leech, Matt
Strong, David Boyd, Nick Skinner, Josh Turnbull, Jake Barth,
Brian Zglobicki, Corbin Lucas, Stephen Cartee, Jake Olson,
Danny Negre, Tommy Ratos, Tyler Reboletti, Max Sliwa, Max
Husler, Kyle Rorie, Max Carey, Adam Stine, Luke Gilbertson,
Cory Fahlmark, Jake Austin



Sopranos

Megan Muellner, Kiersten Toma, Abby McCartney Samantha
Juckem, Marjorie Fitzgerald
Jessica Greenawalt, Alexis Birk, Alyssa McCue, Natalie Cyko,
Christina Warren
Ashley Blaa, Brittany Ballard, Karissa Janda, Cherilyn Carter,
Christine George, Carly McCue

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos

Jessica Dick, Taylor Dahlstrom, Megan Frisk
Abigail Quantock, Katie Leden, Megan Felten, Vickie Martin
Dianne Corneils, Amanda Spurlock, Kryssie Seby, Francine
Patton, Andrea Gunderson, Shelby Symonds
Ashley Fletcher, Adrienne Batres, Tabby O'Malley, Kristine
Wirtz, Grace Carlino

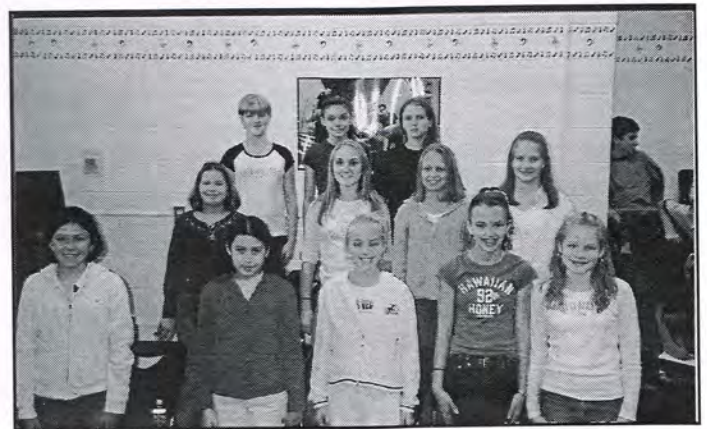


Baritones

Kirk Richter, Joe Hamblin, Andrew Gary, Pat Olson, Mac
Exline, Robert Joerms, Vinny Seybold, Jeremy Neal, Jordan
Anderson, Nathan Messenger, Mitch Robinson, Adam
Szurkowski, Bradley Brown, Nick Cowger, Nick Cosentino,
Dan Gonzalez, Chris Foster, Nick Rossaert, Josh Michelson,
Ethan Platt, Josh Arnold, Ryan Kokoyachuk, Michael DiGio-
vanna, Preston Gaspar, Andrew Henrichs, Seth Bauer, Tyler
Cajina, Jake Laue



Stormy Sedgwick, Elizabeth Bennett, Jessi VanDeveer
Christie Neutz, Megan Silagyi, Melissa Leedy, Kayla Bissonette
Karissa Venegas, Courtney Duran, Kailee Bryja, Allie Free,
Heather Sterkel



Sopranos

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos

Kaley Baish, Aneta Komperda, Sarah O'Leary, Falin Hinshaw, Britnee Koszola

Krista Yabsley, Lauren Heise, Sarah Rippy, Nicole Milliron
Andrea Woodworth, Lindsay Probst, Alyssa Lucchetti, Leanne Pawlowski

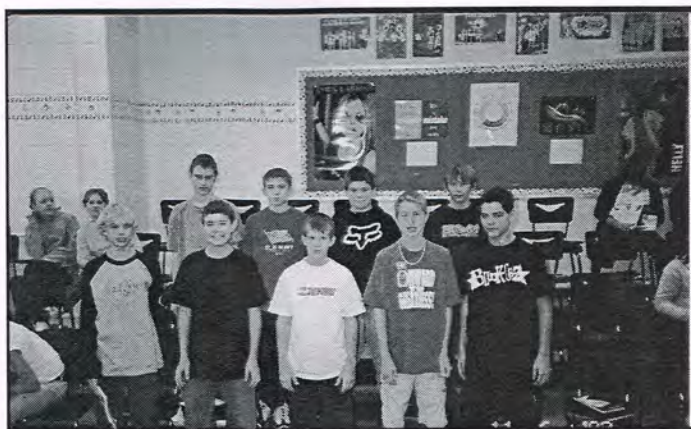
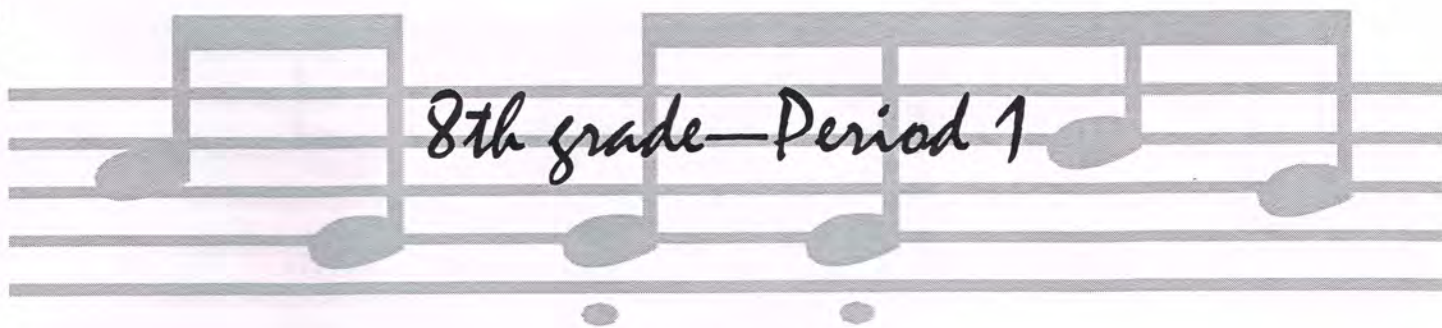
Reia Levy, Courtney Gilkey, Kate Hennessy, Nikole Flores



Sopranos

Natalie McConnell, Jenny DeVries, Kelsey Anderson, Brianna Nelson, Carmen Stenger

Cassandra Knapp, Alyssa Rowland, Liz Pfaff
Crystal Buchanan, Amber Perry, Audrey Dunn, Clara Araujo,
Lauren Tucek Rachel King



Tenors & Basses

Chris Ream, David Saffold, Kris Mizel, JR Undesser
Ryan Perkins, Chris Kukla, Kevin French, Chris Weaver,
Mitch Avey

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos

Kati Schillinger, Sarah Parece, Jaimie Smith, Bri Newell, Shannon Tait
Michelle Meine, Courtney DeClue, Diana Feeley, Kylie Willyard, Rachel Robbins
Meg Redmon, Tricia Rogers, Tanya Gilliam, Paig Ginther
Caitlyn Olson, Kim Crain, Jillian Plock, Kelley Cook



Sopranos

Joelle Martinez, Farra Fraser, Jessica Quinn, Ali Nork Wendy Levy, Nicole Fleeheart
Amy VanPelt, Amanda Underwood, Kelli Dockstader, Rachel Greene, Tessa Fetzer, Sarah Molitor
Anabel Baltierrez, Angela Case, Kim Spaeth, Marissa Hoffert, Nikki Jones

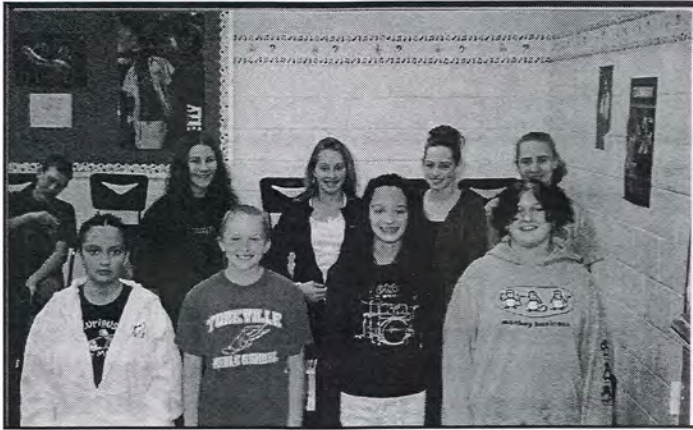


Matt Dwinells, Derek Jones, Chris Grandchamp
Wes Barringer, Brian Booth, Brian Keister
Chris Lange, David Hansen, Sean Kesselring



Tenors & Basses

Rosters of YMS Choral Ensembles



Altos

Jackie Joyce, Alexis Sellars, Hannah Hageman, Erin Scheck
Naomi Silagy, Beth Bazan, Kristina Hefferan, Caitlyn Neylon



Sopranos

Alena Brady, Rachael Bayor, Sara Kane, Kelsey Wawrzynice,
Alyssa Kruse, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Heather Escoe, Veronica
Janoski, Kristyn Wheeler



Tenors & Basses

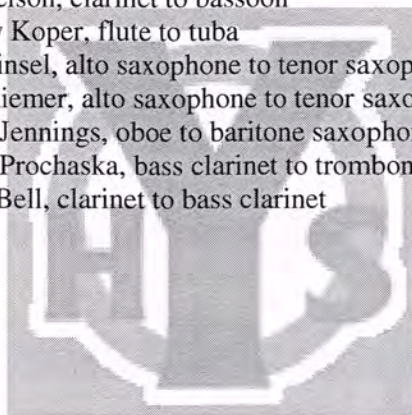
Ryan Techau, Clay Brengman, Jeff Goins, John Pilmer
Jeff Worrell, Ryan Pribyl
Noel Batres, Chris Burt

ONE SMALL STEP BACKWARDS FOR STUDENTS...

Many YMS and YHS band students have made a great sacrifice to improve the sound of their ensemble. In preparing and performing band literature, it is essential to have a good balance of instrumentation. Too many flutes and one trombone will not produce sounds that are characteristic of a band. Balance is an issue that bands must constantly and consistently work to improve. How is the balance of the Yorkville Bands??? It is getting better due to the following student's sacrifices:

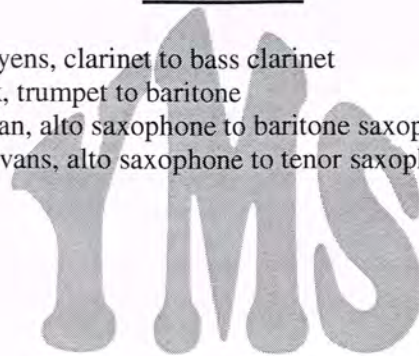
YHS Band

Matt Turnbull, trumpet to euphonium
Alex Nelson, clarinet to bassoon
Lindsey Koper, flute to tuba
Amy Kinsel, alto saxophone to tenor saxophone
Kelly Riemer, alto saxophone to tenor saxophone
Lauren Jennings, oboe to baritone saxophone
Ashley Prochaska, bass clarinet to trombone
Nicole Bell, clarinet to bass clarinet



YMS Band

Chris Doyens, clarinet to bass clarinet
Ed Tucek, trumpet to baritone
Beth Bazan, alto saxophone to baritone saxophone
Jeremy Evans, alto saxophone to tenor saxophone



A Change in Sound

by Lindsey Koper

One never knows what changes lay before them in the road ahead and I did not see this one coming. Going into band camp the summer of my senior year I never would have thought I would be changing instruments for the upcoming year.

Since the fifth grade I have always loved to play the flute even though I was never the best and I did not always practice like I was supposed to. The day I decided to change from flute to tuba, I was a little hesitant because after all these years of playing the flute I was going to play this big, foreign instrument for my last and final year. I decided to give the tuba a shot anyway just to try it out and see how I liked it.

I have to admit learning the tuba was difficult at first and I felt embarrassed when the other kids in band would turn around and stare at me while I played. When I first picked up the instrument everyone in the room eagerly waited for the first sound that would escape from the opening above my head. Out of everything



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...ONE GIANT LEAP FORWARD FOR BAND-KIND

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I learned, the ability to distinguish pitches eluded me the most. Even now on occasion I still check if I hit the right pitch or not.

Not wanting to appear foolish for not being able to play, I practiced as much as I could, hoping I could improve upon my playing skills. Then before I knew it my goals of ability were being reached and I was having fun while doing it. The tuba is very different from the flute and it requires a different type of playing style; the flute is light and bouncy while the tuba is solid and constant. Even with the differences I have grown to like the tuba and what it has taught me. I have accomplished a great deal this past year of football games, parades and practices and I have been thankful for it. I am not one accustomed to change but I tried something new and this time around change was probably for the better since I got something good out of it.



*"Direct your eye right inward,
and you'll find a thousand regions of your mind yet undiscovered.
(Henry David Thoreau, Walden)"*

When marching season ended and I had to decide what instrument I was going to play for concert band, I had a difficult choice before me: should I go the easy route and play the same instrument I have played since fifth grade or help out the band by switching to something new? The problem arose when our baritone saxophone player suddenly moved to Florida and left a gaping hole in our minuscule bass section, which at the moment consisted solely of Lindsey who had switched from flute to tuba during marching camp. Because of that, the issue of balance started to weigh in on my mind and I contemplated switching instruments.

Now don't get me wrong, I love playing the oboe but since there was a freshman oboe player this year I decided two oboes in an already top heavy band was just too much, so I volunteered myself for the position of the new bari-sax player. I've played alto in marching band since freshman year so I was somewhat familiar with the saxophone and I've kind of become famous for playing multiple instruments so it wasn't too terrible a transition, in fact I rather enjoy honking out low notes in the back row instead of squeaking high notes in the front.

However, what it really comes down to is helping the band achieve balance and most importantly expanding my understanding of music, whether it be switching to a different instrument range (alto to bari) or switching instruments altogether (violin to oboe). Learning different fields of music has helped me develop better musicianship while giving me a greater appreciation for all types of music. Do I miss playing the oboe? Of course I do, when I'm lugging that bari-sax case around. However, I think it's worth it in the long run.



by Lauren Jennings; Senior



SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR THE MARCHING FOXES

by Victor Anderson

The fall time always means two things to me...football and marching band. I am fond of both. Being a new band director at a school and community brings on many challenges, and the first of these is marching band. You never know how receptive your new students will be, how accepting the community will be, or what the abilities are of the band program. There are many different ways to approach marching band. I decided to see what Yorkville High School students were made of, and proceeded with marching band the same way that many other successful marching bands are directed, with strong foundation in marching fundamentals, instilling pride and teamwork, and lots of hard work.

In June, students and parents were informed of the marching band camp to be held all day, every day, for a week...and all before school started, ARGHHH! In July, students received their "Marching Band Packet" with music and camp instructions. In August, with much anticipation, I met my new band students for what is known in many band programs as "hell week". This week consists of long hours and hard work, and lots of fun! I enjoyed my first Marching Camp in Yorkville very much. I told my wife Alison, that I felt great about this job, "The students were some of the most receptive students I have ever taught!" I have taught at much larger schools than Yorkville, but never have I had such a willingness to learn how to "look good" as a marching band. Marching Band Camp only motivated me more to push and challenge the YHS Marching Foxes.

Four shows and two parades later, we are stronger and more proud as a band. I have never felt as successful after a marching season as I have here. These students worked extremely hard and were very flexible and receptive to changes made by their new band director. They memorized and performed "Pre-Game", a complete half-time theme show; "A Civil War Suite", and "Triumph"- their parade tune. Not only did they accomplish all of these goals, but every performance continued to improve. Every time I asked this band to get better, they did!!! Because of the student's hard work and the help of staff members Christy Barton with colorguard and David Schulz & Kevin Crouch with percussion, we ended the marching band season with an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and pride (and a pumpkin trophy).

This is one band director that is still feeling proud. I have a clear vision of the future for this band program and hope to have much more success, teamwork, and musical experiences. Thank you for a successful marching band season.



YHS Color Guard

The YHS Color Guard continued to grow this season, doubling in size this year. The girls had the honor of sporting many new flags this season for the half time show entitled "A Civil War Suite." The YHS Marching Foxes and Color Guard won first place for auxiliary in the homecoming parade, and also brought home a second place trophy from the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival parade. Members of the YHS color guard are: Madison Baker, Kellie Brummel, Amber Conrad, Katie Dahlstrom, Amber DeLancy, Rachael Drella, Erin Hanna, Kristi Hirtzel, Holly Maier, Michelle Mix, Miranda Munns, Alissa Prochaska, Maggie Quantock, Dawn Reingardt, Chris Townsend, and Bethany VanCleave.

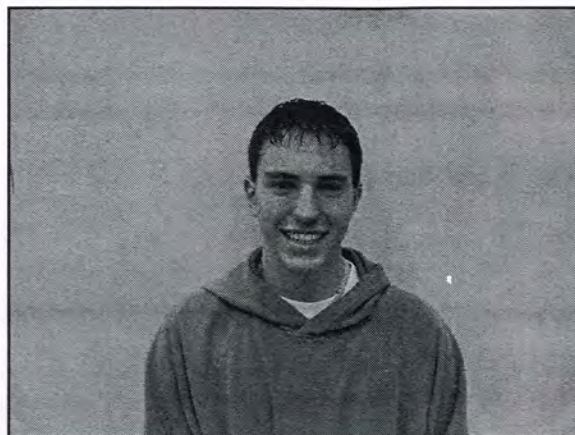


Yorkville High School Band Places Second in Sycamore

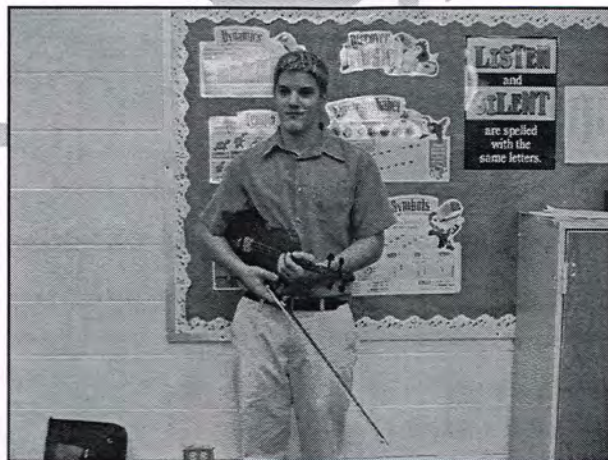
The Pumpkin Festival Parade in Sycamore on Sunday, Oct. 26th was a success for the Yorkville High School Marching Band. This was the first year that the Marching Foxes participated in the Pumpkin Festival Parade. The parade had more than twenty bands participating. Despite the cold weather, Yorkville had many supporters in the crowd. The band, led by drum major, Lauren Jennings was ranked second place in their class."



YHS Students selected for I.M.E.A.



YHS students Kate Swithin (choir), Marcus Schulz (band), and Lindsey Burt (orchestra), were selected at the October 7 auditions at Addison Trail High School to participate in the October 15, Illinois Music Educators Association concert at Glenbard East High School. The 3:00P.M. concert featured approximately 400 choir students, 130 band students, and 130 orchestra students from thirty high schools in the District IX Festival.



MADRIGAL DINNER LIVES ON, DESPITE CHANGE IN GUARD

by Ken Wayne

How many things can go wrong when the originator of a fantastic nine-year tradition hands on the baton to a new director? -- None, when he is backed up by a group of seasoned madrigal dinner enthusiasts!

When I applied for the choral job here in Yorkville back in August, one of the first questions they asked me was "Have you ever done a madrigal dinner before?" I quickly learned that the Madrigal Dinner, introduced to YHS by previous director Peg Trumble, had been running strong for nine consecutive years and is a beloved holiday tradition in the Yorkville Community. My response to their question was that even though I had never done a madrigal dinner before, I had lots of experience in the theater, and imagined that the two were closely related. I was eager to try my hand at this combination of music and script, provided someone was there to walk me through this first year. I soon found that I was in good hands!

One of the great things about the group of students, parents and professionals working on this year's dinner, is that there is so little turn-over from last year. Fifteen of the twenty-two students in this group are returning members, and of those, over half will be returning next year. Parents Sue Swithin, Debbie Cool, and Sally & Jim Bassett are all back, along with the help of Michelle Ridenour, to organize the numerous non-musical details that go into pulling off a production of this size. Through their efforts, a large majority of businesses, parents and community members are repeating their acts of service from previous years. Besides all that, Nan Grommes is back on the piano and Peg Trumble is just a few blocks away, ready to answer a thousand questions and lend a helping hand. Needless to say, I have felt quite secure and supported in what is proving to be a fun adventure.

So, come join us December 6th and 7th, at 6:00 pm, in the YHS cafetorium, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Madrigal Dinner. Tickets are still available for both performances. Order forms can be obtained from either the Kendall County Record, Madrigal students or from the high school music department. Please join us on either of these two evenings for fine food, fun entertainment, and a fantastic night of tradition.

FACTS BY NUMBER:

23 songs for listening
22 students singing
16 instrumentalists playing
5 non-singing characters acting
2 nights performing
(and a partridge in a pear tree)

YORKVILLE MUSIC STAFF...



...CHANGES AND GROWTH



Yorkville's Music Department has had quite a few changes this year. Besides expanding the instrumental program from grades 5-12 to grades 4-12, the department has added two new teachers.

Mr. Victor Anderson is a new band director in the district. Mr. Anderson teaches YMS 7th & 8th grade band as well as the YHS band.

Ms. Christy Barton continues to excite YMS students in choir. Ms. Barton also teaches the YHS Marching Foxes Colorguard.

Mrs. Sue Burich continues to educate grades K-2 at Yorkville Grade School.

Mr. Steve Moline is currently the band director at CCIS and 6th grade at YMS.

Mr. Gerry Romack continues to build and develop the orchestra program grades 4 – 12. He wins the prize for the most traveling throughout the district. Mr. Romack teaches at Circle Center, YMS, and YHS.

Mrs. Peg Trumble has made a move to Circle Center. As music department chair, she continues to support all areas of the music program by teaching the fundamentals of music education to our 3rd, 4th & 5th graders, preparing them for band, choir, and orchestra in the future.

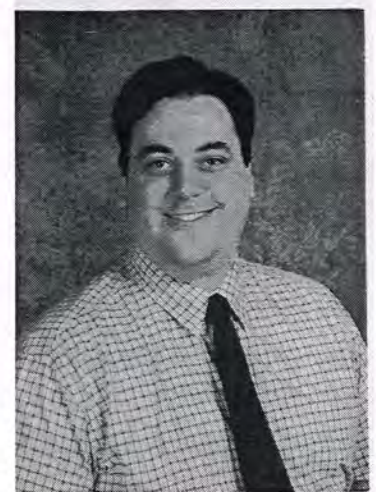
Mrs. Karen VanIten continues to educate grades K-2 at Bristol Grade School.

Mr. Ken Wayne is the new YHS choir director.



Victor Anderson is the new Director of Bands grades 7 – 12 in Yorkville, Illinois. He has previously taught at Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Illinois, Galesburg School District 205, Galesburg, Illinois and Community Unit School District 201, Aledo, Illinois. As an educator, he has been a clinician at numerous high schools throughout Illinois and has been guest conductor for I.M.E. A. District 9 Senior Jazz Festival and I.M.E.A. District 2 Junior Jazz Festival. As a performer, Mr. Anderson continues to play with various community ensembles including the Yorkville American Legion Big Band and the Yorkville Community Summer Band. Mr. Anderson received his Bachelor's of Music Education at Illinois Wesleyan University in 1997 and his Master's of Music Education from the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign in 2000. He currently resides with his wife Alison in North Aurora, Illinois.

Ken Wayne, new choir director of grades 9-12, was raised in the Homewood-Flossmoor area in the south suburbs of Chicago. Despite being raised in Illinois, Ken has spent the last twelve years out of state, earning a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and teaching at Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Illinois' strong support of the arts in public education and a desire to be closer to his family prompted Ken to make the move to Yorkville, where he hopes to quickly become a part of the community. Besides teaching music, Mr. Wayne is an avid fan of the theater, both as an audience member and as a performer. He has been in numerous stage productions, and in 2001 and 2002 won back-to-back honors as "Best Actor" in the Virginia Theater Association's one-act play competition, community theater division. Ken currently resides in Sugar Grove, but still makes it back to Homewood on the weekends.





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