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Nights of Madrigal Dinner Extended

The Fourth Annual Madrigal Dinner has started off with a bang. We were completely taken by surprise by the number of reservations we received, as well as the speed in which we received them. We had to add an extra performance to accommodate the unexpected demand. The performances will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 6-7 at 6:00 p.m., and Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yorkville Congregational Church. In preparation for this year's performances, the Madrigal singers, jesters, and brass and string ensembles have put in countless hours of rehearsal time.

This year's Madrigal singers are: Abby Ament, Linda Ashley, Mark Busby, Wes Dickson, Jessica Doverspike, Ben Draper, Sarah Engelhardt, Allison Harding, T.J. Johnson, Kim Krantz, Melissa Liggett, Nikki Lupei, Lauren Marshall, Valerie Milam, Mark Morris, Bart Olson, Jeff Olson, Rachel Sebby, Colin Stokes, Parker Trumble, and Chris Young. Madrigal jesters will be: Stacey Seif, Stephanie Sibenaller, and Ryan Tinsley. Madrigal brass are: Alesia Perry - french horn; Rosie Gilbert, Brooke Skeen, and Luke Teasaw - trumpet; Michalene Nevills - trombone; and Randi Haskins and Mr. Steve Moline - euphonium. Madrigal strings are: Erin Cool, John Holland, Chris Muth and Kurt Muth - violin; Jenny Tagle - viola; Alicia Cool and Kelly Stallman - cello; and Seth Sinding - bass.

The Madrigal Singers not only perform for the annual Madrigal Dinner, but they participate in other musical endeavors. The ISU (Illinois State University)

Madrigal singers and Madrigal brass came to YHS on October 30th, and performed for the YHS vocal department and Madrigal brass students. Following their performance, the ISU singers and brass worked with the YHS singers and brass. It was a great learning experience for all, as well as a great deal of fun.

Madrigal Dinner performances are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6th – 7th at 6:00 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Yorkville Congregational Church.

The YHS Madrigals participated in the Illinois State University Madrigal Festival on November 11th at ISU. Their performance was critiqued by Dr. John Ferrell, a former ISU Madrigal instructor.

The Madrigals will be singing at several different locations and times in the near future. They will be singing at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on November 30th, at the Yorkville Congregational Church; at Circle Center Middle School for the CCIS and CCMS students on December 5th; at St. Patrick's for the Senior Citizens Gathering on December 11th at 11:00 a.m.; and on December 12th, they will be performing at the Riverfront Festivities between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. Feel free to go and enjoy any of these performances.

The Madrigal performers will get a chance to relax and have fun on a much grander scale at Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Illinois on Wednesday, December 10th. It will be a nice change of pace for them to be entertained, rather than entertaining.

The Music Boosters would like to thank all the participants for all their time, talent, and energy. Best of luck in all your performances!

Debbie Cool

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Fundraisers Help Pay for Instruments, Equipment and Camp Scholarships

Yorkville Music Parents and Friends,

This has been an exciting past few months for the Music Boosters organization. We hope that you like the new format of this newsletter, and many thanks to John and Maureen Holland for their time and effort in putting it together. We felt that there was a need to provide more timely and complete information than in the past and hope that you find it interesting and informative.

The fall fruit-sale fundraiser was a major success and has raised enough money to allow us to fulfill a large part of the teachers' needs list for the year and for the new high school. My thanks to Ken Johnson for organizing and running this huge task and to all the students and parents for their efforts in selling over \$13,000 of fruit. Sharon Basinger is heading up the sale of Christmas tree ornaments, a new fundraising endeavor this year, and we are confident that everyone will be pleased with this offering.

The Madrigal Dinner planning is in full swing for December 6, 7 and 8. The Madrigal singers and brass and string ensemble groups are putting in many hours of practice to ensure that the high quality of the past will continue. Dinner reservations have gone so well that we have added a third night to handle the demand. Thanks to Debbie Cool and Donna Sebby for assuming the leadership for this event and to all who have volunteered to help with set-up, clean-up, etc.

As a result of the successful fruit sale and Madrigal Dinner ticket sales, we have budgeted to purchase some much needed equipment including robes and music folders for the choir, a cello for the middle school, recording equipment and chairs for the new high school music rooms,

percussion equipment, and a music system for the Poms squad. We have also budgeted for scholarships for summer camps.

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Once again, the talent of our music students has exhibited itself in the IMEA District Festival. Having 10 students selected to participate in this select group is a tribute to the students abilities and the support of their parents and teachers. Based on their seating positions in the individual groups, a number of these students will be asked to participate in the All-State Music Festival. I had the privilege of attending the All-State Festival concert last year and can safely say that the talent on exhibit there can rival any performing group anywhere, professional or otherwise, and we should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

David Tinsley, our secretary, recently resigned due to other conflicts. I would like to ask for a volunteer to fill this important position. If you are interested please contact me, Ken Johnson or Donna Sebby. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month and welcome your ideas and input.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their continued help and support.

Don Cool, President
Yorkville Music Boosters

Holiday Concert Schedule

The YHS Music Department will be presenting its Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the YHS gymnasium. The Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, YHS Madrigal Singers, Men's Quartet, Orchestra, Band and Jazz Band will perform.

The CCMS Holiday Orchestra and Band Concert is scheduled for December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the CCMS gymnasium.

Christmas Tree Ornament Sale

The Yorkville Music Boosters are selling gift-boxed, collectible Christmas tree ornaments for \$10.00 each. They may be purchased at any music or sports event, the YHS, CCMS, and YGS offices, or either Yorkville bank. For additional information, contact Sharon Basinger at 553-0430.

Ten YHS Students at IMEA Festival

Several Yorkville High School music students auditioned on October 15, at Naperville North High School for this year's IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) Dist. IX Festival. Auditions consisted of prepared selections, scales or triad singing, and sight reading. Of those Yorkville High School students that auditioned, ten were selected to participate in the IMEA Festival held on November 22, at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, Illinois.

Students representing Yorkville High School were:

Sr. Band Division: Wes Dickson - Bassoon
Sr. Choral Division: Melissa Liggett and Nikki Lupei - Alto I
Valerie Milam - Soprano I

STAR CHORAL STUDENTS

Star Choral Students is a reward/incentive program dedicated to honoring students who have excelled in choral music. On the first Monday of each month, three students (one from the 6th grade, one from the 7th grade, and one from the 8th grade) enrolled in the choral music program are chosen to receive this award.

These awards are based on leadership (conduct and attitude), musicianship, and volunteerism. No student can be chosen more than once and the choosing is with the director's discretion.

The award consists of the students' names being placed on a public bulletin board outside the music room, a star pin, picture in the local newspaper, article in the school newspaper, and announcements in the music and school newsletters. A small gift certificate from the Yorkville McDonald's is also included. At the end of the year, all Star Students will be reviewed and one from each grade level will be chosen as *Star Choral Students* of the Year.

Star Choral Students for October:

Sixth Grade - Laura Barette
Seventh Grade - Rebecca Crown
Eighth Grade - Ryan Sartain

Star Choral Students for November:

Sixth Grade - Scott McCartney
Seventh Grade - Rachael Brian and Kevin Doherty
Eighth Grade - Joy Doverspike

Sr. Orchestra Division: John Holland, T. J. Johnson, Chris Muth and Kurt Muth - Violin
Jenny Tagle - Viola
Alicia Cool - Cello

The students were in rehearsals from 8:00 a.m. right up until 3:00 p.m. when the concert began. All the different divisions had the privilege of working with nationally renowned guest conductors.

The Illinois Music Educators Association sponsors nine district festivals throughout the state of Illinois in preparation for the All-State Music Festival and Convention, to be held on January 29-31, 1998 in Peoria, Illinois. The participants for All-State will be selected from the nine district festivals, so good luck to all the students who participated in the Dist. IX Festival. Hope to see you at All-State.

CCMS Students Attend IMEA Choral Festival

The CCMS students who were nominees and attendees of the IMEA District Choral Festival are as follows: Rachael Brian, Sarah Card, Adam Collins, Jackie Cook, Rebecca Crown, Katy DeFelice, Joy Doverspike, Christopher Duncan, Erin Dunn, Therese Grommes, Jessica Joray, Ashley Lies, Nicole Malinowski, Crystal Nelson, Stephanie Paugels, Alex Scarpetta, Joni Sebby, Andy Shaw, Amanda Thompson and Whitney Trumble.

These students attended a day-long rehearsal and concluding mass choir with other students from our choral district at Glenbard South High School under the direction of Mr. Brett Goad from Hinsdale High School.

The students returned to CCMS with a new excitement for singing and worked to encourage others to sing out and work for excellence. They also brought back some new warm-up activities that have been incorporated into the regular routine.

Special thanks to Mrs. Nan Grommes and Mr. Michael Brian for chaperoning this event because CCMS Choral Director Christy Hager was presenting at the National Middle School Conference in Indianapolis.

CCMS Choral Concert is Presented to Full House

The CCMS Chorus performed on November 25th in the CCMS gymnasium to a packed house.

They performed a selection of music from various subject areas. The sixth grade performed a song of patriotism and free speech and a song from the hit musical revival of *Annie*. The seventh/eighth grade chorus sang a song of world unity and also an Indian love song. The Concert Choir did three songs from the IMEA Choral Festival. Each choir sang a song of the season to help us all get into the Christmas spirit, and the choirs joined together to sing *Variations on Jingle Bells*, which has become a yearly tradition.

Special thanks go to Nan Grommes - Piano Accompanist; Kelly Danko and Therese Grommes - Flutes; James Holland and Jason Unterbrunner - Percussion; and Randy Bastyr - Bass Guitar.

Busy Schedule Ahead for CCMS Choral Department

All CCMS choruses will be involved in the all-school Academic Olympics in February as well as attending the IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest which is optional for the students.

The Concert Choir will be going to District Chorus Contest in March, and the CCMS Chorus Spring Concert is also in March.

At the present time, all or some of the choral students will be involved in presenting to the community. It is very important that we show the community the talent here at CCMS and keep our name in the ears of the community. We are very fortunate to have a school-sponsored music program, and we want to share that with the community.

Yorkville Music Boosters Patron and Volunteer Drive

The financial support of parents, friends, and area businesses is an essential ingredient for success of the arts in Yorkville. Your gift and desire to help the Music Boosters as a volunteer are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your tax deductible gift. Patrons' names will be acknowledged in *FanFare* and all concert programs.

Patron: _____ Please check one: parent or friend.
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I volunteer to help the Yorkville Music Boosters during this school year. Yes _____; No
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