



NOTABLES

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Upcoming Events:

Prairie High School:

February 11, Ambassadors, Fab 5, Paramount Theater

February 15, University of Iowa Honor Band

February 21, Jazz I and Jazz II, Coe Jazz Festival

February 21, Jazz I, Tallcorn Jazz Festival

February 22, Ambassadors and Focal Point, Great River Show Choir Competition, Davenport

Prairie Point:

February 15, 9th Grade Jazz Band, SE Polk Jazz Fest

February 20, Point Jazz Bands (7 – 9) Clinic

February 21, Point Jazz Bands (8 – 9), Coe Jazz Festival

Prairie Creek:

February 21, ECICDA Honor Choir, Linn-Mar

February 22, Creek Honor Band

(See page 2 for Accolades Honor Band and Honor Choir members)

SPRING FRUIT AND CANDY SALE

All music students should have received a packet for this very important fund raiser for our programs. Orders are due to your music directors on **February 10, 2014**. Please help support our programs!



Upcoming Prairie Music Association Meetings

February 4, 2014

March 11, 2014

All meetings are at 7:00 PM and are held in the High School Band Room.

Upcoming Concerts:

Prairie High School:

February 6, High School Mid-Winter Band Concert, Grades 9 -12

Prairie Point:

February 6, High School Mid-Winter Band Concert, Grades 9 -12

February 18, Point Winter Choir Concert

February 25, Point Jazz Bands (7 – 9) Concert

Prairie Creek:

February 13, Creek Choir Concert

February 20, Creek Band Concert

Did you know...

In 1985, the Prairie High School Band program had 1 Director and 74 students in grades 9-12, with only 1 class meeting during the school day.

The Prairie High School Choir program had 1 Director and 90 students in grades 9-12, with 2 classes meeting during the school day. AS A TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM IN 1985, PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL HAD 2 FULL-TIME DIRECTORS AND 164 STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12, WITH 3 MUSIC CLASSES OFFERED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

Currently, the Prairie High School Band program has 2 full time Directors serving over 200 students, with 5 classes meeting during the school day, and the PHS Choir program has 2 full time Choir Directors serving over 215 students, with 5 classes meeting during the school day.

CURRENTLY, AS A TOTAL MUSIC PROGRAM, PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL HAS 4 FULL-TIME DIRECTORS AND OVER 415 STUDENTS IN JUST GRADES 10-12, WITH 10 MUSIC CLASSES BEING OFFERED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY!

WAY TO GO!

A school record-tying 15 Prairie High School students have been selected to participate in the University of Iowa Honor Band on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The honor band performs at 7:00 PM that evening at the Iowa Memorial Union and the concert is free to the public. The 15 students representing Praire High School are:

Calyn Gimse	Senior	Tenor Saxophone
Malcolm Johnson	Senior	Bassoon
Josh Kacena	Senior	Trumpet
Kathryn Langenberg	Senior	Trombone
Mark Northup	Senior	Alto Saxophone
Abby Rubsam	Senior	Flute
Anna Rubsam	Senior	Clarinet
Nathanael Smale	Senior	Percussion
Tori Solbrig	Senior	French Horn
Jacob Sprengeler	Senior	Trumpet
Camille Boman	Junior	French Horn
Annabelle Fewell	Junior	Alto Saxophone
Blake Keating	Junior	Tenor Saxophone
Josh Piering	Junior	Bass Trombone
Paul Danker	Sophomore	Bassoon

WAY TO GO!

CONGRATULATIONS to the students involved in our show choirs, Focal Point and The Ambassadors.

In their first outing of the year on January 18th, , the show choirs traveled to Waukee where Focal Point placed 3rd in the Prep Division and The Ambassadors finished 2nd Runner-Up in the evening finals. On Saturday, February 1st at Davenport North's "The Big Dance," Focal Point was awarded 3rd place in a prep division deep with competition.

The Ambassadors captured the Best Choreography award, and they were named Grand Champion of the evening finals round. The Ambassadors will perform on Tuesday, February 11th at the Fab Five Show Choir Extravaganza. Tickets are available through the Paramount Theater.



WAY TO GO!

3 Prairie High School Students participated in the NEIBA 4A Honor Jazz Band on Saturday, January 11 at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids. This years Honor Band was directed by Mike Giles from Iowa State University. The students were Mark Northup and Jacob Sprengeler. Noah Andrys was selected as an alternate.

WAY TO GO!

7 Prairie High School Students participated in the Meistersinger Honor Choir at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA on January 24 and 25, 2014. The students were Noah Andrys, Ryan Ayers, Adam Ewing, Chase Galvin, Natalie Rumer, Hailey Sullivan and Alexis Thumann.



WAY TO GO!

8 Prairie Point Ninth Grade Students participated in the Meistersinger Honor Band at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA on February 1 and 2, 2014. The students were Amanda Happel, Natalie Bohnsack, Emily Northup, Riley Andreasen, Blake Krapfl, Abby Murdock, Adam Tiedeman, and Cairo Dinicola.



THANK YOU! to ALL the volunteers who helped make Premiere 2014 another successful event!

