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October 2014

Upcoming Events:

- October 4: [Bands Across the Prairie](#) (see page 2)
- October 4: Real Men Sing! Festival, Wartburg
- October 8: Wreath & Candy **Order Turn In**
- October 10: Half-Time Marching Band Show
- October 11: State Marching Band Contest
- October 11: "Few Good Men" Choir performs at Central States Barbershop Convention
- October 13: Metro Marching Band Classic (formerly Indoor Marching Band Classic)
- October 24: Half-Time Marching Band **Senior** Show
- October 25: All State Auditions, Select Band and Choir Students 9-12
- October 30: ICDA Youth Choir Clinic

(See page 3 for a summary of our major events for 2014-2015)

October 2014 Volunteer Opportunities

During the month of **October** we are looking for volunteers to help with the following events:

- **Bands Across the Prairie:** [See page 2 for details.](#)
- **Prairie Marching Band Pit Crew:** Join this great group of volunteers to get a "behind the scenes" look at a marching band show!
- **Fall Wreath & Candy Sale**
- **Concert Admissions and Ushers**

Click on this link to sign up for any of these events:

[Prairie Music Association Volunteer Spot](#)

Did you know...

Prairie Music Alumni now have a Facebook page.

Check it out at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prairie-High-School-Music-Alumni/1445848015680100>

Upcoming Concerts:

- October 9: Point 7-8-9 Band Concert
- October 14: High School Fall Choir Concert
- October 16: Creek Fall Choir Concerts
- October 21: Point 7-8-9 Fall Choir Concerts

Congratulations Prairie "Hawks" Marching Band

Congratulations are in order for the 192 members of the C.R. Prairie "Hawks" Marching Band and Color Guard, who were awarded 4th Place out of nine bands in Class 4A at the **Linn-Mar Marching Band Invitational** on Saturday, September 27. Their score of 80.7 is the third-highest score ever received by the Prairie "Hawks" Marching Band at the Linn-Mar Invitational! Way to go "Hawks"!

Support Prairie Music Association

To find out about how you can help support Prairie Music Association as a **parent, grandparent, friend or neighbor** click on this link to find out about our [Patrons Program](#).

Are you a **business owner**, do you work for a company that would be interested in being a Prairie Music Association Business Sponsor? To find out about how you can help support Prairie Music Association as a [Business Sponsor](#) click on this link and then click on the **Become a PMA Sponsor** box.

Upcoming Prairie Music Association Meetings

October 7, 2014

November 11, 2014

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

Upcoming Committee Meetings

October 7, 2014

Premiere Committee 5:30 HS Choir Room

BAP Committee 6:00 HS Band Room

BANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE



Please consider signing up to volunteer for Bands Across the Prairie on October 4, 2014. We are asking that all music parents sign up for one position at each of our major events this year. We are hoping that parents who do not have a student in marching band will sign up for times at the end of the day so the parents of marching band students will be able to watch their children perform. Please click [here](#) to sign up.



FALL FUNDRAISER BEGAN SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

The Fall Fundraiser (Wreath & Candy Sale) began September 22 and ends **October 8** for students in 6th through 12th grades. Students will receive their packet from their director. Check out our new vendor catalog from Red Wheel Fundraising with lots of NEW products for sale! Plus, we have the always popular and beautiful Christmas wreaths available. Please make note, **the packet turn in is Wednesday, October 8, 2014** – right after two days of no school. Please remind your student to turn in their forms that day.

Volunteers are needed on October 9 and 10, 2014 to help with processing orders. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

Please contact Theresa Johnson, 319-213-2742, with any questions.



INSTRUMENT AND CLOTHING DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Now is the time that literally hundreds of fifth graders are starting band. Some of our students do not have the financial opportunity to rent or purchase their own instrument. If you have an instrument in playing condition that you are willing to donate, we will have a student that is ready to play it!

We are also starting a clothing donation drive. If you have old black and white clothing and shoes that you would like to donate to students who need them, we have a place for you to take them!

Contact Wendy Morton at wmorton@prairiepride.org to donate.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PRAIRIE MUSIC ASSOCIATION
2014-2015 EVENTS!**

SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 8, 2014: FALL FUNDRAISER

Our annual Wreath & Candy sale. Please support our association by selling items to your friends and family members.

OCTOBER 4, 2014: BANDS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE

“Bands Across the Prairie” is Prairie’s annual marching band invitational. This unique festival offers the ultimate in innovation for marching band performance, education and entertainment. With 17 marching bands and the Prairie “Hawks” Marching Band performing, Prairie will be hosting over 3,000 students and spectators from across the state of Iowa. Additional information can be found using the link to “Bands Across the Prairie” at www.prairiemusic.com.



JANUARY 10, 2015: PREMIERE

“Premiere” is Prairie’s Show Choir event to kick off the show choir season. With 20 amazing show choir groups performing, thousands of students, parents, friends and family will be on our campus to enjoy the full day of entertainment. Checkout the website at www.prairiepremiere.com. (A link to this web site can also be found on the Prairie Music Association website, www.prairiemusic.com.)



JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2015: SPRING FUNDRAISER

Our annual Fruit & Candy sale. Please support our association by selling items to your friends and family members.

APRIL 10, 2015: CURTAIN CALL

Join us for an elegant evening featuring members of the Prairie High School Show Choirs and Chamber Choir. Desserts and beverages will be served during intermission.

MAY 21, 2015: JUST JAZZ

Join us for an entertaining evening featuring Prairie High School’s Jazz I and Jazz II and recognition of the senior members of these groups. Dessert and beverages are served following the performance.

All of these events raise the money to supplement and support **ALL** band and music programs, kindergarten through 12th grade, in the College Community School District. Please mark your calendars for all of these events. We ask that at least one family member of every student involved in music at Prairie (grade school through high school, band, jazz band, choir or show choir) volunteer for a shift for Bands Across the Prairie and Premiere. Volunteer sign-ups will be posted on the

Volunteer Spot web site: [Prairie Music Association Volunteer Spot](#)