



News & Notes

following the Board of Education Meeting of Dec. 20, 2022



Let there be music!

Not only did the Board of Education hear a presentation on the District's music program on Tuesday night, they also heard some of the music first hand. The High School Band Chamber Ensemble, directed by Eric Blodgett, performed holiday selections for half an hour before the meeting. During the meeting, after the Pledge of Allegiance, the High School Show Choir, directed by Deanna Civilette, sang the national anthem.

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Personnel Actions:

Probationary

Appointments of ...

Samantha Edinger, School Counselor (effective 12/19/22).

Kaitlin Hager, Occupational Therapist (effective on or about 1/19/23).

Tabitha Pfister, Personal Care Aide (effective 12/15/22).

Deanna Stranc, Bus Driver (effective 11/15/22)

Tenure for ...

Melinda Farley, Elementary Teacher (effective 8/26/22).

Dana Myers, Reading Teacher (effective 8/26/22).

Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement of ...

Roy Dieter, Grounds Worker (effective 12/30/22).

Elizabeth Farrell, School Counselor (effective 1/5/23)

Resignation of ...

Shelly Jemiolo, Personal Care Aide (effective 11/20/22).

Recall from layoff for ...

Shelly Jemiolo, Licensed Practical Nurse (effective 11/21/22).



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A Look at the Sound of Music at Lake Shore

In addition to music theory (including AP), guitar and piano instruction, Lake Shore High School boasts a Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band and a Musical that packs the house each year. There's also a Mixed Chorus, String Orchestra and Symphonic Band.

"I can't tell you how dedicated these kids are and it starts at the elementary schools, builds to the Middle School, and without that, it just wouldn't be possible,"

High School Band Director Eric Blodgett told the Board of Education Tuesday night.

He noted that with a full-time general music teacher now at each elementary building, the music department is moving closer to its goal of aligning musical experiences K-5, including experiences like African drumming, piano keyboarding, handbells, Orff Schuelwerk and Chorus. And students are responding with vigor: more than 150 students are in the Elementary 4th/5th Grade Band. More than 90 are in the Elementary String Orchestra.

Once these elementary students reach Middle School, they still have foundational music instruc-



High School Band Director Eric Blodgett provides the Board of Education insights into the District's music program.

tion, but things also get more specialized, with the Grade 6-8 Band, String Orchestra, and Chorus groups. "Over 40% of the building, that's more than 200 kids, participate in our Middle School Ensembles at the advanced level outside of general music," said Mr. Blodgett.

The students' music experiences aren't confined to the school buildings. They perform for senior citizens and at community events, and travel to perform and compete locally and nationally. They participate in All-County voice and instrumental auditions, as well as Area and Conference All-State voice and instrumental auditions and (if selected for Conference), All-National auditions. Mr. Blodgett noted that 10 elementary students were selected for All-County Chorus, and six Middle School students were selected for Area All-State. "Approximately 30% of Middle School students will audition for All-County," he added. At the High School, 10 students were accepted as Area All-State Musicians, and about 40% of students will audition for All-County. One High School student even was selected for the Conference All-State Symphonic Band and the All-Eastern Band. The High School Band has commissioned internationally-renowned composer and film orchestrator Rossano Galante to compose a ...

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School Counselor Steve Brown and Business Teacher Danielle Arnone speak to the Board of Education about the High School's new class in Entrepreneurship.

Keep an Eye on These Kids

... they just might be scholarship winners in the 43North competition next year.

That's the ambitious goal of a new class in Entrepreneurship that started at the High School this year. The students are working on mock interviews and presentation skills in preparation for pitching their business ideas to 43North this spring. "We look for kids who think outside the box, who are team players and go-getters," said Business Teacher Danielle Arnone.

"They won't see a lot of tests in this class," said School Counselor Steve Brown. "It's about creativity. This is to give kids an idea of what it's like to start up a business and what they learn in this course will take them further than what they would learn in a traditional class."

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Sharing Our Holiday Spirit



2nd graders are ready to greet Santa at A.J. Schmidt.



Grinching it at J.T. Waugh.



Holiday concert at Highland.



Fun at the MS Snowflake Dance.



Mischievous Grinch at HS.

*See you
in the
New
Year!*