



MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Music in Catholic Schools is in its 32nd year! The Governing Board, teachers, and I strive to provide the best band program possible in the 26 Catholic and 4 Lutheran participating grade schools.

Over 300 students have participated in band this year. We continue to touch lives with the gift of music—a part of being human that lasts forever!

MCS FINANCES—YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT IS KEY!

Enrollment is higher this school year, but we're continue to make up for past years' deficits. A greater percentage of our students receives tuition assistance or is receiving Band Aid. Fund-raising and recruitment are vital activities. Word of mouth from parent to parent and from student to student continues to be the most effective way to recruit and retain students. Thanks for promoting and supporting Music in Catholic Schools whenever possible.



Band Aid is in its 7th year, whereby students in any participating school on free or reduced lunch automatically pay reduced band tuition. Reduced band tuition enables students with financial need the opportunity to explore their musical gifts in school. MCS depends on outside revenue from financial gifts to cover the basic costs of this program—teacher salaries. **Please consider a tax-deductible gift to MCS.** Remember that such a gift touches a life forever. Perhaps your employer would match that gift. It doesn't hurt to ask. You may also wish to include MCS in your will and estate planning. Contact the MCS office for more information.

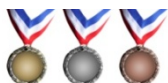


BENEFIT DANCE FOR MCS

The 8th annual benefit dance for MCS will be held Friday, February 4, 2011, 7:30-10:30 pm at St. Robert Parish Center (11802 Pacific) with music by the Nebraska Wind Symphony *Swingtones A* silent auction is held, and desserts and beverages are served. Free swing dance lessons are offered from 6:15-7:15 pm. Tickets are available at the door.

ACTIVITIES

MCS was again well represented in the **2011 NSBA 8th Grade All State Band** in Kearney on January 15, 2011 with fiver participants: Megan Brookhouser, baritone saxophone, Mary Our Queen; Anne Stratman, clarinet, St. James/Seton; Marie Wagner, clarinet, St. Wenceslaus; Greg Huber, trumpet, St. Philip Neri; and Nicholas Swoboda, percussion, St. Philip Neri. This is a highly select group of 82 eighth-grade musicians chosen from nearly 400 Nebraska students who auditioned. Mrs. Linda Donohue, retired band director from Otte-Blair Middle School, was the guest conductor.



The 32nd annual **MCS Band Clinic** will be held **March 12** in the Creighton Lied Center, 24th and California, with the final concert at

7:30 pm. This year's guest director is Mrs. Erika Hipsher, former band teacher with MCS and Omaha Public Schools. The Honor Band will perform some selections as a part of this special concert.

The **Honor Band** will also perform and rehearse at New Cassel Retirement Center on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm. Their final concert of the year is **Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:30 pm** at Roncalli High School. (6401 Sorensen.)

Professor Miller (north schools) will have his spring joint schools **concert on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Roncalli Catholic High School Auditorium.**

Mr. Irvin's students (south and west schools) will have their **spring concert at 7:00 pm** also on May 1, 2011 in the St. Gerald Parish Center.

Mrs. Delaney (central schools) will have her **spring joint school concert on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm** in the St. Margaret Mary Raynor Center.

You are invited to any and all of these concerts!

MCS WISH LIST

Tuition Assistance/Band Aid	Any amount
Gifts to MCS Endowment Fund	Any amount
Good, used band instruments	Any in excellent condition
New Baritone Saxophone	\$3000+
(The MCS bari sax is in extremely poor condition)	
Motivational Rewards	\$50-\$300
Sheet Music	\$50-75/per set

MCS STAFF

The 2010-2011 MCS staff:
Mrs. Melissa (Noel) Delaney; Mr. Dan Irvin, Professor Charles Miller, and Mrs. Debra Lund.



MCS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 12, 2011,
MCS Band Clinic
Concert at 7:30 pm in the Creighton's Lied Center for Performing Arts, 24th and California with guest director: Mrs. Erika Hipsher.



Saturday, March 19, 2011: Solo/Ensemble Festival at St. Cecilia Institute from 8:00 am-3:00 pm; Jazz Clinic for 7th-8th Graders, from 2-4:30 pm, also at St. Cecilia Institute

Sunday, April 14, 2011, at 7:30 pm: Honor Band concert at Roncalli HS

Sunday, May 1, 2011: Professor Miller's students (North schools) at 2:30 pm in Roncalli's Auditorium
Mr. Irvin's Students (south and west schools) at 7:00 pm in the St. Gerald Parish Center.

Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm for Mrs. Delaney's students (Central schools) in the St. Margaret Mary Raynor Center.

Please keep in touch!! Please fill out the form below and return it to the MCS office, 3212 N 60 ST, PO Box 4130, Omaha, NE 68104-0130; or e-mail: djlund@archomaha.org

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Current Occupation or School _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Do you still play your instrument? _____

Current Musical Involvement _____

Other interests/leisure activities _____

Something interesting that I remember about my days in Music in Catholic Schools is _____