

## The Gael Chronicles

**RHS BANDS...BACK ON THE SCENE IN 2017!**



Photo Courtesy Beth Graf

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### A New Years message from RHSBPA President Carla Dexter...

Dear Families...

Happy New Year!

How quickly time flies! It seems like yesterday that our year began and we were holding our welcome breakfast! Our year is in full swing and we have many exciting things coming up!

Right around the corner is our **Metropolitan Wind Band Invitational** that will be held on April 1. Be prepared to enjoy a day of music from 20 bands, including our own Concert, Symphony and Wind Symphony. Our featured guests will be none other than the Eastern Wind Symphony. We are honored to once again have them as our feature ensemble.

Both Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard groups have been holding practices. They are working hard putting together shows that are sure to entertain. Their seasons are just beginning!

As you are aware, we do not charge a membership fee like all of the other groups in the school. We rely solely on the events and fundraisers that we hold throughout the year to keep our program going. To that end, we have 3 fundraisers coming up.

The Indoor Percussion group will be holding a **Pie Eyed Bar Pie Pizza** fundraiser. These are delicious, frozen, homemade 11.5" pizzas that come with many different toppings. They also have gluten free options as well. See your favorite percussion ensemble member to order!

The Indoor Guard group will be holding an **Aspen Ice** fundraiser on March 11. For \$10, you can skate for 2 hours – included is a gift certificate for a sky scraper from Cliffs and free skating instruction.

The RHSBPA will be holding a Catalog and Online **Gertrude Hawk** fundraiser. Chocolates will be available in plenty of time for Easter. All members from all the bands will participate.

Although **Mr. Nichols** will be here until the end of the year, on behalf of the RHSBPA, I would like to congratulate Mr. Nichols – or should I say, Professor Nichols - on his new position at Rutgers. Mr. Nichols has put the Roxbury Band program on the map. He not only teaches our students to be the best musicians they can be, but the best person they can be. Mr. Nichols always has the student's and programs best interest at heart. Roxbury is known as the place to be for all things band. We have been so fortunate to have Mr. Nichols as our Director of Bands for so long. Roxbury's loss, is definitely Rutgers gain. We will miss you my friend, and we wish you well. Know that you have left Roxbury a better place.

Best wishes to all,  
Carla Dexter  
President, RHSBPA



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ROXBURY HIGH SCHOOL



# METROPOLITAN

General Admission \$10

Students & Senior Citizens \$5

Family Package (2 Adults, 2+ Children) \$25

Tickets & Refreshments available for purchase at event.

More Info: [www.RoxburyBandsNJ.org](http://www.RoxburyBandsNJ.org)

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ORCHESTRAS,  
& ENSEMBLES FROM  
ACROSS NJ & NY!**

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MUSICAL  
EDUCATORS FROM  
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& CANADA!**

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FEATURING THE  
EASTERN WIND  
SYMPHONY!**

**PRESENTED  
HERE AT RHS BY  
RHS BANDS, STAFF  
AND  
THE RHSBPA!**

*Parent Volunteers will be needed to make this event successful!  
A sign up genius link will be emailed to band parents in advance...*



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### Here Comes the...



**Roxbury Indoor Percussion Kicks off Feb 25th**



Photo Courtesy Denise Bouvier

Roxbury Indoor Percussion is gearing up for their third competitive season!

This year's show is entitled "Energized" and features original music by John Mapes and Ian Grom. Almost thirty students are rehearsing each week to prepare visual movements and musical elements for battery percussion and front ensemble. The show explores elements of Potential Energy, Distribution, and Kinetic Energy.

This year's visual program and overall design has been created by Michael Thompson and additional visual staff includes Greg Boccuti and Robert Peterson. Sound design is by Dom Michele. Percussion Instructors include Shea Costello, Alex Nielson, Chris Bouvier, and alumni from the program helping out occasionally.



The season kicks off on Saturday, February 25 with the group's first competition at Woodbridge High School. The Roxbury Indoor Percussion program is co-directed by Justin Kulick and Shannon Perrone and is supported by the Roxbury Band Parents Association.

**Indoor Percussion Competitions This Season are as follows:**

**Saturday 2/25 - Woodbridge HS**

**Saturday 3/11 - Fair Lawn HS**

**Saturday 3/25 - Bridgewater-Raritan HS**

**Sunday 4/2 - Championships at South Brunswick HS**

**Our Thanks to Shannon Perrone, Indoor Percussion Leader and LR Band Director, for this article**

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***Don't let your "Winter" Guard down,  
come watch them compete instead!***

Dear Roxbury Band Parents and community,

This season, the Roxbury High School Winter Color Guard is performing a production entitled "Pure Imagination". This is the group's third competitive season and their second year competing in M.A.I.N, the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network. M.A.I.N. is a very competitive Indoor circuit that is home to many color guards across the Mid-Atlantic region. Designer Michael Thompson and advisor Kasey Fox have been working with 12 talented young women to put together a very special show for the 2017 season.

The show "Pure Imagination" is an introspective piece about finding one's own paradise in their reflection. The show incorporates large prop mirrors along with beautiful choreography to portray this concept. The girls will debut their performance at the first competition on January 28th at West Orange High School. The unit will compete in seven more competitions throughout the season, culminating in the M.A.I.N. Championships on April 22nd at South Brunswick High School."

We hope to see you at one or all of the competitions below!

**1/28/17 - West Orange Show**  
**2/4/17 - Hillsborough Show**  
**2/18/17 - Council Rock Show**  
**3/4/17 - Mid-Season Show -**  
**South Brunswick**  
**3/18/17 - Monroe Show**  
**4/1/17 - Somerville Show**  
**4/8/17 - North Plainfield Show**  
**4/22/17 - MAIN Championships**

RHS Winter Guard Performs "Pure Imagination" Saturday,  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, at West Orange



Photo Courtesy Traci Vassoler

Sincerely,

Kasey Fox  
 Color Guard Designer  
 Third Grade Teacher  
 Jefferson Elementary School

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# Some Tasty Fund Raisers Are on Tap!



### INDOOR PERCUSSION - PIE EYED BAR PIZZA'S

Do you like pizza? Well this is the fundraiser for you! The Indoor Percussion group will be holding a Pie Eyed Bar Pie homemade frozen pizza fundraiser.

WHEN: February 4 - 17

WHERE: See your favorite Indoor Percussion participant

Samples will be available after the 2/4/17 camp. Order forms will be distributed to all Indoor Percussion participants.

Pie Eyed Bar Pies are delicious, homemade 11.5" pizzas. Pizzas come with different toppings as well as some gluten free options. They are easy to make - from freezer to oven; bake for 10 minutes and you have a delicious meal or snack! For more info please reach out to Margaret Rickley at [Maggs90@gmail.com](mailto:Maggs90@gmail.com)

### WINTER GUARD - SKATING AWAY AT ASPEN ICE

Looking for something to do? Well, join the Winter Guard at Aspen Ice for ice skating!

WHEN: Saturday, March 11, 2017

WHERE: Aspen Ice

TIME: 7:30 - 9:00

COST: \$10 admission, \$5 skate and walker rental

\*\* Be sure to purchase your tickets at the Winter Guard table \*\*

Free Cliff's Sky Scraper coupons will be handed out

Free Ice Skating lessons on center ice

### RHSBPA - Gertrude Hawke on the way!

There's two ways to participate - Online and Catalog.

-Online: Instructions on how to set up your site will be available in the next two weeks. You can email your link to all of your family and friends, and online orders may be ordered as late as April 9.

Catalog: Also coming to your band kid in the next two weeks distributed by the band directors. Deadlines for all catalog orders is March 3 turned in to your band director.

Items will be ready for distribution by March 20 - in plenty of time for Easter!

Every member of Band is encouraged to participate.

If you have any questions regarding any of the fundraisers, please contact Carla Dexter @ [cdexter0325@msn.com](mailto:cdexter0325@msn.com).



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# While we were away...

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Roxbury Marching Gaels - Slide 3



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**Morris County: Roxbury High**

Marching band director Todd Nichols said the band has risen from state to national prominence in the last 10 years. Students even got to perform in the 2014 Super Bowl halftime show at MetLife Stadium. The competitive branch of the band, the Marching Gaels, has won six state championships in its division, while the 150-member Roxbury Sound band plays at football games and has been called the "rowdiest band in Morris County," Nichols said.

Runners-up: Parsippany High School and

ALL-ELECTRIC 2017 BOLT EV  
**UP TO 238 MILES  
 OF RANGE PER FULL CHARGE!**

**RHS BAND KIDS  
 JAMMED HOLIDAY  
 CAROLS AT SHOPRITE  
 IN SUCCASUNNA!**



Photo Courtesy  
 Beth Graf

**RHS LOW BRASS  
 GOT FESTIVE AT  
 TUBA FEST AT RHS!**



Photo Courtesy Mike Mangano

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**RHS BAND STUDENTS  
 AND PARENTS  
 BUSSED TO NYC  
 FOR TUBA CHRISTMAS!**



Photo Courtesy Mike Mangano

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### These Outstanding Musicians are RHS Bands 2017 Regional Representatives



2017 Region One Band members from RHS:  
 Meghan Spino, Kathleen Walsh, Mathew Ehrenberg,  
 Kaitlyn Winters, Kaley Ubelacker, & Kristin Andlauer.  
 Thanks to Sue Walsh for the photo

From Band Director Mr. Ryan Sweer...

On January 7th, 2017, the North Jersey School Music Association held its annual Region 1 Band auditions where over 500 students from 70 different schools competed to earn one of about 160 spots which make up two different bands. Six students from Roxbury High School were accepted into one of the ensembles and will participate in four rehearsals before putting on a concert at Parsippany Hills High School on January 29th. The students performing are Kristin Andlauer on French Horn, Mathew Ehrenberg on Trombone, Meghan Spino on Tuba, Kaley Ubelacker on Trumpet, Kathleen Walsh on Euphonium, and Kaitlyn Winters on French Horn.

#### 2017 REGIONAL ENSEMBLE AND ORCHESTRA REPRESENTATIVES:

##### 2016 All State Orchestra

Kristin Andlauer - French Horn

##### 2017 Music for All Honor Orchestra of America

Kristin Andlauer - French Horn - NATIONAL ENSEMBLE

##### 2017 All Eastern Band

Garret Dexter - US REGIONAL ENSEMBLE

##### 2017 Region Wind Ensemble

Kathleen Walsh - Euphonium -

1st overall in Region 1

Kristin Andlauer - French Horn -

2nd overall in Region 1

Mathew Ehrenberg - Trombone

##### 2017 Region Symphonic Band

Kaley Ubelacker - Trumpet

Kaitlyn Winters - French Horn

Meghan Spino - Tuba

##### 2017 All State Wind Ensemble

Kathleen Walsh - Euphonium

1st overall in state of NJ

Kristin Andlauer - French Horn

2nd overall in state of NJ



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# IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### LARGE SPRING CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/16 - All District Concert - 7:00pm –

**Please note this concert was changed from 3/10 to 3/16**

4/1 - 2017 MWBI - All Day

4/12 - RHS Jazz Night '17 - 7:00 pm

5/17 - EMS Spring Band Concert - 7:00 pm

5/25 - 2017 RHS Symphonic Celebration - 7:00 pm

6/1 - Lincoln Roosevelt Spring Concert - 7:00 pm

6/6 - EMS Honors Band Concert - 7:00 pm

A COMPLETE UP TO DATE RHS BANDS CALENDAR IS ON LINE AT  
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