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First Trimester 2018-2019

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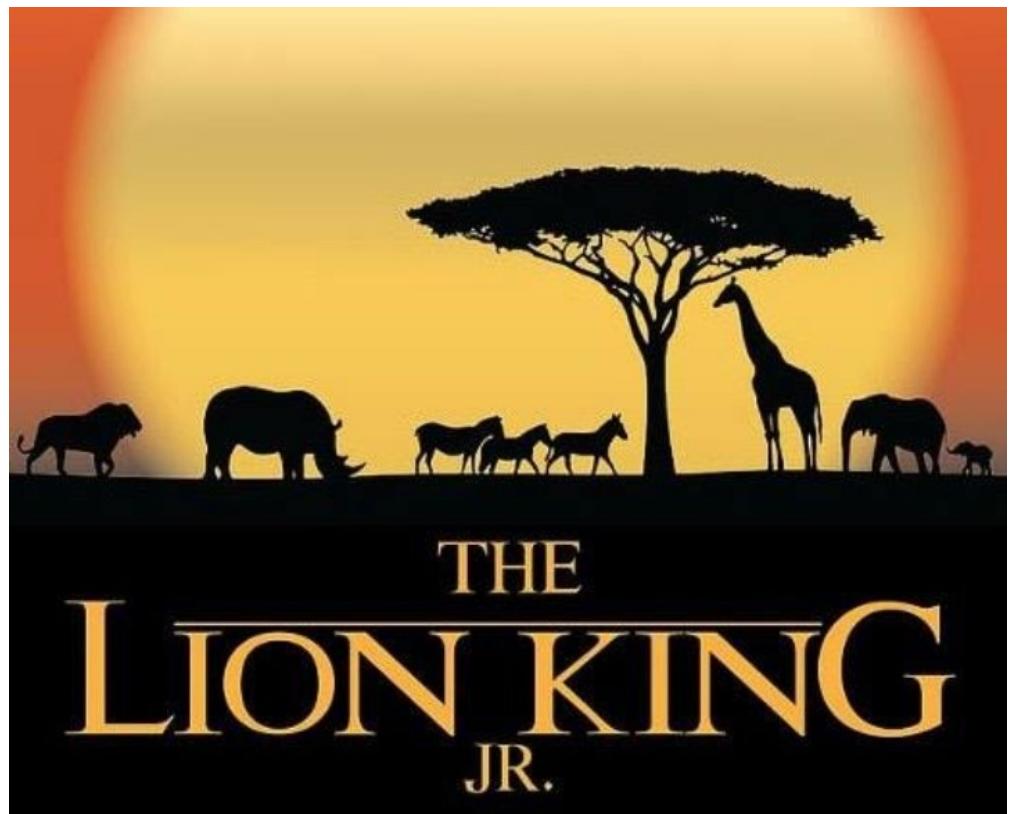
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Jan 15 - Churchill Cadet Band and James Hart Jazz Bands concert, 7 pm in the James Hart Gymnasium

Jan 22 - Tri-District Music Concert @ HF High School Gymnasium

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JAMES HART 2019 SPRING MUSICAL

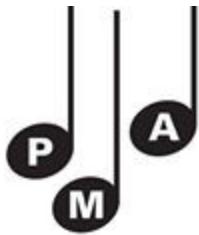
James Hart is proud to announce the production of "LION KING Jr" for our 2019 Spring Musical.

More than 70 million people around the world have experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage.

The James Hart production of "LION KING Jr" will take place on the evenings of February 28 and March 1, 2019. Watch local media for more information.



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Orchestra Notes

4th Grade Beginning Orchestra – The students are doing a wonderful job this year. The amount of growth that I have seen is outstanding! I cannot wait to have the parents hear them January 16th at the Beginning Orchestra Demonstration at James Hart.

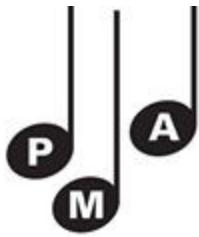
5th Grade Cadet Orchestra – The 5th grade orchestra performed beautifully at the Fall Concert this past November. They performed two pieces which were challenging both musically and with many new bowings. The students are now working on their solos in the back of Book 1 ... almost done!

6th Grade Concert Orchestra – The orchestra is doing a wonderful job prepping for their February concert ... they did wonderfully on November 7th. They have a new opportunity this year ... the students in 6th grade can form small ensembles or prepare a solo for the IGSMA solo/ensemble contest February 9th.

James Hart 7th/8th Grade Symphonic Orchestra – The Symphonic Orchestra also did a great job at the Fall Concert. There were several challenging pieces, but they even performed a high school piece, Symphony No. 47 by Haydn ... WOW! The students are working towards their Tri-District performance with HF and Parker on January 22nd.

Chamber Orchestra – Are performing this Friday, December 7th, for Sunrise Assisted Living and Citadel Estates. The students will be performing both winter/holiday music, but also a few selections from Symphonic Orchestra.

Take 2 – Take 2 has seen tremendous growth this year. We are nearly 20 students! The students have already made their music selection for this year's solo/ensemble contest on Feb. 9th ... I'm so proud they are pushing so hard to learn their new instruments and to learn how to mentor those on new instruments ... Great Job, Panthers!



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The James Hart Band program enjoyed a fantastic summer, and fall trimester, entertaining large audiences around Homewood-Flossmoor, representing its community with pride and excellence, and having fun making music together. Over the summer, ISYM scholarship recipient **James Sperti** (tuba) enjoyed a great week of performing, exploring a college campus, and making new friends at the University of Illinois. Meanwhile back in Homewood, the James Hart Symphonic Band held its annual 2-week summer camp in July and August, concluding with a potluck and preview performance for family and friends.

In mid-September, the Symphonic Band opened up its performance slate at Homewood-Flossmoor High School's annual Youth Night football game. On a beautiful night for football, the band performed alongside the HF Marching Vikings and Parker Band in the pregame and halftime shows, entertaining an audience of thousands with a Jackson 5-themed production, en route to a come from behind HF victory!

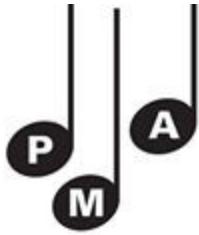


The end of September also saw the beginning of the season for the James Hart jazz program, which has again includes nearly 50 students from grades 6-8 band, choir, and orchestra in our two ensembles: the Gold Jazz Band and Maroon Jazz Band.



In late September, several James Hart band, choir, and orchestra students prepared excerpts to audition for the Illinois Music Education Association District I Honor Ensembles. **Korey Mulling** was selected to represent our school in this prestigious ensemble, earning the rank of first chair trumpet player on a concert in early November alongside 100 of the finest middle school musicians in a 4-county area. Congratulations go to Korey, and also to band students Dylan Barnas and Darrick Jackson, as well as Jazz Band member Carmella Abramczyk on their selections to the District I Honor Choir and Orchestra, respectively.





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On Election Day, November 6, the James Hart Bands celebrated our democracy with a patriotic-themed concert saluting America and its veterans. Many family members and friends dotted the nearly-filled James Hart Gymnasium to enjoy music from the Varsity Band, Symphonic Band, and Gold Jazz Band. All three groups are off to a great start this year, and we look forward to great things from them!

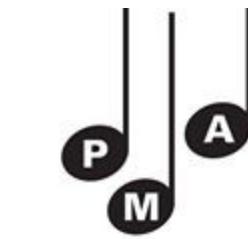
Later that week, the Symphonic Band performed again at James Hart, this time as part of District 153's annual Veterans Day festivities. After the veterans entered the gym to a standing ovation from the 8th grade class and a rendition of the national anthem by the Panther Choir and Symphonic Orchestra, the Symphonic Band paid tribute with an arrangement of the service songs of each of the five branches of the military. The trumpet section also did double duty, performing traditional bugle calls as part of the flag-lowering and flag-folding ceremonies during the day. In addition to a polished performance that impressed students and staff alike, these outstanding youngsters carried themselves professionally all day (and all week) in saluting our community's service members.

In preparation for these patriotic performances, Symphonic Band students had the privilege of receiving a clinic the week beforehand with Kyle Rinke, area middle school band director, and trumpet player with the 85th Division Army Reserve Band of Arlington Heights. After working with the entire band, SSgt. Rinke held a very helpful and memorable masterclass with the trumpet section.

For more information about the James Hart Bands and a calendar of events for the year, visit us online at jameshartbands.weebly.com and follow us on Twitter @JamesHartBands. Here are some of the many performances we look forward to during the 2nd trimester of the year:

- **Tuesday, January 15:** Churchill Cadet Band and James Hart Jazz Bands concert, 7 pm in the James Hart Gymnasium
- **Tuesday, January 22:** Tri-District Music Concert featuring Symphonic Band along with the combined band, choir, and orchestra programs of James Hart, Parker, and HF, 7 pm in the HF Gymnasium
- **Tuesday, February 5:** Varsity Band performs at the 6th Grade Winter Music Festival, 7 pm in the James Hart Gymnasium
- **Thursday, February 7:** Symphonic Band Chamber Recital, 7 pm in the James Hart Cafeteria
- **Saturday, February 9:** Select students perform at the IGSMA District VI Solo & Ensemble Contest, held at Hickory Creek Middle School in Frankfort





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Music News at Willow School

Pre-School and Early Childhood classes enjoy learning through musical play. Every music lesson includes fingerplays, movements, vocables (songs on la, doo, etc.) to help these young children discover their voices. Playing percussion instruments is a fun way to discover the “steady beat.”

Kindergarten - These young children are discovering their singing voices through vocal exploration and singing games. Students are becoming aware of the “beat” in music through movement activities. We began the year mirroring the beat in non-locomotor ways: patting, clapping, etc. The children are now experiencing locomotor movement through marching to the beat. Playing on the percussion instruments is always a favorite activity in music class.

1st Grade - Students experience music through chants, poems, movement, singing, and playing pitched and unpitched instruments. Students are developing an understanding of high and low through body movement games and instrument play. The students have been tracking the beat with iconic notation (pictures) as an introduction to rhythmic reading. These tracking skills were transferred into reading quarter notes.

2nd Grade - These students are developing an understanding of the beat and rhythm. Hand-clap songs, dances, and instrument play is part of the music curriculum to reinforce this very important musical element. Rhythmic reading includes the quarter note, quarter rest, and eighth notes. Round singing was introduced in October as a precursor to harmony.

All students enjoyed singing and signing, (ASL), the song *You've Got a Friend in Me!* I love the positivity in the lyrics regarding friendship!

6th Grade Choir News

6th grade choir- The 6th grade choir ensembles performed at the Panther Choir Winter concert on Monday, December 3rd. The choir is looking forward to its upcoming Holiday concert tour on Wednesday, December 19th. We will perform at St. Andrews and Salem Lutheran churches.

General Music- the James Hart music students in grades 6-8 have enjoyed using the new full-size, weighted-key keyboards in the Music Lab, learning the basics of how to play the piano. We are very excited to be one of the only schools in the south suburbs developing a Music Lab.

V O L N T E E R

All that's missing is U !

The Homewood PMA is currently looking for volunteers to help fill various roles. Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings to see how you can help! If you have any questions, please email homewoodpma@gmail.com