

NGHBC Newsletter

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Our General Music class, comprised of our youngest students, meets together each week to sing, play instruments, dance and move! They have a great time learning to be tune-ful, beat-ful, and art-ful. In other words, they are learning to match pitch, keep a steady beat, and recognize musical contrasts that make music beautiful.

They recently attended a performance by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra where our students had front row seats! They watched the string players bow and pluck, and had a great view of the conductor and his purposeful baton. Through the entire concert, the audience the audience was encouraged to listen for notes that were high and low, tempos that were fast and slow, and volumes that were loud and soft. They heard all the instruments played separately, and also enjoyed the entire orchestra perform music by Mozart, Brahms, Haydn, Ravel, Beethoven, Mendelssohnand



Rossini. Some of our students' favorite memories include hearing the trombones play the "Star Wars" theme, listening to the harp, and meeting the conductor, Maestro Joseph Young. The concert was energetic, exciting, and extremely educational – and lots of fun!

Our class hopes to attend another performance again soon!

Bombar-#TubaTastic! by Jack English –5th year *Advanced & Intermediate Band Member*



Name: Jack English
Band he is in: Advanced Band (and Mrs. Reams also asked me to play the tuba in Intermediate Band.)
Other instruments you play? Baritone
Number of years with NGHBC? 5 years. I started with the recorder.
Any goals in music? To learn more challenging music, have fun, and get better at what I do.
Why does he want to play the tuba? I thought it would be a fun instrument to play, but I had to start with the baritone because we weren't able to find an affordable used one.

What he likes about the tuba? I enjoy learning two instruments. It helps me build up my lungs and it sounds cool. (Plus, it's shiny!)
What role does the tuba have in the band? It is the lowest and loudest sound that all the other sounds are built off of. It usually holds the base-line and it is all about harmony.
If I didn't know what a tuba looked like or how it sounded, how would you explain to another student who is interested in it? It is a big instrument that is usually golden, very loud, and low in sound. It takes lots of wind power to

play and the mouth piece is very wide so you never have to tighten your lips into it. Except for a very few pieces, you usually play the lower line or counter melody. If you are planning on playing tuba, you probably won't get to play the melody.

Favorite song to play on the tuba: Greensleeves

Other thoughts?

I call the tuba "Bombur" (after the dwarf in the "Lord of the Rings" books).

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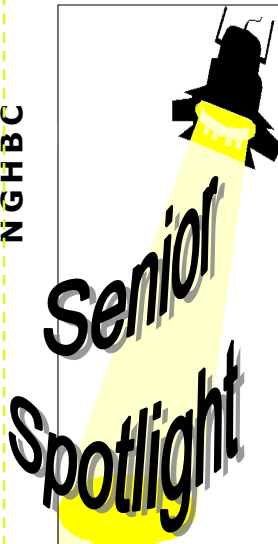


Special Thanks...

...to our donors and supporters who funded and made the Tuba dream become a reality for the band!
...and for Jack English. A tuba isn't a tuba until someone loves it!



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Name: **Patrick Harrison** Graduated: 2013

Attended 4-5 years in NGHBC and 5 years in Joyful Noise. He took Concert Band, Choir, Jazz Band, and music theory.

Where you live now: The world is my office, but residences include San Antonio, TX; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Pax River, Maryland.

What you're doing now: I am a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman, providing medical services to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families in hospitals and clinics at home, aboard ships, and down-range.

How did homeschooling prepare you for "real life": Homeschooling enabled me to achieve a more progressive education than public school, while allowing me to maintain a distinct identity with freedom of religious expression and conscience.

Advice for NGHBC students:

"Nothing in life worth anything is easy. And with music, like everything else, the harder the sacrifice the greater the reward.

Final Thoughts: Try better than your best. You will find that you can exceed what you would have thought was your best effort.

Six Minutes, Three Selections, & One Huge Success

by Lisa Reams, *Band Director*

On February 18, 2015, the Advanced Band braved the cold to participate in Capitol Day. I know some of you were traveling home the night before and others were without power until early that morning. I am truly grateful for your commitment to our ensemble. We could not have done it without your hard work and determination. Special thanks to the parents for everything you did to make this possible. Students, thank

you for your diligent practice and your eagerness to get all the little details right. Our performance was a huge success and I heard many compliments from listeners in attendance. Susan Davis, Director of Joyful Noise-Marietta, said we did a great job and she was very impressed. Mrs. Scarazzo, Band Director of Joyful Noise-Marietta Elite and Advanced Band, appreciated your talent and expressed her enjoyment of your concert.

We certainly squeezed every ounce of music that was possible into our 6 minutes with our three selections: *Three Czech Folk Songs, Shenandoah, and Thunder Mountain Overture*. While most ensembles performed only two pieces, we performed three! The future of our program is bright and this is just a taste of the exciting and successful things to come!

When is International Tuba Day?

The 1st Friday in May
 Started in 1979
 Celebrate and hear
 Tuba solos at:
<http://tubaday.com/homepage.php>



8 years ago...

NGHBC had one band and one recorder class.

Next year...we are offering:

3 bands, 2 choirs, 2 levels of recorder programs and 2 general music classes! That will be 9 classes for our 9th year!



Drum roll, please.
 Our General Music class,
 at the wise and worldly ages of 5-6,
 have the following praises to sing about their
 favorite thing(s) in Music Class:
 Singing songs -- Abigail
 We like everything!!! -- Peyton & Emma
 Singing and playing instruments. -- Asher
 Pretending with our imagination. -- Zerak
 I can't decide! -- Anthony
 Playing instruments. -- Zander
 Using my imagination. -- Conner
 Playing the thunder tube. -- Davis
 Playing games and I love music class! -- Kate



New Program "4" Next Year:
 Welcoming all 4 year olds!

Cinco de Musica Fiesta

NGHBC put a fun twist
 on Cinco de Mayo!
 We celebrated our final day of classes with
 fellowship, games, and lots of cheesy
 tacos! Our General Music students learned
 about mariachi music and made
 maracas! All of our musicians also took
 some swings at several piñatas, and a great
 time was had by all! It was a fun way to kick
 off summer and gain excitement for starting
 classes again in August!



Jasper Assisted Living Facility/Choir concert in October
 Toys for Tots Kick-off at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta/
 Choir performance in November
 Jasper United Methodist Church/Band & Choir 2014 Fall Concert
 Jasper United Methodist Church /General Music & Preparatory Program Fall Performance
 Shorter University-Rome, Georgia/ Band Day
 Pickens County Library-Festival of Trees/Band & Choir
 Ball Ground Parade: Marching Band to introduce Santa & the Choir sang Christmas music.
 Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta/Band performance for Homeschool Day in February
 Georgia District 9 Honor Band/Select Band students
 Marietta, Georgia/Select students participated in
 Band-tastic and Amaz-Sing music festival.
 Preparatory Program & Choir performs for NGHBC families.
 Band & Choir closes our season with their 2015 Spring Concert.

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"HAPPY DANCE" FOR...

- **Seth Hanenburg**, trombone musician, who made District Honor Band in the middle school division!
- **Laura Baker**, clarinet musician, who made the clinic band for the 9/10 high school division!

Both competed against other students from our district (home school, private and public school) to participate in these bands. They will spend a 2-3 day period to rehearse for a concert held on the final day of the event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Mission:

Working together to provide a quality, well-rounded music education to homeschooled students and their families in our community.

Our Vision:

Creating a Community of Musicians that spans generations.

Our Values:

We are a Christian organization that operates under Biblical principles and adheres to the golden rule.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

We are committed to working cooperatively with parents to create the best possible music education experience for homeschooling families.

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck." Proverbs 1:8-9

2014-2015 Friends of NGHBC:

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A new tradition begins this year. All Alumni will be welcome to sing *An Irish Blessing*, Traditional/Spivecek, as we say farewell to our senior members.