

North Georgia Homeschool Band and Choir Newsletter

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NGHBC Announces New Location for 2018/2019

As we prepare to wrap up another wonderful year of making music and memories, we are already looking excitedly ahead to the 2018-2019 season. NGHBC participation has increased tremendously in the past few years, with approximately ninety students enrolled from an estimated forty families. Due to these numbers, we are in need of a larger facility, and are happy to announce that Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Jasper has agreed to be our host. The church address is 1036 North Main Street. More information concerning days and class times will be available when registration begins. Thank you to Pastor Ben Mock and the Mt. Zion Board for welcoming us!

You're Invited!

Please join us for our
spring concert & reception .

- Saturday, May 5th at 6:00 P.M.
- Cherokee Presbyterian Church
- 1498 Johnson Brady Road, Canton, GA.

Cherokee Presbyterian Church– We Love You!!!



For the past three years, Cherokee Presbyterian Church has given NGHBC families a place to call home. Through your kindness and generosity, our students have been able to learn and grow as musicians. Many great friendships have been made during our time here. Thank you to Pastor Ross Ritter and Holly Crowe for everything! Also, a special show of appreciation to the Hanenburg family. You guys have always gone above and beyond—from cleaning every week to coordinating lost and found efforts to *whatever* needed to be done—no job was too great or too small! We will miss you CPC!

Best Wishes to Mrs. Reams—You Will Be Missed!!!



After four years of service to NGHBC students and families, Mrs. Reams, our beloved band director, announced her resignation in the heartfelt letter below. There are simply not enough words or ways to express what you have meant to so many! We can simply say your teachings will continue to grow in our students for a lifetime. Thank you for the beautiful music and memories.

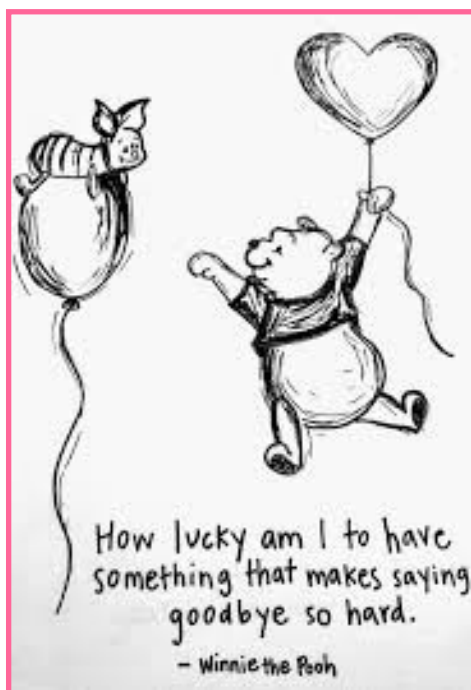
Hello Everyone!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year as you enjoyed extra time with your family. I want to take this opportunity to let you know I will not return for the fall of 2018 as the band director for NGHBC. I will continue to teach through the end of this semester and work with the Board to find an excellent teacher to continue moving this very special program forward.

This is not a decision I take lightly as I have enjoyed my time with all of you. The NGHBC students are among the finest young people I have had the privilege to teach. Parents, it is obvious that you are dedicated to the success of your children. You all have been such a blessing to me and my family! The only thing that could keep me from continuing with you is my own family. We are in a season of life where I have had to re-evaluate my commitments and cut back on some things so I can focus more on home-schooling Michael and Abigail. You all are wonderful and we will miss you very much.

Organizations of the quality of NGHBC are never the work of one individual. The NGHBC board is the engine that makes this music program so great. They are some of the most amazing women I have had the honor to work with. I know you are in good hands and they will find someone amazing to teach your children.

Sincerely,
Lisa Reams



Senior Spotlights

Nathan Alden



How long have you participated in NGHBC?

I have been a part of NGHBC for four years and this will be my final year.

In which classes have you participated?

I have only participated in concert choir. Well that is not completely true. My 1st day coming to choir I went to the treble choir class by mistake, but after that I have only gone to concert choir.

What are your future plans?

I am currently dual-enrolled as a Computer Science major at the University of North Georgia and have 28 credit hours. I will be starting as a freshman on UNG's Dahlonega campus next fall. Upon graduation I want to go into the computer networking field.

What is your favorite NGHBC memory?

It's hard to pinpoint just one memory, but if I was forced to choose I think it has to be the big foursquare tournament we did a year or two back. But then again the laser tag game was amazingly fun. And I can't forget all the great friends that I have made during my time here.

Ana Elliott

How long have you participated in NGHBC?

Six years

In which classes have you participated?

Beginning, intermediate, and advanced band, choir

What are your future plans?

I am still undecided.

What is your favorite NGHBC memory?

My favorite memory would have to be when Jamie wore the "nope not today" shirt to choir.



Senior Spotlights Continued...

Jamie Gray

How long have you participated in NGHBC?

I have participated in NGHBC for 11 years (from the beginning babyyyy)!

In which classes have you participated?

I have been in recorder, beginning, intermediate and advanced band and concert choir.

What are your future plans?

My future plans are to run track at Liberty University in Virginia. I'm currently undecided on my major.

What is your favorite NGHBC memory?

My favorite memory is probably when I wore a shirt that said "nope not today" to choir one day about 3 years ago. McKenzi still gives me a hard time about it!



Moriah Snell

How long have you participated in NGHBC?

Four Years

In which classes have you participated?

Concert Choir

What are your future plans?

I plan to work for a year to save for school. Then I hope to attend Lanier Tech to earn a degree in Cosmetology.

What is your favorite NGHBC memory?

My favorite memory is the laughter shared. Mrs. Fenn made the whole class laugh out loud many times. Going with NGHBC to hear the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra perform was a special trip. Sitting during lunch at the Varsity together with friends slurping chocolate milkshakes and laughing. Also singing at the Celtic Festival in Rome and the laughs shared during dinner. The people and laughter are what I will always remember about being a part of NGHBC. Thanks for the memories!



NGHBC Students Stay Busy, Busy, Busy!!!

In addition to the usual practices and rehearsals, there have been many extra activities and opportunities for NGHBC students this year. Here are some of the highlights.

◇ **Spring Kickoff with Tommy Johns** - On January 5th, educational entertainment specialist Tommy Johns joined us for a special assembly program. With two degrees in education and tons of classroom experience, Mr. Johns is both an entertainer with a passion for teaching and an educator with an unquenchable desire to entertain. A good time was had by all!



◇ **Field Trips for All!** - Students and families from select music classes were invited to attend a variety of musical presentations including KSU's Synergy, *Beauty and the Beast* ballet, and the Center for Puppetry Arts. Outings such as these provide opportunities for students and families to experience many different types of musical and artistic expressions.



◇ **Chattanooga Concert Choir Trip** - Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the NGHBC Concert Choir had the tremendous opportunity to go to Chattanooga, Tennessee in April. They took two master classes with well-known directors, attended the Civil War program - *We are Soldiers*, visited the Chattanooga Arts Museum, and enjoyed a choir concert at Covenant College. This was a special time to build community among the choir, work with other professional choral conductors to improve sound, and find cultural connections between the Civil War and the music from that era that our students are singing.

◇ **Shorter Honor Band Clinic** - Congratulations to Joel Thornton, Emalyn Sharp, and Colton Sharp for being selected to participate in this year's Shorter Honor Band Clinic!

◇ **Bandtastic and Amaz'Sing 2018** - This was an amazing day of fun and learning for band and choir students alike. Guest conductors and teachers provided the opportunity to learn music in a single day of rehearsals. The hard work and progress of students was displayed in an exciting concert put on for family and friends at the end of the day.

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Messages to Our Members

To Isabel Crabtree: To a loving grand-daughter.
Charles and Martha Crabtree

To Jake, Jack, and Anna English: Keep playing and enjoying. Great work!
Rachel Jones-Sybor and Jimmy Sybor

To Jacob, Jack, and Annalise English: Your grandma was so proud of the 3 of you. I know she is smiling and loving you all right now. Enjoy!
Aunt Linda

To Jacob, Jack, and Annalise English: Remembering how much your grandma looked forward to seeing you in your concerts. She was so proud of all of you.
Babo

To Anna, Jack, and Jake English:
Great playing and singing!
Love,
Pop Pop

To Caroline Truth Fenn: We look forward to hearing you sing "Come and Follow Me" on your next visit. Keep learning and enjoying school.
Love,
Stan, Claudetta, and Tara

To Davis, Kate, Kyla, and Caroline Fenn: We are so very proud of Davis, Kate, Kyla, and Caroline Fenn!
We love you!
Gramps and Gramma

To Jamie Joy and Joshua Gray:
Thanks for the beautiful music.
Hazel and Ronnie Cochran

To Jamie and Josh Gray and McKinley and Claire Moore: Love you all so much. Keep making music.
Grandma

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Messages to Our Members Continued...

To Stella Grimm: Keep on singing, Stella!
Myron and Deborah Ackerman

To Garrett:
We are very proud of your musical accomplishments. Continue to excel in all you do in the future.
Love,
Nan and Grand-daddy

To Seth, Danielle, and MacKenzie Hanenburg:
We are so glad you are able to use your musical talents in this way! May you glorify God in your playing and continue to grow musically!
James and Eileen Roseboom

To Clark Hayes: Glad to hear Clark is doing well and having fun.
Marilyn Buenning

To Sarah Huffman: We are very proud of your accomplishments in choir and dance. Continue to excel in both and all of your endeavors.
Love,
Nana and Grand-daddy

To Sarah and Garrett Huffman: I am proud of both of you. Keep up the good work.
Love,
Great-Grandmother

To McKinley and Claire Moore: Thank you for bringing joy to the world with your music.
Marian and Tom

To Junlian, Lina, and Micah: We're so proud of y'all! Hope to see you and hear you play in person next spring!
Aunt Jill and Uncle Sam

To Emalyn and Colton Sharp: Love ya!
Grammie and Gramps

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the web at
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Our Mission:

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

Our Vision:

Creating a community of musicians that spans generations.