



# POLAR NOTES



## Upcoming Events

Wed. Aug. 25	Classes Begin	
Fri. Sep. 03	Teacher's Institute	no school
Mon. Sep. 06	Labor Day	no school
Thur. Sep. 09	Mandatory Music Parent Meeting	6:00-7:00
Thur. Sep. 09	Friends of Music 2nd Annual BBQ and Social w/Marching Band & Color Guard Demo to Follow	7:00-8:30
Fri. Sep. 10	Football Game (home)	
Fri. Sep. 17	Homecoming Parade Football Game (Homecoming)	1:00-2:00
Wed. Sep. 29	Parent/Student Meeting topic: So You Want to be a Music Major?	7:00-9:30

It's hard to believe that August is almost over and the first day of school is now a memory. Hopefully this has been a good summer for you, with plenty of time to relax and full of fun family memories.

While you have been enjoying summer, the Music Directors and the Friends of Music have been busy planning for an exciting year of events, concerts and innovative fundraising opportunities. This year we are introducing this newsletter to help keep students, parents, alumni and community members more aware of what's going on in our department. We hope that you will enjoy the variety of concerts and events planned, and that you will support the Friends of Music as we strive to further the music education program at St. Charles North.

Get Your Music Spirit Wear!  
Friends of Music will be taking orders for Music Spirit Wear through Sept. 11, 2010

See the full story on our website [scnmusic.com](http://scnmusic.com)

To order directly go to:

<http://celticcustom.com/NorthMusic2010.htm>

for questions contact: [jodruffel@comcast.net](mailto:jodruffel@comcast.net)

Samples will be available for viewing and orders will be accepted at the Parent Meeting and at the BBQ/Social on Thursday, Sept. 9.



## SO YOU WANT TO BE A MUSIC MAJOR?

This is an informative seminar presented by Mr. Brian Wis for anyone considering the possibility of pursuing music as a course of study in college. All students and their parents within the music program should attend this program as soon as possible into their high school years so that they can begin to plan their strategy for a successful career. The program specifically covers college visits, applications, auditions, preparations, what to say, what to wear, and in general how find the best fit school for you. In addition to being especially helpful to the music major, the materials provided are also very helpful to the general college search and application process as well. Please plan to attend "So you want to be a Music Major?" on Wednesday, September 29th from 7:00pm - 9:30pm.



### Music Parent Meeting

All parents are requested to attend a mandatory Music Parent Meeting held on:  
Thursday, September 9 from 6:00-7:00pm  
In the school Auditorium.

At this meeting, we will share important Information about the future of music at SCN and the role of Friends of Music in keeping that future bright. There will be Spirit Wear items available as well as Cake samples.

Following the meeting, we hope you will join us for the 2nd Annual FOM BBQ and Social. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other music families. Please RSVP to [fomcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:fomcommunications@gmail.com) With the # of adults and children.

Last, but certainly not least, don't miss the behind the scenes demonstration of the marching band and color guard half time show!



## The Year at a Glance

Oct. 5	IMEA Auditions	Feb. 15	Symphonic & Concert Bands
Nov.6-7	Lawrence Univ Jazz Fest.	Feb. 17	Haines MS & Wind Ensemble
Nov. 9	Chamber Orch. & Choirs @ Wentz Hall	Feb. 22	Thompson MS, Varsity Band & Wind Symphony
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Concert	Mar. 1	Orchestras in Concert
Nov. 13	IMEA Jazz @ SCN	Mar. 8	Choir Concert
Nov. 16	Pops Concert	Mar. 15	Spring Big Band Night
Nov. 17	Choir & Orchestra Concert	Mar. 17	Jazz Guest Artist Night
Nov. 20	IMEA Classical	Mar. 21	Jazz Combo Night
Nov. 27	Holiday Parade	Mar. 24	Vocal Jazz Night
Nov. 30	Big Band Night	Apr. 16	2nd Annual SCN Jazz Festival featuring: New York Voices
Dec. 02	Singin' & Swingin'	Apr. 25	Recital Night
Dec. 09	Madrigal Dinner	May 16	Spring Band Concert
Dec. 10	Madrigal Dinner	May 17	4th Annual Spring Gala
Dec. 11	Madrigal Dinner	May 18	Jazz & Concert Bands Concert
Dec. 16	Constellation Concert	May 19	Orchestra & Choir Concert
Jan. 10	Tent. D303 Choir Day	May 21	11th Annual Jazz Showcase

# Yum! Gourmet Milky Way Chocolate Mousse Cake



Who doesn't love chocolate cake? Well this year treat your family to a holiday dessert that is to die for. Milky Way Chocolate Mousse Cake!!! This rich delicious gourmet cake is just right for all your holiday parties, it serves 12 and is a bargain at \$20.00. The cakes come frozen and ready to thaw and serve. What could be easier? Order from your favorite Music student by Sept. 15. Pick-up is Sat. Nov. 20. For more info contact: [bill.sone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.sone@sbcglobal.net) Samples available at the parent meeting on Sept. 9.

## *Volunteers*

Volunteers for all events and fundraisers are always welcome. Please feel free to offer your time or talent to any of our endeavors. We are currently looking for help with:

**Finance Team** - meets monthly

**Publicity Team** - help advertise for SCN Music Dept.

**FOM BBQ & Social** - set up, planning, purchasing and preparing food, clean-up, etc.

**Fundraisers** - Christmas tree sale, Gourmet Cake sale, Partners in Music, Matching Donations

**Marching band** - Chairs: Cathy Schwanebeck, Lorie VanHiel, Andrea Lee. We need help w/fitting days, at football games, coordinating food, water for our students at games, concert wear fittings, help with parades

**IMEA Jazz luncheon for directors** - donated food, proceeds benefit SCN

**Veteran's concert** - Chairs: Beth Baldwin & Robin Fleming. Invitations, Decorations, Refreshments (baking & donations)

**Constellation concert** - parents to supervise our students, refreshments (baking & donations) decorations to the auditorium.

**Colors Concerts in February** - where the middle schools come & play w/our high school groups - we would like to host some kind of social/refreshments.

**Tentative jazz festival in April** - more information to follow

**Spring play** - more information to follow

**Madrigals** - contact Mr. Morgan to help with this event.

**Tentative Northstars Benefit Concert** - concert presented by alumni to benefit SCN.

**Spring Gala** - more information to follow

**Jazz Showcase** - Chair: Kathy McCoy. Help with getting donations and set up

**New York Voices Jazz Festival** - more information to follow

**Technical Assistant to the Directors** - providing computer and recording assistance to the directors...approx. 1- 4 hrs. per week.

**Senior Farewell** - purchasing flowers for seniors to wear at end of year concerts

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact: [fomcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:fomcommunications@gmail.com)



## Oh, Christmas Tree!

Friends of Music will once again be having their annual Christmas Tree sale. We will be selling these beautiful, fragrant trees for \$75.00. Order by Nov. 5 and pick-up Sat. Nov. 27. Please plan to make a Friends of Music Christmas tree part of your Family Tradition.

Watch our website [www.scnmusic.com](http://www.scnmusic.com) for more info.

Or contact: [fomcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:fomcommunications@gmail.com)



Friends of Music is pleased to announce that several of your local businesses and merchants have generously offered to partner with us this year in an exciting new program. These "Partners in Music" will be donating back a portion of your purchases each time you do business with them. What do you have to do? Just tell the merchant that you are a Friend of Music; it's that easy. We encourage you to support the businesses that support your children's education. Here is a list of our great Partners in Music!

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