



## School Concerts Highlight the Holiday Season

Lake Zurich High School will hold several special holiday concerts on December 6 and 12.

The concerts are open to the general public.

Admission to each of the concerts is free; however donations for the Lake Zurich High School Bers Charity Bash 2004 are welcome and encouraged.

### Jazz Concert – December 6

On Monday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., in the Performing Arts

Center at Lake Zurich High School, the Lake Zurich Jazz Ensembles will perform their Winter Concert. The concert will begin with the Jazz Lab band performing tunes such as the swinging *Vertigo*, a hot Latin chart topper entitled *Mambo Loops* and an arrangement of Clifford Brown's classic standard *Sandu*.

Following the Lab Band will be the Acid Jazz Explorers Combo, as well as the first concert performance by Lake Zurich's second and newest jazz combo.

Concluding the concert will be the Lake Zurich High School Jazz Ensemble. The ensemble's featured musical pieces will include a beautiful rendition of Duke Ellington's *Isfahan* featuring Tony Rosenberg on alto sax, and the world premiere of director Joshua Thompson's arrangement of Miles Davis' *Serpent Tooth*. Another highlight of the concert will be a quirky little arrangement called *Huntin' Wabbits*, a tribute to the great Carl Stalling, the mastermind behind all the Bugs Bunny cartoon music.

### Music Program Holiday Concerts – December 12

On Sunday, December 12, the LZHS Music Program will present its annual Holiday Concerts. These concerts feature all of the concert ensembles in one massive concert in the Lake Zurich High School Field House.

The first concert at 5:00 p.m. features the Men's Choir, Treble Choir, the Cadet Choir, the Concert Band, and the Concert Orchestra. After performances by each ensemble, the concert

culminates with a wonderful rendition of *Winter Wonderland* performed by all the members of each ensemble.

At 7:00 p.m., the Symphonic Band, the Concert Choir, the Symphony Orchestra and the Wind Ensemble will also be in concert. Each group will perform followed by the 10<sup>th</sup> annual performance of the holiday favorite *Hallelujah Chorus*.

These two concerts showcase the talents of more than 400 Lake

Zurich High School music students and make a wonderful start to the holiday season.

### Holiday Extravaganza – December 16

For the first time, the Lake Zurich High School Bare Voices, Blue Notes and Strolling Strings will come together to perform a *Holiday Extravaganza* on Thursday, **December 16**, beginning at 8 p.m., in the **Performing Arts Center**.



This special musical extravaganza of mostly holiday music will feature the *Blue Notes* show choir, who will perform a set of holiday songs complete with choreographed dancing. *Bare Voices* will follow with a show of traditional holiday songs called *Forever Christmas*, complete with full sound equipment. The *Strolling Strings* will then join with Bare Voices and Blue Notes to perform Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

More concert information inside...

Pictured at right is the Lake Zurich High School Bare Voices Choir.

Right: **Leslie Grode**

Far Right: **Mary Tyler Moore**, National Chairman for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, with children who suffer from the disease.

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## 6 Notes + 3 Rhythms= 1 Great Concert



The Elementary North Fifth Grade Band—composed of students from Seth Paine, Spencer Loomis and May Whitney elementary schools—will hold its very first concert of the year on Tuesday, December 14,

beginning at 7 p.m., in the Spencer Loomis/Middle School North Cafetorium.

The students, who have been practicing together for nearly eight weeks, can play six notes and three different rhythms. They will combine those notes and rhythms to perform such favorites as *Jingle Bells*, *Mary Had a Little Lamb*, *Jolly Old Saint Nicholas*, *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*, and *When the Saints Go Marching In*, among many other songs. In addition, the audience will also get to hear each individual instrument section play a song on their own.

The Elementary North Fifth Grade Band program, directed by **Leslie Grode**, has a band lesson class and a full band rehearsal once a week. The lesson class is during the school day and the full band rehearsal is held before school. Students are recruited into band during the first few weeks of school and receive their instruments around the sixth week.

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## Songs of Peace and Light

Beautiful *Songs of Peace and Light* will be featured during the Isaac Fox Elementary School **Third Grade Holiday Concert** on Tuesday, **December 14**, in the **school gymnasium**, 395 W. Cuba Rd.

There will be a school performance at 2 p.m., followed by a community performance at 7 p.m. The price of admission is one nonperishable food item. In the spirit of the season, the collected food items will be donated to the Ela Area Food Pantry.

## A Winter Wonderland at Spencer Loomis

The Spencer Loomis PTO will hold its annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday morning, Dec. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. Students and their families will celebrate the holidays together with a pancake and sausage breakfast and an old fashion Cakewalk.

At the event, the kids will auction off their class gift baskets that they have been putting together over the last month. The PTO is providing kids with a gift shop where they can purchased gifts for their family and friends, as well as a silent auction and raffle. The raffle winner will be announced at 10:40a.m. that morning.

## Bears Charity Bash 2004 - Helping Those in Need

What started out last year as a week long charity drive by the Lake Zurich High School Student Council and other school clubs for those



in need, has mushroomed this year into the 10-day **Bears Charity Bash 2004** campaign to help rid the world of Juvenile Diabetes.

The kickoff was held during a special assembly on

**December 1** in the

Field House at Lake Zurich High School. At the assembly, students and staff were shown a video about the chosen charity to help focus everyone on the goal. The 10-day fundraising endeavor will end with a special Winter Charity Ball on the evening of December 11.

The Student Council, along with campus clubs, athletic teams, departments and other schools within the district are conducting activities throughout the campaign to raise money for the charity. Last year, groups sold food, held penny wars, a faculty basketball game, gave teachers pies in their faces during the lunch hours, held juggling shows, concerts and many other activities. This year's events and fundraisers are expected to be even greater.

Last year, more than \$19,700 was raised and donated to the Ryan York Foundation. Ryan was a Lake Zurich student who tragically passed away four years ago from cancer. Both middle schools, two grade schools, 33 high school clubs, 12 high school athletic teams, the Lake Zurich High School faculty and administration planned events for the week, and over 40 local businesses donated items for the auction.

# Reminder: Four Board Seats Up in April

On April 5, four seats on the Community Unit School District Board of Education will be up for election. The four incumbent board members include: Board President **Jan Putbress**, Vice President **Mike Siri**, **Patti Lebanik** and **Pat Priniski**.



Back Row: Roger Tieman, Jeff Didier, Gary Robillard, Mike Siri. Front Row: Patti Lebanik, Pat Priniski, Jan Putbress, Dr. Brian Knutson

To help perspective board candidates, the Board of Education hosted a workshop in October at Isaac Fox Elementary School. Approximately 20 people, including several current board members, attended the informative session.

Residents of Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 who are interested in either running for the Board of Education in the April 5, 2005 election can pick up packets of nominating packets for prospective school board candidates from the superintendent's office, 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich. The period for filing nominating petitions begins on Tuesday, January 18 and concludes January 25 at 5 p.m.

## Important Dates to Remember:

- January 18, 2005 (8:00 a.m.) – First day to file original nominating papers with local election official
- January 25, 2005 (5:00 p.m.) – Last day to file original nominating papers with local election official
- February 3, 2005 – Last day for local election officials to certify offices and names of candidates to appear on ballot
- March 8, 2005 – Last day for registration of voters for April 5 election
- March 29, 2005 – Last day to file a notarized declaration to be a write-in candidate
- **April 5, 2005 – ELECTION DAY**
- April 18, 2005 – Last day for County Clerk to provide local election officials with official results
- April 25, 2005 – Last day for current Board to canvass election results
- May 2, 2005 – Last day to seat newly elected Board of Education members

For more information, contact **Marsha Smyser**, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education, (847) 540-4963.

## CQ Students Book It

Students, staff and community members put on their favorite pajamas and hit the books at



Charles Quentin Elementary School today, December 3, as part of the school's *Read for 2005* celebration.

Featured guest readers included several District 95 staff, including Human Resources Director **Julia Becich**, **Jon Hitcho**, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, and Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**, as well as members of the Board of Education.



**Fun in the snow:** Students at Seth Paine Elementary School enjoyed some fun time in the snow earlier this week. An overnight snow fall transformed the area into a beautiful winter wonderland.

**Far Left:** Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson** reads to students at Charles Quentin School.