

**Edina High School Concert Band
Presents its 60th Annual Pops Concert
“Once Upon a Pops”**

Dear Concert Band Families:

I hope that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and lots of peace-filled moments with your families during this winter break. Now that our students are back in school, it's time to immediately begin planning for the 60th Annual POPS Concerts. As you know, these concerts are a tremendous highlight for our band students, and we need the support of each band family as planning gets underway. Please read this letter carefully and make note of the important dates and deadlines that are highlighted, specifically the senior photos and bios that are due January 14th.

POPS CALENDAR

Please post the enclosed calendar of rehearsals and performances in your favorite “reminder” spot. It is important that everyone appears for all of these.

SENIORS (BIOS AND PHOTO) DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

Seniors, enclosed is a form for your bio and photograph, which is due January 14. Please put bio and photos (prints or electronic files) in a sealed envelope with the student's name on the outside, and then place them in the bandroom in the “Senior Information” box. You may also email your photos (high resolution) to edinapops@gmail.com.

ONLINE TICKET ORDERS:

This year ticket requests will once again be filled on-line at www.edinabands.com. Prices are \$13 all reserved, \$10 for adult general admission, and \$6 students/seniors general admission. If you have any questions concerning tickets, please contact our ticket chair, Linda Sjolander at ehsbandtickets@gmail.com. Tickets will be available online beginning January 18.

PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM DUE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

This is a great way for you to reach thousands of concert attendees with a display of support from you and/or your business. Please consider placing an ad yourself, your business, or contacting someone else who might be interested. The deadline for ad submissions is Wednesday, January 23. An advertisement form is enclosed.

PERSONAL MESSAGES DUE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23.

Here's your chance to recognize your son or daughter by placing a personal message in the POPS program. Your “bandie” will be thrilled and all you have to do is fill out the attached form and return it along with your check to the band office by January 23.

POPS PARTIES

Pops parties are a strong tradition enjoyed by the students. They are able to celebrate their success and watch a video of the evening's performance in a controlled setting. Once the party locations are finalized, information will be distributed to the students and parents. If you are willing to host/co-host a party or provide food or beverages, please contact Cindy Beuerlein for more details.

SILENT AUCTION

Back by popular demand, the annual Silent Auction will be held during the POPS concerts. Start thinking about what you would like to donate. And if you know of any businesses that would consider donating an item or service, please let us know.

For Pops to be a success, we need the help of everyone. It takes at least 38 volunteers to support each Pops performance and at least 27 volunteers before the first note is played. If you are interested in helping, fill out and return the enclosed volunteer form or contact one of the chairs listed below. If you're not sure where you'd like to help out, contact Helen Meyer for details on what opportunities are available.

POPS 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Concert Chair	Helen Meyer	write2helen@comcast.net	952.473.6341
Tickets	Linda Sjolander	ehsbandtickets@gmail.com	952.944.1713
Concessions	Joan Bowlin	djbowlin@mac.com	952.924.0714
Ushers	Mary Kruempelstaedter	mkruemp@hotmail.com	952.942.8949
Publicity	Leanne Montgomery	montyLea@yahoo.com	952.927.7823
Program ads	Laurie Shimizu	lfshimizu@gmail.com	952.941.8485
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Senior Bios	Alexandria Kalina	alexandria.kalina@parknicollet.com	952.943.2909
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IMPORTANT POPS DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Senior Bios/Photos	January 14
Program ad deadline	January 23
Personal Ads deadline	January 23
Pops Concert Dates:	February 22, 23, 28 at 7:00 March 1 and 2 at 7:00 p.m. (Alumni Night is Feb. 23)

Thank you for your support of the Edina Band Program and specifically, of your son or daughter as we prepare for these concerts. He or she has worked tremendously hard to get to this point in his or her band "career" and we would love to make each POPS experience a truly memorable one. Please be sure you get these important dates on your calendars and thoughtfully consider where you might be able to assist. It does take the entire band family to make this happen and we look forward to working with each of you!

Warmly,

Helen Meyer
 Concerts Chair
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