

# Edina High School Concert Band Presents its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Pops Concert

Dear Concert Band Families:

It is our hope that this letter finds you enjoying a wonderful holiday season and lots of peace-filled moments with your families during this winter break. This vacation will go quickly and we will be back in school before we know it. Upon our return, we will immediately begin planning for the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual POPS Concerts. As you know, these concerts are always 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 4.**

Seniors, enclosed is a form for your bio and photograph, which is due January 4. 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](mailto:edinapops@gmail.com).

## **ONLINE TICKET ORDERS:**

This year ticket requests will once again be filled on-line at [www.edinabands.com](http://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](mailto:ehsbandtickets@gmail.com). Tickets will be available online beginning January 18.

## **PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM DUE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

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 25. An advertisement form is enclosed.

## **PERSONAL MESSAGES DUE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25.**

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 25.

## **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 Quay Mitchell 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, please contact one of the chairs listed below or, if you're not sure where you'd like to help out, contact John or Quay Mitchell for details on what opportunities are available.

**POPS 2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Concert Co-Chairs	John and Quay Mitchell	952.920.2775
Tickets	Linda Sjolander	952.943.2909
Concessions	Mary Kay Werner	952.925.3993
Ushers	Theresa Bruncker	952.384.3774
Publicity	Pam Barnett	952.903.5102
Photography	Help needed here!	
Program ads	Carol Rosenbaum	952.920.7836
Costumes	Cindy Condiff	952.217.4210
Yard Signs	Jane Omodt	952.927.0327
Flower Sales	Sally Schmitz Peggy Johnson	952.925.6044 952.929.4454
Pops Parties	Mary Buska	952.945.9429
Senior Slide Show	Andrea Lentz	952.944.6010
Buttons	Joanne Bentley	952.929.2513
Student Personal Messages	Jeannie Wallschlaeger	952.929.7304
Display Cases	Help needed here!	
Senior Bios	Alexandria Kalina	952.943.2909
Silent Auction	Colleen Raasch Regina Neville Mary Kruempelstaedter	952.454.1814 952.351.4164 612.237.8949

**IMPORTANT POPS DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Senior Bios/Photos	January 4
Program ad deadline	January 25
Personal Ads deadline	January 25
Pops Concert Dates:	February 18, 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

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,

John and Quay Mitchell  
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