

# MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE GLOUCESTER BAND & STRING PROGRAM

## April 9, 2011

Thank you to all of our performers and audience members who attended the “winter” concert at Gloucester High School on March 10. I was very impressed with the concert. Each group seemed well prepared and played with energy and excitement. I’m glad we were able to get on and off stage so smoothly. We clocked out at 1 hour, 10 minutes. Next time I’m shooting for under an hour!

We have several upcoming performance dates involving all of our students, grades 4-8. May will be a busy month, especially the weekend of April 30-May 1!

### Here is our calendar:

**April 30, 2011** Gloucester Little League Parade, report to Burnham’s Field (Burnham St. side) at 10:30am for marching practice. Parade kicks off at noon. Dismissal from Little League Field at Stage Fort Park approx. 1pm. Uniform: Little League uniforms for team members, band t-shirts (provided) for all others with black pants. Students also need a lyre (\$3-4.) for the flip folder of music which I will provide.

**May 1, 2011** Gloucester Pride Stride opening ceremonies, report to Stage Fort Park Visitor Center, 10:45am, play at 11:15am. Dismissal, 12:15pm This is our only annual fundraiser for the band. Uniform: band t-shirt, no special pant. Please consider pledging \$1. per mile for the five mile walk. Forms were sent home last week. Please note this is the same day as the fifth grade Mad Hot Ball for which the students have to report at 1:15pm. Band students may turn in money and pledge sheets by mail if they do not attend the Pride Stride.

**May 7, 2011** Gloucester City Wide Arts Festival Band Concert, report to City Hall Auditorium, 10:30am, concert at 11am. Dismissal at noon. Uniform: band t-shirt, black pants.

**May 30, 2011** Memorial Day Parade and Services, report to Gloucester High School Field House at 8:30am, parade begins at 9am. Services at WWII Memorial and the GHS Viet Nam Memorial. Dismissal 11am. Uniform: band t-shirt, black pants.

**June 9, 2011** End of Year Concert and Awards, report to Gentile Bandstand, Stage Fort Park, 6:30pm, concert at 7pm. Dismissal at 8pm. Uniform: band t-shirt, black pants.

**June 22, 2011** Canobie Lake Band Trip, report to O’Maley School 1pm, return 11pm. Dress for the weather. More news and permission slip to follow.

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Thanks,  
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