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Singer Gets Top Billing as IGSMMA President

Ellen Singer and her son, **Zachary**, hit the right note in both music and sports while on a trip to St. Louis. (photo courtesy of the LZHS Fine Arts website)

Lake Zurich High School choir teacher **Ellen Singer** was elected president of the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGSMMA), Northern Division at this year's Annual State Membership Meeting.

The purpose of IGSMMA is to encourage, aid, and advance music education in the elementary and junior high schools in the State of Illinois. IGSMMA sponsors contests/festivals among school bands, orchestras, and choirs, including Solo and Ensemble contests, and District and State level Organization contests/festivals. Organizations that receive a Division I rating at District Contest are eligible to attend the State Festival. The membership is made up of public and private schools and their music teachers, and the Northern Division is divided into Nine Districts.



Chairpersons from the Nine Districts, plus a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer make up the executive board.

As president, Singer is responsible for administering the State Festival, including setting dates, selecting sites, and hiring adjudicators. She will also serve as a constitutional authority and can be called on to make executive decisions regarding contest regulations and infractions. She will also preside over Executive Board meetings as well as the Annual State membership

meeting.

Lake Zurich CUSD 95 is an active member of IGSMMA and participates in District Eight Solo/Ensemble and Organization contests. This year, Middle School South is hosting the District Eight Solo and Ensemble Contest and Middle School North is hosting the orchestra contest.

15 South Students Named to IMEA Orchestra/Band

Congratulations to the following Middle School South (MSS) music students for being accepted into the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District 7 Junior Honors Orchestra and Band. Representing Middle School South in the IMEA Orchestra will be...

6th Grade

- **Noel Brindise**, Cello
- **Quentin Kakuda**, Viola

8th Grade

- **Angela Ufheil**, Bass
- **Michael Zhang**, Viola
- **Nick Plewtong**, Violin I
- **Mark Noll**, Cello

Representing MSS in the IMEA Band will be...

7th Grade

- **Alura Chung-Mehdi**, Flute
- **Kevin Cihlar**, Trumpet
- **Tim McCullough**, Trumpet

- **Ryan FitzGerald**, Trombone
8th Grade
- **Marissa Antkowiak**, Clarinet
- **Gilad Margalit**, Clarinet
- **Kuba Pelka**, Clarinet
- **Rachel Holbrook**, Trumpet

- **Mike Schmitt**, Trumpet

These students were selected based on their preparation of the music at the IMEA auditions. The Orchestra auditions were held on October 2 at River Trail Middle School in Mt. Prospect while the IMEA Band auditions were held at Bernotas Middle School in Crystal Lake on October 4. MSS students will be participating in the IMEA festival on Saturday, November 8, at Maine West High



School in Des Plaines. The concert begins at 3:00pm. The MSS Orchestra is directed by **Ron Polomchak**, and the MSS Band is led by **Ed Koehler**.

Parent University - Part I



Parent University - Part I, which will be held November 5, from 7-9pm, in the Middle School North Cafetorium, is designed to give parents what they have asked for - a more frequent opportunity to get together with other parents to discuss issues that they are experiencing in their family, coupled with a workshop focusing on how to better communicate with their children.

At the Nov. 5 event, Parent University will host a distinguished panel of speakers including Middle School South Principal **Dave Gardner**, Middle School North Guidance Counselor **Jackie Giese**, and **Dr. Timothy Hull** to discuss issues facing our kids today. There will then be an open panel discussion with a facilitator asking questions submitted by the audience.

Come listen to **Gardner** and **Giese** as they talk about what your child is or will soon be experiencing in middle school. The panel will address questions like: What are some of the situations that your child is exposed to in middle school? What difficult decisions are they faced with each day? What can you do to help your child make the right choices? How is your child coping with peer pressure at this difficult age?

Dr. Hull will also talk about the price of privilege and dealing with parental pressure. As part of his discussion, Dr. Hull will address topics from a book written by **Madeline Levine**: *"The Price of Privilege; How Parental Pressure and Material Advantage Are Creating a Generation of Disconnected and Unhappy Kids"*. If you haven't read this book, you may want to pick it up before Dr. Hull's presentation.

Parent University - Part I is a **FREE** event open to all interested parents. Come for an interactive discussion guaranteed to help you better understand your child's world and to guide your child more effectively through the stresses of adolescence.

Please e-mail **Lori Schwartz** at parentuniversity@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending this event so that they can have a count of how many parents to expect for the evening. There will be no childcare offered during this session.

Red Grammar Helps CQ Celebrate Character Counts!



Grammy nominated singer-songwriter-performer **Red Grammar** recently performed for the students at Charles Quentin School. The noted performer sang and interacted with students while weaving the six traits of Character Counts into his performances. The special performance was the official kick-off of the school's Character Counts program for the year. The Charles Quentin Character Counts! co-chairs are **Marybeth Kaus** and **Laura DeNovo**.

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5 School Board Seats on April 7 Election Ballot

Nominating petition forms for the April 7, 2009 Board of Education election in Community Unit School District 95 will be available on October 20. Forms may be picked up in the Office of the Superintendent at 400 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, on any business day between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the same office no earlier than 8 a.m., on Tuesday, January 20, and no later than 5 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2009. Candidates' names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the secretary's office.

Five seats on the seven-member Board of Education will be filled at the April 7, 2009 election. The four candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2013, while one candidate will serve a two-year unexpired term.

To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be, on the date of election, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and the school district for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Elections are nonpartisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in state law.

Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:

- Nominating petitions signed by at least 50 registered voters residing within the district. Petitions must be securely bound together with pages numbered consecutively, and each page must carry the notarized signature of the petition circulator.

- Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed in the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.
 - A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the statement of economic interests as noted above.
 - A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may choose to file it or not.
- Other important dates for candidates are:
- **Tuesday, January 27, 2009:** last day for filing objections to a candidate's nominating papers in the office of **Marsha Smyser**, Secretary to the Board of Education.
 - **February 5, 2009:** last day for a candidate to withdraw from nomination.
 - **February 5, 2009:** last day to file a notarized declaration of interest to be a write-in candidate.

Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 7, 2009 board election may be obtained by contacting **Marsha Smyser**, Secretary to the Board of Education, (847) 540-4963.

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards for a free booklet, "Your School Board and You." Write IASB, 2921 Baker Drive, Springfield, IL 62703. The booklet is also available at the IASB web site: www.iasb.com/free_pubs.htm.

LZHS Varsity Boy's Soccer Captures Conference



Congratulations to the Lake Zurich High School varsity soccer team who—before an enthusiastic hometown crowd—shut out Round Lake High School Panthers 5-0 in the North Suburban Conference Championship game on October 15. Three of the goals came from LZHS striker **Nick Janus**. The victory was the team's third consecutive win in the title contest and left them with an impressive record of 17-1-3. The LZHS Bears team is coached by **Mike Schmitz**. Lake Zurich will begin playing in the Rockford Boylan Sectional next week, as the LZHS Bears are the top seed in the Barrington Regional.