



NEWSLETTER 2011  
**PREBLE MUSIC**  
PREBLE MUSIC PARENTS & MUSIC DEPARTMENT

### A Note from the President

Welcome parents....

All of the members in the Parent Music Parents (PMP) hope you had a fun and relaxing summer, and good start to the school year. As you have probably recognized the Preble High School music year is already off to a rousing start and we hope that you are able to come and support our wonderful students in the variety of performances in the coming year. The first of these is our annual PMP Kickoff Concert on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

PMP is also off and running for the year. For those of you who don't know, PMP provides support (financial and moral) to all of our music programs. Our financial support comes from fundraisers and contributions from parents and other supporters of the programs. In the past few years PMP has supported a variety of items to support the music program including a new audio system in the auditorium, microphones, locker enhancement, a copier machine and other items. In addition, PMP continues to provide scholarship support for our high school students that participate in summer music camps and state honors programs.

In the past, membership to PMP has occurred through membership fees that were used to support the above activities. This year we have decided to try something new. This year all music families will automatically become members of PMP. Our need for money to support our students has not decreased...if anything the need is greater than ever. But we feel it is important that everyone be included in the PMP family.

We will continue to seek donations from our family and friends. We also need volunteers for a wide range of activities associated with the music program. Please keep your eyes open for communications for how you can help.

We look forward to another successful year and hope to see you at the October 6<sup>th</sup> PMP Concert at 7:00 in the Preble Commons!

Scott Furlong  
President, PMP



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## Welcome to our new Director of Choirs

**Preble has a new Director of Choirs! But he's not really new. Mr. Jesse Baumgart is an Preble alum and more recently served as Director of our all-female Show Choir, Rendezvous. "Mr. B" arrives at Preble this year from East High. We asked him 10 questions...**



### ***1. What's your background?***

I was born and raised in Green Bay and Attended St. Bernard, Anne Sullivan, Edison and graduated from Preble in 1995.

### ***2. What led you to music and why did you become a music educator?***

During my freshman year there was a big push to decide about future plans/careers after high school. As I looked back at my past, I always found music to be something I loved and enjoyed making with others. At that time, I knew I had to pursue a career in music. I wanted to be just like Mrs. Mac and have a music program just like hers.

### ***3. What type of music do you like?***

Music genres...hmm...good question....I'm more mainstream when listening to the radio in my car. Surprisingly I think artists like Eminem are extremely difficult to emulate and respect his craft. I do love rare complex nonwestern choral music, traditional composers like Bach, and contemporary composers like Eric Whitacre, Mortin Lauridsen, Dave Davidson. I also find show choir and musicals entertaining and creatively challenging to bring to life.

### ***4. Do you enjoy teaching or performing-or both?***

When I was a student studying and training to become a teacher I thought I wouldn't be able to enjoy the successes of my students. I do enjoy performing, but due to the scheduling requirements of being a High School Choir Director, traditional performing (outside of the classroom) is something I don't have a whole lot of time for. The last time I was able to make time for performing was a three summers ago.

### ***5. When you're not at school-what do you enjoy doing?***

I love to cook and go to movies. Both are real good activities to help decompress. I also like to Kayak. When I was teaching out in NJ, I used to spend the spring shooting class two rapids and I used to be able to roll back up. I would like to get back at it here in Wisconsin.

## *10 questions with Mr. Baumgart II*

### *6. What do you enjoy about teaching?*

The connections to kids...and getting to see them develop their confidence in music. There's nothing more rewarding to contribute to/watch/witness than a student have a breakthrough performance—it's those moments where students rise above and surpass their own expectations.

### *7. How does it feel to be back at Preble as a teacher this time instead of student?*

Words cannot express the feelings I have to be back home nor the responsibility that comes with being here. At times, it's like looking into a mirror hearing the kids sing "Lonesome Road" earlier this month after school. (Same arrangement and dedication to the love of music making—thank you seniors for that day.)

### *8. What do you want your students to know about you?*

I have high expectations across all genres of music: choral, show choir, musical.

### *9. What are your hopes and dreams for your students?*

I hope my students find the voice within and use that voice to express and discover their own humanity.

### *10. You can't make it through the day without?*

A good laugh.



*Great to have you  
"back" at Preble, Mr.  
Baumgart!*



Sept. 30-Marching Band- Preble vs. DePere

Oct. 6-PMP Kick-off/Concert, Commons, 7:00

Oct. 7-Marching Band- Homecoming Parade

Oct. 7-Marching Band-Homecoming Preble vs. Southwest

Oct. 7-HOMECOMING, National Anthem,  
CAST OF HOW TO SUCCEED

Oct. 17-Women's Choir Festival @ Bay Port  
7:00 pm

Oct. 25-"Last Blast" Concert Preble Fieldhouse  
7:00 pm

Nov. 5- Musical TECH REHEARSAL Noon-10

Nov. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19-**How To Succeed**-7pm

Nov.19- Marching Band,-GB Holiday Parade

Nov. 22 -Fall Band Concert, Preble 7 pm

Nov. 29-Dec. 4 -Band Disney World Trip

Dec. 9-Pep Band -GBB vs. East

Dec.8-11-Center Stage Choreography Camp

December 13-Orchestra Concert, Preble 7 pm

December 16-Pep Band -BBB vs. DePere

December 16-18-Rendezvous Choreography  
Camp

December 20-Choir Concert, Preble 7:00

Jan.3-Pep Band -GBB vs. Sheboygan South

Jan. 6-Pep Band -BBB vs. Pulaski

Jan. 7-Show Choir Competition-Colby

Jan. 13-Pep Band -BBB vs. Southwest

Jan. 23-Winter Band Concert, Preble 7 pm

Jan. 24-Pep Band -GBB vs. Sheboygan North

Jan. 27-Pep Band -BBB vs. East

Feb. 3-Pep Band- GBB vs. Ashwaubenon

Feb. 4-Show Choir Competition New London,  
Center Stage & Rendezvous

Feb. 9-Pep Band- BBB vs. Sheboygan South

Feb. 9-String Fling, Preble 7 pm

Feb. 16-Pep Band -GBB vs. Ashwaubenon

Feb. 17 & 18-Sing Out! Preble, 7 pm

Feb. 25-CS Show Choir Comp-Brodhead

Mar.2-Large Group Solo/Ensemble at Preble,  
4-9 pm

Mar. 3-Solo/Ensemble Festival, Preble, 8-4  
pm

Mar. 16 & 17-Cabaret , Preble, 7:00 pm

Apr.16-20-GB All City Honor's Choir Concert

Apr.17-Orchestra, WSMA Large Group  
Festival, East

May 2-Show Choir Audition Workshop

May 4-State Large Group Solo/Ensemble  
Festival at SNC

May 5-State Solo/Ens Festival UWGB, 8-4

May 9-Orchestra Concert 6 pm, Band-7 pm

May 14-Music Awards Banquet, Riverside  
Ballroom-6:30 pm

May 16-Choir Concert, Preble, 7:00 pm

May 17 & 18-Show Choir Auditions

May 31-Graduation, Resch Center, 7:00 pm



Preble Music Parents Association  
supports all music programs!



Take a look at a few ways PMP  
helped last year!

- Senior Awards/Other Participation Awards
- Music Camp Scholarships
- Copy machine
- Support of State/Solo Ensemble Accompanists
- Choir Room Lockers
- Jumbotron in Commons
- Sound System in Auditorium

Your support means so much  
to all of our music students  
and staff. Join PMP and  
volunteer your time and  
talents! We welcome parents  
of all music students!

## Join us at PMP Meetings!

*We need you!*

All parents of music students are  
encouraged and welcome to attend!

### 2011-2012 Meeting schedule

September 6, 2011

October 4, 2011

November 1, 2011

December 6, 2011

January 3, 2012

February 7, 2012

March 6, 2012

April 3, 2012

May 1, 2012

All meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the  
Music Theory Room at Preble HS.



*"Music is the universal  
language of mankind."*

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

# Volunteers needed! Get involved!

Music Parents generously give their time and talents! Now it's time to get going on another great year! Please read about all the volunteer opportunities below and sign up today. Fill out the Volunteer form below and send it to school with your musician. They can drop it into the PMP Drop Box which is located in the Music Theory Room. Make difference! Please sign up!

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print & return this form to the PMP  
Drop Box in the Music Theory



## Welcome Parents at Fall Concert Oct. 6th

- Volunteer to help at Membership Table
- Volunteer to Greet Parents & Students

## High School District Jazz, Show Choir & Solo Ensemble at Preble:

Fri & Sat. March 2 & 3, 2012  
Event Chairperson: Denise Socha

- Co-Chair needed
- Volunteer Committee
- Volunteer Parent Worker Fri 3/2
- Volunteer Parent Worker Sat 3/3

## Concessions at PMP Events:

- Chair needed
- Middle School Solo Ensemble
- High School Solo Ensemble
- Wherever needed
- Bake or donate goodies

## Music Awards Banquet at the Riverside Ballroom Mon. May 14, 2012

Awards Banquet Chairperson:  
Denise Socha  
Auction Coordinator: Patty Stroman

- Co-chair needed
- Help with the Banquet
- Help with Auction

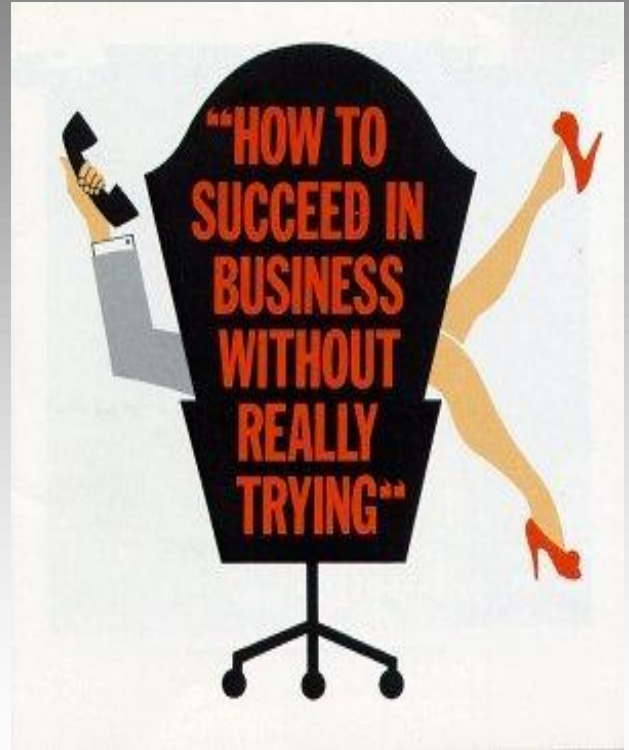


Mr. Jesse Baumgart,  
Director of  
Preble Players Theatre,  
is excited to announce this year's all  
school musical

***“How to Succeed in  
Business Without  
Really Trying.”***

**Production Dates:**  
**Nov. 11, 12, and 17-18-19.**  
**7:00pm**  
Resch Family Auditorium, Preble H.S.  
Tickets \$10

Tickets go on Sale to the Public on Oct. 31st  
and are available before and after school  
7:00-7:30 AM & 2:55-3:30 PM

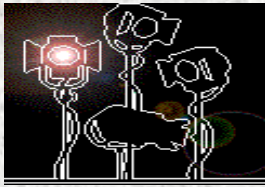


**The set building begins!**





**Don't miss the Fall Concert & PMP Kick-Off on October 6th at 7 pm in the Preble commons. It's a fun sampling of the Preble Music groups; Band, Orchestra, Choir and the Preble Marching Band! Hope to see you there!**



*Congrats!*

*Lily Arendt competed in a National American Miss (NAM) Wisconsin Teen Pageant in Wisconsin Dells and was awarded the Academic Achievement Award as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Talent Competition.*

*Lily sang/performed her classical Spanish piece for the talent portion for which she won \$250 in cash and was given an invitation to compete at the national pageant level in California! She was also voted Miss Personality by the 75 girls who participated.*

### **Calling All Volunteers!**

We have been given the opportunity to participate in the **Seat Rental Sales at Lambeau on Sunday, January 1st Noon** game against Detroit. The proceeds (3% of seat sales) will go toward the Dress the Department campaign. **20 volunteers are needed** (18 or older) to help out a few hours before game time until kick-off. If you are available, please contact Patty Stroman at: [pbstroman@prodigy.net](mailto:pbstroman@prodigy.net)

**Please lend your support!**



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## **Preble Music Parents (PMP) Drop Box**

### **PMP Marketplace**

**Do you have anything  
you'd like to sell?**

**An instrument?**

**Tap shoes?**

**Show Choir gear?**

**You name it!**

**Let us know and  
we'll post it in the next  
edition!**

**Include pictures &  
contact info, and send  
to:**

**[danielle@new.rr.com](mailto:danielle@new.rr.com)**

**PMP has a drop box on the wall in the Music Theory Room, which is located between the Band and Choir Rooms. The box is next to the door closest to the Choir Room and is labeled "Music Parents."**

**It is for all communication between Music Parents and the Music Parent Board**

**Members and Committees. Items for the drop box would include Volunteer Forms for the Solo Ensemble, Award Banquet Reservations, Scholarship Applications, and so on.**

**It is NOT to be used for forms that the teachers are requesting, or for fundraising conducted by the Music Department.**



**Preble Players Theatre Jacket,  
Like new, Size Small, \$30  
920-468-9576**



## Dress the Department!

Did you know our proud Preble High School Marching Band is still wearing uniforms *from the 80s*? Even though our uniforms have been dutifully cared for and faithfully cleaned, they are showing their age. The uniforms are well past their life expectancy of 10-12 years and desperately need to be retired. Not only out of style, but in disrepair: sizes are limited, zippers are failing, and accessories are broken or missing. Our band continues to grow year after year, and there are not enough uniforms to outfit the entire band.

The Preble Music Department Holiday Concert in December 2010 marked the first annual combined Band, Orchestra and Choir concert of the Preble Music Department. It was an amazing community event that showcased the incredible talent, pride and spirit of our Preble Music Department students and staff.

**It is in that great pride and spirit that the Preble Music Department and the Preble Music Parents have launched a drive to “Dress the Department”.**

As you can imagine, there is a huge cost associated to “Dress the Department”. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The Marching Band needs 200 uniforms, and to outfit the choirs, orchestra and bands of the Preble Music department in formal concert attire, 255 women’s concert gowns and 100 tuxedo jackets, ties and cummerbunds will need to be purchased. Once we have the funds, the three month manufacturing process can begin and the Marching Band uniforms and formal concert attire will be ready for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. An endowment fund will also be started for uniform and formal wear up-keep and for future purchases.

**We invite all proud current, future and past Preble Music Department students and their families, alumni and supporters of the Preble Music Department to join us in this worthwhile campaign to “Dress the Department”. Please help us continue the excellence of our Preble Music Department and return the portion of the flier included with this letter with your tax-deductible gift. Any contribution is appreciated and will make a lasting positive effect on the next generation.**

Mr. Branden Mueller- Director of Bands

Mrs. Karen Fitchett-Director of Orchestra and Music Department Chair

Mr. Jesse Baumgart-Director of Choirs

Preble Music Parents

*Your donation, no matter the amount, will be used to purchase Marching Band Uniforms and Music Department Formal Concert Attire that will be used for the next two decades.*

YES! I/we would like to contribute to the Preble HS “Dress the Department” campaign!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Email(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Business (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation(if Preble alum) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$50

\_\_\_ \$75

\_\_\_ \$85

\_\_\_ \$160

\_\_\_ \$300

\_\_\_ \$450

\_\_\_ \$1000

Other amount \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be written and sent to:  
Preble High School  
c/o “Dress the Department”  
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Green Bay, WI 54302

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For Preble High School Music Department news, calendar and events, please go to [www.prebleactivities.com](http://www.prebleactivities.com) “Music Program”

You can also find us on Facebook  
“Green Bay Preble Bands”  
“Green Bay Preble High School”



The Preble High School Music Department and Preble Music Parents need your help to

**“Dress the Department”**