



**Congratulations to the 115 band,
choir, orchestra seniors graduating
from the Music Department this year!**



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Department Report Card

This document is intended to track the progress of the growth of Lake Zurich Music Students from year to year. This will be a comprehensive look at all the success of the department.

The mission of Community Unit School District 95 is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.

Statewide Results

◆ 26 Students were selected to the Illinois Music Educators All-District #7 Ensembles. Of the 56 schools in District #7, Lake Zurich had the 9th highest number of students.



◆ 7 Students were selected to Illinois Music Educators All-State Ensembles. This is the highest individual achievement that Illinois high school students can attain.

Solo and Ensemble Contest 2009

- ◆ Seven students were selected as “Best of Day” in their room.
- ◆ Lake Zurich HS finished 4th place in the state in Music. This ranking is based on the total number of points awarded for Solo and Ensemble and Organizational contests.
- ◆ Lake Zurich HS hosted the event for the second year in a row.



◆ IHSA Organizational Contest Results: For the 6th straight year Lake Zurich Bands received “Superior” ratings this year. The Symphony Orchestra received a “Superior” rating and the Concert Orchestra received “Excellent” ratings.

Locally...

- ◆ The Music Department put on a total of 18 Concerts in our four music areas: Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Jazz. The music program consists of 15 curricular ensembles and 4 extra curricular ensembles. Over 600 students participated in the program with 3 full-time faculty and 3 part-time faculty.
- ◆ The Wind Ensemble hosted the fourth Annual *Wind Ensemble Invitational Concert* with guest ensembles Downers Grove North High School Wind Ensemble and The Vernon Hills High School Wind Ensemble.
- ◆ The Lake Zurich Band program helped raise money for Charity Bash by hosting a Guinness World Record breaking *Human Foosball Game*. The event raised over \$1000 and set a record of 475 people playing human foosball at one time.

◆ The choir program hosted its 11th annual District 95 Choral festival at Lake Zurich HS.



◆ The Lake Zurich HS Wind Ensemble was selected for the first time to participate in the Superstate Concert Band Festival sponsored by the University of Illinois. They were among the top 12 bands in their class state-wide. The band performed in concert at Krannert Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Univ. of Illinois in May.

◆ The Choir Program released a CD entitled “Come Away”

◆ The Choir program traveled to DisneyWorld to participate in Disney’s Candlelight Processional narrated by Angela Bassett and Courtney B. Vance. They were accepted based on an audition recording



◆ The Lake Zurich Orchestra program performed in a “side by side” concert with the Lakeshore Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of former Lake Zurich orchestra director, Russ Vinick.

◆ The Lake Zurich band program put on an “exchange” event with the 5th grade band. High school students taught sectional classes for the 5th graders in preparation for their final concert of the year.

◆ The band program joined in a consortium of schools commissioning a new work for concert band by Los Angeles based film and video game composer Wataru Hokoyama. The work was premiered by the Wind Ensemble under the direction of the composer, who spent the day working with the group.

◆ The Music Department in conjunction with Drama successfully performed five performances of the musical *Grease*. The performance featured many LZHS Faculty including our own teachers Sheri Conover and Chris Misik.

◆ The Orchestra presented a Concerto Concert featuring LZ students Evan Fojtik, Jessica Wang, and Vinithra Rajagopalan.

◆ The LZHS Color Guard placed 2nd for lyrical flag and 3rd at the IDTA State competition for tall flag. This is the second year that they have competed.

◆ The LZHS Blue Notes performed with the addition of a instrumental combo for the second straight year.

◆ Band Student Evan Fojtik was featured with New Trier student Amy Pickler on WFMT 98.7 program *Introductions*, a program designed to highlight talented music students in the Chicagoland area.

