

## CHS Musicians Visit Hopkins Hill for Holiday Performance

Elementary students were treated to a sampling of selections from four CHS groups.

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[Hopkins Hill School](#) students and faculty were visited by the [Coventry High School](#) Music Department on Wednesday morning for a holiday concert. Performances were given by the Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble, directed by Mr. William Smith, Concert Chorus, directed by Mrs. Lisa Masse and Select Choir, directed by Mr. Brad Degraide.

This was the seventh year that Smith brought his band students to perform at Hopkins Hill and the third year being joined by the chorus. Throughout the performance, the directors occasionally asked the elementary students to identify specific instruments and told them about the music programs offered at the high school.

Each group performed several selections that will be part of the free Coventry High School Winter Concert on Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m., some featuring choral and instrumental soloists.

Concert Band performed "An American Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride", followed by Concert Chorus's renditions of "Bidi Bom" and Train's "Hey Soul Sister" as well as an a cappella version of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear".



Select Choir performed "Tis the Time of Yuletide Glee", a 16th-century Christmas Carol from Coventry, England titled "The Coventry Carol", and their rendition of Frankie Lymon's "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?"

Jazz Ensemble performed an upbeat instrumental, version of "Gloria in excelsis, Deo" and a selection titled "Critical Mass" that the group will be performing at the Rhode Island Music Educators' Jazz Festival at URI on Feb. 2, 2013.