

## Coventry Board of Education

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On Thursday, June 3, the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School Grade 7 and 8 Chorus and Grade 8 Band participated in the High Note Music Festival hosted at Lake Compounce. The adjudicators were Clarke Saunders from the Hartt School of Music and Roger Thulin, retired band director at Fairfield High School and former president of the Connecticut Music Educators Association. The Chorus, directed by Mrs. Melissa Rood and Mr. Tony Gibbs, received an “Excellent Rating” for their all time high score of 89 out of a possible 100 points. One judge remarked “Overall a pleasant sound. Good consistent quality of high notes throughout!”

The Grade 8 Band, directed by Mr. Tony Susi, earned a Superior Rating with a score of 96. One judge commented, “This is a wonderful sounding band – you have put in the effort to not only get a strong technical performance but also a very musical one. Excellent choice of pieces.” Other participating middle schools included Chappaqua, New York; Parsippany, New Jersey; Lyme-Old Lyme, Danbury, Norwalk, New Fairfield, and Meriden from Connecticut.

For further information, or if you have any questions, please call Tony Susi at the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School at 860-742-7334, Ext. 254.