

Band and Strings students offered a selection of holiday music at the mid-December recital

By Taylor Chang

As a large audience watched, the band and strings classes offered an exciting recital on December 12th in the Social Hall.

The band teacher, Mrs. Behmer, estimated that there were around 80 people. Mrs. Behmer, who plays many instruments but enjoys the oboe the most, teaches beginning and advanced band classes.

In the recital, the beginning band played the following songs: *Moving Down, Making Muffins, Little Robin Red Breast, Merrily We Roll Along, Sneaky Drums, O' Come Little Children* and *Jingle Bells*. In addition, they joined with the advanced band for *Jolly Old*

Saint Nicholas.

The advanced band, which consists of four flutes, one clarinet, and one saxophone, played these songs: *Blow the Man Down, Autumn Leaves Are Falling, Holiday Greetings* and *Good King Wenceslas*. In addition, they played a piece called *Little Bells of Westminster* that the flutes played without the saxophone and clarinet in a four-part round. They also played *Going to the Races*, a number that the saxophone and the clarinet played without the flutes. Another piece they played was the Student Composition that was composed by having each student write eight measures and then Mrs. Behmer put it together into one

song

The Strings program had been practicing for that recital as well. Mrs. Karnaukh, the strings teacher, had the students play the following songs for the concert: *Jingle Bells, Jolly Old Saint Nick, Going up and Down the Stairs, Hot Cross Buns, Merrily We Roll Along, God Rest You Merry Gentlemen, Joy to the World, Glory in the Exelsis Deo, and Marmondt*. She said she picked those because they were at the level of the players and they were high-quality songs.

The only solo that Mrs. Karnaukh gave out was to Jason Lui, a 3rd grader, because he is the most advanced.

Students, Teachers Like Different Looks

By Emani Decquir

Students and teachers love to dress up and be fashionable but many have different opinions about what styles to wear.

Natalie Allen, 6th grader, loves to wear her hair in twisties, which is when her hair is twisted, like a French braid. She wears pants, shorts, tank tops, and halter-tops. Natalie loves to shop at Guess and Macy's. Her favorite season to wear clothes is spring and summer. Natalie wishes that Brookfield were a non-uniform school so that she could wear her favorite clothes.

Taryn Yee, a 5th grader, likes to wear her hair in a ponytail and wear jeans, shorts, and shirts on the weekends. Her favorite stores to shop at in the mall are Gap and Old Navy.

Taryn's favorite season to wear clothes is summer because she can wear cooler clothes. She wishes that she could have free dress everyday. If she could, she would wear jeans and tee shirts.

Haley Hughes, a 3rd grader, always wears her hair down in a natural style. She likes to wear shorts and tank tops. Haley buys her clothes from stores. Her favorite season to wear clothes is summer. Haley says, "Yes, I do wish I had free dress, and if I did then I would wear tank tops and shorts – only if my parents allow me to, of course!"

Miss Murphy, the 6th and 7th grade P.E teacher, loves to wear her hair in a natural style. She wears shorts, sandals, and tee shirts. Miss Murphy shops at Nordstroms, Macy's and her most favorite, Target. Her favorite

season to wear clothes is summer, like most of the people interviewed.

Christine H. Nishite, a 7th grader, loves to wear one of the most fashionable and popular hairstyles, a ponytail. She wears jeans and capris almost all the time and shops at Old Navy and The Rave. Her favorite season to wear clothes is winter.

Madame Stiehr, the French teacher, is well known for her earrings and clothes, which she buys at Nordstroms, Ross, and Macy's. She loves to wear her hair back in a ponytail and out of her face. Madame loves to wear comfortable sweats, capris, sandals, jewelry, and coordinating outfits. Her favorite season to wear clothes is summer because she can wear cooler clothes. Madame loves to accessorize.