

# 2015 Band Extravaganza

By Diane Prem

The Hampton school district bands hosted their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the high school and offered something for everyone of all ages to enjoy. Visitors shopped at 100 vendor tables at the Holiday Mart, and at the Cookie Walk with its selection of 6,000 homemade cookies. They sampled food from the Band Dads' Café, while Hampton student musicians filled the gym with holiday music. "It's been really great, and I've sold out of items. This is my third year, and I will definitely be back next year," said vendor Jan Mekovsky of 'Jams, Hot Sauces, and Pickles.' Dads' Band Café's Bob Bollinger concurred, "We were really busy and sold out of a lot of menu items." Lisa Wagner, Cookie Walk Chair, added, "There were 25 people in line when we opened, and the lady locks were gone in an hour - people bought multiple boxes."

Mr. and Mrs. Claus heard wishes and posed for photos with children. Visitors also enjoyed making ice cream sundaes, the roving snow princesses, and crafts. "The snowman craft is unique and we can't wait to hang it on our tree," boasted Braeden Settnek and Brennan Murray, ages 10 and 11. "We love Jingles the reindeer - he looks just like Rudolph," exclaimed Alex and Andrew Mitterer, ages 9 and 7.

This event raised thousands of dollars that will be split between the Hampton elementary, middle, and high school bands. Many thanks go out to the volunteers, the bakers, and businesses who made this day possible. And a "big" thank you to the Hampton community for coming out to support this worthwhile event!



Zane and Andrew Reschoff, ages 4 and 6, said, "We came late and missed Santa, but had a blast anyway."



Marching Band's Joel Taylor and Gallagher Bares, 11<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, said, "The ice cream was good."



Soloist Connor McGinnis, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, said, "It's a lot of fun, and I have played for the past 3 years."



Seniors Alexa Aurednik as a 'Snow Princess,' and Justin Vasil as 'Jingles,' with Alex and Andrew Mitterer.



'The Saxabone Quartet' - Seniors Caleb Martin, Nick Hutchison, Matt Ramsey, and Wes Weidenhamer.