

FROM THE PODIUM

Our Pioneer Jazz Band performed at the Firefly Club on the evening of December 10, 2007. Congratulations on a job well done. They sounded great!

"It was 20 years ago today"! Although I am not Sergeant Pepper, I did begin my teaching career twenty years ago (December 19th). Through that time, bands under my direction have traveled throughout North America performing in cities like Orlando, Virginia Beach, Montreal, Toronto, Chicago and New York City. They have traveled "across the pond" to Europe four times. Ensembles have performed at three (soon to be four) statewide music conferences, two university music conferences and two international music conferences. They have been honored by the Grammy Foundation numerous times including the Grammy Foundation's "National Signature School" award signifying them and their departmental colleagues as the finest in the country, and been applauded by internationally renowned composers for performing their music. Former students have gone on to become bank tellers (I just discovered a former Euphonium student working in the Dexter TCF Branch), doctors, lawyers, professors of engineering, triathlete, professional musicians, and yes, even a few band directors. I am proud of each and every student that I have had the privilege and honor of teaching and being taught by. As far as I am concerned, it is only the start!!! Some of the finest musicians that I have ever worked with are in front of me today! As we conclude this year I am honored, proud, and thankful to have had all of these experiences. I am eagerly looking forward to an amazing 2008, and beyond.

2008 is starting off with a bang with the Pioneer Symphony Band's performance as part of the Michigan Music Conference on Friday, January 25th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeVos Place's Concert Hall. As part of that performance we celebrate a big part of Pioneer's past. Pioneer Band Director Emeritus (and my 5th grade band teacher) **Robert Albritton**, will conduct the Symphony Band with guest soloist, and former Pioneer Band member and United States Marine Corps "President's Own" Euphonium Soloist, **Matthew Tropman**. We have also invited Michigan State University Director of Bands (who happens to also be the former University of Michigan Marching Band Director) **Professor Kevin Sedatole** to guest conduct.

Soon after that the Pioneer Bands will be having their annual Winter Concert on February 7th, district Solo & Ensemble festival February 9th and concluding that week with our fifth annual Pioneer Bands Fund raising spectacular "Gala" on Sunday February 10th. Won't you (and a few of your wealthy friends) please join us in helping the Pioneer Band Association raise funds to help current students and assure that future Pioneer band students have the same experiences that band students of the past so enjoy!

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands



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NEW YORK TOUR INFO for Symphony, Concert and Jazz Bands

Please remit all payments directly to New Horizon Tour and Travel. You may send a check or pay on line. Go to www.nhtt.com, click on Customer Access and then Individual Billing Customer Access. You will need your participant ID and password, both located on your billing statement. If you have any questions regarding your bill, contact **New Horizon Travel at 1-800-978-9400**. Dates for upcoming payments:

12/14/2007, 1/1/2008, 2/15/2008, and 3/14/2008 Final Payment.

Sally Brielloff, brielloff@aaps.k12.mi.us, PBA Tour Coordinator
or Gloria Wilson, president@aapioneerbands.org, PBA President



Our first full rehearsal for the Varsity Band was very productive. Each half of the Varsity Band has worked diligently to perfect their part of the pieces that we are performing. We only have three evening rehearsals to put both sections of the band together before our February concert. This first rehearsal is one of my favorite events of the year. It is so much fun to see the looks on the faces of all students when they hear how great they sound. I can't wait for you to hear them!

We have only two more evening rehearsals before our Winter Concert. It is crucial that all students plan to attend the upcoming rehearsals from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday January 16th and February 6th.

Auditions for Concert and Symphony Bands are the first week of March. The music has been available since August. It is not something that we rehearse during class so students need to be working on that on their own during their nightly half hour of practice.

Reminder that all students need to have their names on their instruments, both inside and out. Luggage tags work well for this, even if they are using one of our school instruments. Students have been advised to never leave their instrument in their hall lockers. We have a storage area in the band room for this purpose.

Although I direct the Varsity Band, the foundation of our program, I also work with every other band group at Pioneer. If you have any questions or concerns along the way please get in touch with me. The best way is via e-mail (waring@aaps.k12.mi.us) or use the link on the www.aapioneerbands.org web page.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Nancy Waring Associate Director of Bands



All State Announcement

Congratulations to **Aiden Mase-Kemnitz, Samu Rast, Dana Wilson, Hope Wilson & Jay Yamakado**, who were invited to be members of the Michigan All-State Ensembles after state-wide auditions. The All-State Band and Orchestra Concerts are part of the Michigan Music Conference and will begin at Noon on Saturday, January 26th, 2008 in DeVos Performance Hall, Grand Rapids.

Family and friends are invited to attend the performance of Pioneer Symphony Band at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 25th, 2008. Two complimentary tickets will be available in December for each student performing. Additional tickets may be purchased online, at the Ticket Booth in the Registration Area of the Conference, or outside the Devos Performance Hall before the Concert.

The Pioneer Band Association cordially invites all Pioneer Bands students to the **PIONEER BAND ANNUAL BOWLING PARTY!**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008, 1:00—3:00 pm

@ COLONIAL LANES, 1950 South Industrial Hwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, Phone: (734) 665-4473

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO VARSITY BAND MEMBERS

\$2 PER PERSON FOR CONCERT/SYMPHONY BANDS [PAY AT THE DOOR]

Includes shoes, pizza, pop and bowling!

Questions? Contact Gloria Wilson, PBA President

(734-975-0081) HYPERLINK "mailto:president@aapioneerbands.org" president@aapioneerbands.org

Please sign up for the event on the bulletin board outside of the band room

Band Uniform Distribution

The band uniform team will distribute Varsity Band concert uniforms during 1st and 3rd hours on Tuesday, January 15th in the band room. Your student may need help getting his or her uniform home from school that day. Questions? Call **Shayne Davidson** at 994-6223 or email shaynedavidson@comcast.net. Thanks!

HOSTING OPPORTUNITY with Tuebingen's Brass Youth Band:

In May, we'll be honored by visitors from **Tuebingen, Germany**, one of our sister cities. A **Brass Youth Band** with accompanying adults, a total of 55 people, will be here in Ann Arbor from May 10th to 15th before moving on to Jackson, MI. A concert time and date is still to be determined, as this is the week before Picnic Pops.

Please send me an e-mail, **Gloria Wilson** at president@aapioneerbands.org, if you may be able to accommodate any of these visitors in your home. I know this is planning way ahead, but I need to give the Tuebingen planning committee an assurance that we have enough interest to make this work at our end.



Family Affair Basket Reminder

The Pioneer Band Gala & Auction is set for Sunday, February 10, 2008, at the Four Points Sheraton, Ann Arbor. We are anticipating an exciting and successful event. This enjoyable evening will include a buffet-style hors d'oeuvre reception, live and silent auctions and special performances representing our Grammy Award-Winning Band Program.

We are asking our band families to participate and put together a "Family Affair Basket." Be as imaginative and resourceful as you like. You may pick a theme that reflects your family's personal interests. You need not limit your package to a "basket" – you may be creative in your packaging and the items that you include. You may get together with other families, or sections may work as a team, to assemble your theme baskets. All items should be new, non-perishable, and attractively packaged. If you chose to wrap your package, please use clear wrapping.

Participation in the Family Affair Basket program is optional; however, we encourage all families to be involved and participate in this event. This is a fun way for families to get together, be creative, and help us raise funds for the Pioneer Bands. All participating families will be recognized in the program brochure and listed on the auction item itself. All the "Family Affair Baskets" will be auctioned off during the evening. The "Family Affair" baskets always contribute greatly to the success of the evening.

Things you may want to consider including in your package: gift cards or certificates, tickets to an event, small appliances, unique items, and items signed by celebrities (books, baseballs, hockey sticks, etc.) Last year theatre/concert tickets and dinners were our best sellers.

If you would like to seek a business donation for your basket and need information about the event or PBA, please contact **Karen Field**. We have a donation letter and information about sponsorship. Businesses that make a donation of \$50 or more may be entitled to an advertisement in our auction program.

All family affair packages must be turned in by January 6, 2007. Packages may be dropped off at the Field's (2339 Sun Valley Drive – 769-1060) or the Johnson's (4019 Ramsgate Court – 663-0028). Please call first to make sure we are at home. If you would like your Family Affair basket picked up, or if you have any questions regarding this program, please contact **Karen Field** at 769-1060 or by email at klfield14@aol.com

The hard work and talent of our students have brought them many honors and opportunities, but the success of our band program is not possible without family support. As our students continue to strive for excellence, we are grateful to our wonderful band families for their past and continued support. Thank you!



Pioneer Band Gala & Auction - Family Affair Basket Form

Family Name (how name will appear in auction book): _____

Street Address: _____ e-mail: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Student: _____ Band: _____

Basket Theme/Title: _____

Detailed description of basket contents: _____

Donor's Estimated Value: \$ _____

Please include this form with your basket. All Family Affair baskets must be provided by January 6, 2008. If you have any questions or problems, please contact **Karen Field**, Gala & Auction Chair, at (734) 769-1060 or by email at klfield14@aol.com.

Volunteers Needed – Pioneer Band Gala & Auction

We need volunteers to assist with the **Pioneer Band Gala & Auction** on **Sunday, February 10, 2008**. We need people to help with decorating, check-in, monitoring auction tables, assisting with live auction, and check-out for the following times.

Decorating: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Check-In: **shift 1** – 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., **shift 2** – 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

We also need one person to oversee check-in from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Auction Tables: **shift 1** – 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., **shift 2** – 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

shift 3 – 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., **shift 4** – 8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Duties include monitoring the silent auction tables and encouraging bidding. Shift 2 & 3 may close auction tables, which involves writing down winning bids, and shift 4 helps bidders collect the correct items.

Raffle Sales: 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Walk through banquet room selling tickets for raffle item.

Live Auction Spotters: Live Auction: 7:30p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Assist auctioneer by pointing out bidders in crowd.

Live Auction recorders: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Write down winning bid numbers and amounts.

Check-Out: **shift 1** – 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., **shift 2** – 8:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Clean Up: 9:15 – 10:30 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact **Karen Field** with your preferred assignment and shift. If you are planning on attending the event, the appetizer buffet will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m., so you may want to plan accordingly so as not to miss out. You may reach **Karen Field** by email [HYPERLINK "mailto:klfield14@aol.com"](mailto:klfield14@aol.com) klfield14@aol.com, or by phone at work (222-6674) during the day and home (769-1060) in the evening. *Thank you.*

PTO Thrift Shop News!

The Thrift Shop is a great place to earn money toward your NYC trip, band camp, or for the Pioneer band program. Volunteers work for a 2 hour shift. To sign-up for a shift, stop by the Thrift Shop. Sign-ups are available on a “rolling calendar”.

This means that on the day you go to the shop to sign up, the next 30 days are available, based on availability.

A whole new week is posted each Monday Morning.

The first “Music and Munchies” program at the shop was a success! Student musicians earned credit for performing or bringing in baked goods. The rumor is that they will schedule another one in the future. Watch for the information on the website (Pioneer band or Thrift Shop) or on the band bulletin board, where it will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

The Thrift Shop is located at 2280 S. Industrial.
Phone: 996-9155 Hours: M-F 9-7, Sat 9-6, Sun 11-5
Questions? Call Mary Topham@comcast.net

Nicola's Books Fundraiser for PBA

Nicola's Books will be donating 15% to PBA, on any purchase if you mention the “PHS Band”.
This offer is good till February. Do your holiday and after holiday shopping at Nicola's Books:

Nicola's Books
2513 Jackson Road & Stadium Blvd.
734-662-0600

The Pioneer Band Association cordially invites you to join us for:
The Fourth Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction
Sunday, February 10, 2008
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm
at the
Four Points Sheraton
3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor

This dazzling evening will include a buffet-style hors d'oeuvres reception, a cash bar, live and silent auctions, and a special concert representing our Grammy Award-Winning Band Program. The live and silent auctions will feature many terrific items donated by area businesses and the band community, including trips, autographed books and memorabilia, and our "Family Affair" theme baskets.

Tickets are only \$30 per person, in advance. All proceeds will benefit the Pioneer Band Program. To purchase tickets, please complete the registration form below and send with payment to:

Karen Field, Pioneer Band Gala & Auction, 2339 Sun Valley Drive, Ann Arbor 48108.

Please return the registration form no later than February 5, 2008.

Pioneer Band Gala & Auction
Reservation Form

Name(s)_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip Code_____

Phone_____ Email_____

Student's Name (if applicable)_____

Yes! Please reserve the following tickets for the Pioneer Band Gala & Auction:

_____ Tickets at \$30 each = \$_____

No, I will be unable to attend, but please accept the following donation:

Donation = \$_____

My check is enclosed

Please charge my Visa or MasterCard

Name on Card_____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____

Signature_____

No printed tickets will be mailed, names will be held on a guest list at the door.

Reservation confirmation will be emailed



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TO:

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www.aapioneerbands.org**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008

BE AWARE THAT CHANGES WILL PROBABLY OCCUR. WATCH THE WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, AND CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DATE CHANGES.

(SB=Symphony Band CB=Concert Band VB=Varsity Band JB=Jazz Band PBA=Pioneer Band Association)

Date	Time	Event	Location	Group
JANUARY 2008				
7th Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
7th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
8th Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
12th Sat	1-3 pm	BOWLING PARTY	Colonial Lanes	ALL BANDS
14th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
15th Tue	1st / 3rd hours	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	VB PBA Uniform Team
15th Tue	4-5:30 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
16th Wed	6-7:30 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
16th Wed	7:30 pm	JAZZ BAND CONCERT	SCHREIBER Auditorium	JB
18th Fri	2nd Hour	MLK Assembly	SCHREIBER	JB
21st Mon		NO SCHOOL – MLK Day		
24th Thu	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
24 Thu - 26 Sat (Date TBA)		Michigan Music Conference	Grand Rapids	SB, All State Band & Orchestra Members
28th Mon		NO SCHOOL		
FEBRUARY 2008				
4th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
5th Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
6th Wed	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
7th Thu	7 pm	WINTER BAND CONCERT ALL BANDS	SCHREIBER	SB,CB,JB,VB RECTALISTS
9th Sat	ALL DAY	DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL	LIVONIA FRANKLIN HS	ALL BANDS
10th Sun	5-9:30 pm	PIONEER BAND GALA & AUCTION	FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL	JB PBA GALA TEAM ALL BAND FAMILIES

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