



Pioneer Band Association

Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence

FROM THE PODIUM

Marching Band is over! This year's busy marching schedule was another notch in the amazing legacy of the Pioneer Symphony Band. The new uniforms added a touch of class to the halftime festivities, and seeing the old and new uniforms side by side was a beautiful sight! The combined shows with both Concert Band and the Huron Band were outstanding, and I wish to extend a special 'thank you' to senior parents who braved the football field, to help maintain our tradition of recognizing the important part that they play in their child's life and supporting their child's decision to pursue music in High School. Thanks!

Chair auditions for each band are fast approaching (or are currently happening) and you should hear the sound of wood shedding (an ancient term for practicing) in the house, if you don't please encourage your child to be prepared for auditions, we only have one per semester, and we don't use the "challenge system" here at Pioneer please encourage your student to be well prepared for their chair audition.

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.

Personal Congratulatory Ads may be purchased for the Concert Program. See the Ad Form on page 5.

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands

NEW YORK TOUR INFO for Symphony, Concert and Jazz Bands

New Horizons Tour and Travel has sent out the Individual Billing Paperwork for the New York Tour. Hopefully this will make payments easy for all of you. If you have any questions, please contact:

**Gloria Wilson, president@aapioneerbands.org, or
Sally Brielloff, brielloff@aaps.k12.mi.us.**

Thanks to all who have turned in all the rest of your New York Tour Forms already. If you haven't, they are conveniently posted on the Band Website (aapioneerbands.org) under 'Resources and Forms' in the 'Band Students and Parents' section. Remember that the 'Permission and Medical Release' form must be notarized.

While in New York City the Jazz Band will be playing at the Blue Note Jazz Club for Sunday Brunch instead of in the Allen Room on Saturday.

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It was great to meet so many of you at Capsule Night, our band picnic and Parent Conferences!

Chair auditions for Varsity Band will take place in early November. They will be during class. There is only one audition per year. All students know what is expected and should be preparing their music.

Our first full rehearsal for the Varsity Band will be on Wednesday December 5th from 6 to 8 PM. Attendance is required and grades will be lowered if a student is not there. If there is a sports conflict (please see the music/sports policy) we need to be told in writing asap. I am really looking forward to putting both halves of the band together. We have only have a few evening rehearsals before our Winter Concert. It is crucial that all students plan to attend. Please check your band calendar for specific dates.

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 outside the case). 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 email (waring@aaps.k12.mi.us) or use the link on the www.aapioneerbands.org webpage.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Nancy Waring Associate Director of Bands

Band Directory Updates:

Please make the following **CHANGES** in your **Band Directory**:

Rebecca Lenington, Address - 2905 Silver Spring Dr.

Hannah Weiland, Email - hannah_weiland@web.de

Andres Artiles, Email - andres_artiles@yahoo.com



Band Uniforms:

We have the following dates scheduled for distributing concert uniforms:

Concert Band: **December 11th**, during 6th and 7th hours (for new women and all men).

Varsity Band: **January 15th** (for everyone).

Questions? Call **Shayne Davidson** at **994-6223**.

Senior Omega Ad

The **2008 Omega** will include a full-page ad of congratulations for the 'Class of 2008 Pioneer band seniors'. Senior families are asked to contribute \$4.50 each to cover the cost of the ad; please submit a check to the PBA if you haven't done so already. Thank you very much!

If you have any questions, please call **Renae Rosencrans** at **669-2122**.

Band Apparel - It's not too late!

Looking for that perfect gift for your band student? Wishing you had purchased band apparel for friends and family to wear to band events? It's not too late! Come to a Band Apparel Open House Saturday, Nov. 10 from 1-4 pm at 1405 Kuehnle St. Items will be on hand for purchase on the spot. Can't make it on the 10th? Download an order form from the web site, or call Cheryl at 332-8967. Orders must be in by Nov. 17. After that date, no more orders will be taken this school year. I will sell what I have on hand throughout the year.

Cheryl White, cherwhit@med.umich.edu 332-8967



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

Volunteers are needed for the following committees and duties for the Pioneer Band Gala & Auction. If you are willing to help please contact Karen Field, Band Gala & Auction Chair at 769-1060 (home), 222-6674 (work) or by email klfield14@aol.com. Our most immediate needs are in the Donation/Solicitation Committee and the Publicity Committee.

DONATION/SOLICITATION COMMITTEE

Responsibilities: Collecting donations of auction items and program advertisement purchases by:

1. Merchant and Business Contacts
 - Involves follow-up on letters sent out to area businesses. May involve in-person and/or telephone contact; and/or
2. Work with Community Connections
 - Work with any contacts you may have in the community to obtain auction items or donations.

When: October to January

Time Commitment: You determine your level of involvement. We have many businesses to contact. You can choose geographic area and number of businesses you wish to contact. An information packet will be provided.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Responsibilities: Promoting the event to the community:

1. Contacting area newspapers and radio stations
2. Other ways of getting word out about the Gala & Auction

When: November to late January

Time Commitment: You determine level of involvement. May involve email and telephone contact.

BASKET COMMITTEE

Responsibilities: Putting together baskets, displays, and packages for auction. Creativity is a plus.

When: Mid-January to Early-February

Time Commitment: 2-3 days, evenings or weekend afternoons

AUCTION BOOK PRODUCTION

Responsibilities: Formatting the auction book for the printers. Familiarity with Microsoft Publisher and PDF documents a plus, and computer access is necessary. Will work under guidance of band parent who has previously put together book.

When: January to early February.

Time Commitment: May vary, but can work around your schedule.

GALA & AUCTION POSITIONS:

The following volunteer opportunities are available the day of the event:

1. Transportation: Transport baskets from collection location to hotel (early afternoon – 1-1½ hours commitment)
2. Decorating and Set-Up: Involves setting up auction tables, displays and decorations (2-2½ hours commitment)
3. Check-In: Check-in event attendees and distribute programs and bidder numbers (2 shifts, 1 hour each)
4. Silent Auction Volunteers: Monitor silent auction tables during auctions, record winning bids, and assist winning bidders in collecting items. (4 shifts, 1 hour each)
5. Live Auction Recorders: record winning live auction bids as directed by auctioneer (1½ hours time commitment)
6. Check-Out: Collect payment for auction purchases (3 shifts, 1 hour each)
7. Clean-Up: Take down and put away decorations (approx 1 hour post-event time commitment)

PTO Thrift Shop News!

Wondering how you are going to finance that trip to NYC or Band Camp? Volunteer at the Thrift Shop! It's easy- just stop by the shop and sign up for a 2 hour shift. Sign-ups are available for the next month on a "rolling calendar". This means that there is always at least 30 days available to sign up for, based on availability. A whole new week is posted each MONDAY MORNING, not on Sunday as previously reported.

Also, if you haven't heard, the shop is trying out a new program called "Music and Munchies". This is yet another way students can earn Thrift Shop hours. They have invited students to sign up to play live music for their customers. Each soloist/ensemble will play for 40-45 minutes. Each student will earn 2 hours of Thrift Shop time. The first program is being held on December 1st. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, stop in on the 1st to check it out. Rumor is, if the first one is successful, they will continue to offer it. What great news for all our fine student musicians and a great opportunity for them to perform for the public!!

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

Conference Program Personal Congratulatory Ads Due December 7, 2007



3rd Annual Michigan Music Conference - An In-Service for Music Educators

Thursday, January 24 - Saturday, January 26
DeVos Place & Amway Grand Plaza Hotel - Grand Rapids, Michigan
www.MichiganMusicConference.org



Would you like to honor an individual or group participating in the 3rd Annual Michigan Music Conference - *An In-Service for Music Educators*? Place an ad in our 2008 Program Book. Choose a template and follow the steps below to create your personal keepsake that will be produced and given to over 2,000 participants at the 2008 Michigan Music Conference.

1. Choose Your Template:

Quarter Page Ad (\$50.00):

- ☐ Three Photo Motif
- ☐ Brass Keys
- ☐ Vocalist
- ☐ Conductor's Hands
- ☐ Strings

Eighth Page Ad (\$25.00):

- ☐ Three Photo Motif
- ☐ Brass Keys
- ☐ Vocalist
- ☐ Conductor's Hands
- ☐ Strings

2. Choose Your Headline:

- ☐ Congratulations!
- ☐ Stellar Performance!
- ☐ Celebrate the Music!
- ☐ We're Proud of You!
- ☐ Play It Again!

3. Tell us who you want to Honor:

Name of person / group you wish to honor (text must be printed legibly and cannot exceed 30 characters):

4. Tell us who Extends Congratulations:

Name of person / group placing ad (text must be printed legibly and cannot exceed 40 characters):

5. Payment Information:

I am paying by: ☐ Check enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Contact Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Quarter Page Templates:

<p>We're Proud of You!</p> <p>Maria</p> <p><i>From the New Tropic Family</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Three Photo Motif</p>	<p>PLAY IT AGAIN!</p> <p>Paul Stanifer</p> <p><i>From the Michigan Music Conference</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Brass keys</p>	<p>We're Proud of You!</p> <p>Stephanie Archambault</p> <p><i>From the Michigan Music Conference</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vocalist</p>
<p>Congratulations!!</p> <p>Janet</p> <p><i>From the New Tropic Family</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conductor's Hands</p>	<p>Stellar Performance!</p> <p>Kelly</p> <p><i>From the Michigan Music Conference</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strings</p>	

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<p>Stellar Performance!</p> <p>Kelly</p> <p><i>From the Michigan Music Conference</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strings</p>	<p>Inquiries should be sent to: Kay Fitzpatrick NWC Office, 3300 Washtenaw Avenue, Suite 220, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 Phone: 734-975-1257 Fax: 734-677-2407 e-mail: kay@MichiganMusicConference.org</p>



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TO:

**We're On The Web!
www.aapioneerbands.org**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY 2007-2008

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)

NOVEMBER 2007

Date	Time	Event	Location	Group
13th Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
21st-23rd	Wed-Fri	THANKSGIVING BREAK		
19th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB

DECEMBER 2007

11th Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	ALL Band Parents
17th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
21st Fri	End of day	Winter Vacation Begins at end of school day		

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		

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