

FROM THE PODIUM

Camp, fall and beyond!!!

In case you did not attend either Capsule night or the first Pioneer Band Association meeting, you missed my comments about the start of the year... “Band Camp was stupendous!!!” If you did not attend the annual concert at Interlochen, you missed a special time in the life of your child. Please make plans to attend next summer. You won’t want to miss it!! Fall has begun and at Pioneer High School there is a plethora of activities happening in all phases of life here. It is important that, as a family, you keep an eye on all your calendars (especially the Bands calendar) so that students do not miss important activities, practices, performances, or picnics! Speaking of picnics, please make sure to attend the annual **Pioneer Band picnic** (scheduled for **Saturday, September 29th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**) at Almendinger Park. This is a great way for you to meet the directors, your children’s band-mates and other band parents. It is amazing what you will find out just by talking to other parents. Things like: not everyone at school has an iPhone, the dance did not end at 1:00 a.m., a black BMW is not the class of 2008’s official car! So please make the effort to attend the Band Picnic, we would love to see/meet you there!

On **Friday, October 12th** the Pioneer Concert and Symphony Bands will combine and perform a spectacular halftime. As part of that performance, we will be recognizing the class of 2008 **and their parents**. If you are the parent of a child in the class of ‘08, please plan on attending the game. ***You will be asked to join your child on the football field and be recognized for your support of your child’s journey with the Bands of Pioneer.***

On **Monday, October 8th** the Pioneer Symphony, Concert, Jazz Bands and parents/guardians have a **NYC tour informational and commitment meeting**. The latest update of our tour to the “Big Apple” will be available along with information about trip insurance, performance places and times, and much more. This important meeting is for **parents AND students** so please plan on attending. A representative from New Horizons Tour & Travel will be there to answer questions, or should you have a specific concern about this year’s tour here would be a great time to ask.

I look forward to seeing and getting to know you all at the Band Picnic, or at a home Pioneer Football game! Thanks again for encouraging your child to participate in music at Pioneer High School.

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands

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I am really looking forward to working with this year's Varsity Band. I have been very impressed with the students so far. They have wonderful attitudes and are helpful and eager to learn. We're currently working on a brief marching band unit. Although the Varsity Band students won't march in any games I feel that it's important that they get a taste of what they will do if they want to move up to Concert and Symphony Band. It was great to see them supporting the marching band at Wagongate!

While the students are outside marching our band librarians are preparing their music and folders so we can hit the ground running. We will be starting our inside concert rehearsals soon. Each student should be making sure that they are doing their nightly half hour of practice. They have also been told that they need to have their names on their instruments (both inside and outside), even if they are using one of our school instruments. Luggage tags work well for this. 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 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.

Welcome to the Pioneer Band family!

Nancy Waring Associate Director of Bands

PTO Thrift Shop Update:_____

Looking for a way to **earn money** towards the 2008 Band Trip to New York City? Or 2008 Band Camp? Or as a great fund raiser for the General Band Program? Volunteer to work at the PTO Thrift Shop!

The shop now has a "rolling sign-up" system in place. Anytime the store is open you may stop in and sign up to work. There will always be 30 pages/days open at a time in an effort to improve the sign-up system. Every Sunday, a whole new week is added to the sign-up book. Stop by early in the week to reserve the best spot for you! Payouts occur in September and March and average around \$7 or \$8 an hour. Sign up under General Band for the first 4 hours you work this school year (students are asked to donate 4 hours of time at the shop for the general band program). For all hours after the first 4, sign up under the appropriate trip/camp you are earning money for.

The shop is located at 2280 S. Industrial Highway.

Their phone number is 996-9155.

Hours are Monday-Friday 9-7, Saturday 9-6, and Sunday 11-5.

Their web site is <http://ptothriftshop.aaps.k12.mi.us>.

Thank you,

Mary Topham

PBA Thrift Shop Liaison, MaryTopham@comcast.net, 827-0316



**Pioneer Band Families – Be Creative, Have Fun and
Support the Bands, all at the same time!**

The Pioneer Band Gala & Auction is set for **Sunday, February 10, 2008**, at the Four Points Sheraton, Ann Arbor. We are getting ready for 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 Award-Winning Band Program.

We are hard at work gathering auction items and cash donations from local businesses. Our goal for the auction is to raise \$30,000. This is an ambitious goal, but the support of our Band Families will help us meet this goal and raise the funds to support our students. You can make a difference and add something unique to the evening.

We would like families to select a theme and put together a “***Family Affair Basket***.” Be as imaginative and resourceful as you like. Your theme may reflect your family’s personal interests. (If you can’t think of a theme, we have included some suggestions on the back.) You need not limit your package to a “basket” – you may be creative in your packaging. 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 choose to wrap your package, please use clear, non-colored wrapping.

All participating families will be recognized in the program brochure and listed on the auction item itself. Then, all the “***Family Affair Baskets***” will be auctioned off during the evening. (The “Family Affair” baskets greatly contribute to the success of the event.) 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 family affair packages must be turned in by January 6, 2008, though you may turn your basket in at any time (the sooner the better). 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 or John Field at 769-1060 or by e-mail at klfield14@aol.com

The hard work and talent of our students have brought them many accolades, including the 2006 National GRAMMY Signature Award and the opportunity for the New York trip in April. The success of the band program, however, would not have been possible without family support. **As we continue to strive for excellence, we are always thankful to our wonderful band families!**

Ideas for the *Family Affair Basket*

We encourage you to use your collective family imagination, inspiration and flair when coming up with a theme. (Think about what you might bid on.) But, if you are having difficulty, here are a few ideas for themes that have been used and items that may be included in the packages: (continues on page 4)

Romantic Evening: Special dinner items, wine, wine glasses, romantic music, and chocolates.

Pioneer Pride: A Pioneer sweatshirt, lanyard, seat cushion, and other purple & white items, packaged in a laundry basket.

Coffee Break Theme: A coffee maker, mugs, gourmet coffees, syrups and fancy spoons. (Could also be adapted for tea, wine, or other beverages.)

Breakfast Extravaganza: Gourmet pancake, waffle and muffin mixes, spatulas, pure maple syrup, fancy honeys, and pancake molds.

Family Game Night: Board games, cards, and a CD of background music.

Luxury Bath Package: Bath salts, bubble bath, foot scrubber, exfoliating sponge, eye mask, soaps, a facial treatment and scented candle, packaged on a bath tray.

Viva Italy - Theme Celebrating Italian Food: Pasta, sauces, biscotti, extra virgin olive oil, and chocolates. (Could also be adapted to food of other countries, regions or states.)

Things you may want to consider including in your package: gift cards or certificates, tickets to an event, small appliances, unique or specialty items, hand crafted products, and items signed by celebrities (books, baseballs, memorabilia, etc.)

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.

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 e-mail at klfield14@aol.com

Pioneer Band Gala & Auction are looking for *Volunteers*...

Volunteer to work on the following committees:

*** 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: October to late January

Time Commitment: You determine level of involvement. May be e-mail and telephone contact:

If you would like to help, please contact

Karen Field, Band Gala & Auction Chair at

769-1060 (home), 222-6674 (work) or by e-mail klfield14@aol.com.

PIONEER BAND GALA & AUCTION TICKET ON SALE

We are busily preparing for our third annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction, gathering donations and finalizing details, and excitement for the event is building. The Pioneer Band Gala & Auction will take place **Sunday, February 10, 2008, 5:30-9:00 p.m.**, at the Four Points Sheraton, Ann Arbor. The evening will include a buffet-style hors d'oeuvre 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, as well as our "***Family Affair***" themed baskets.

All auction proceeds will help support the band program by providing stipends and scholarships for band camp, tours and competitions; sponsoring guest clinicians; and funding items like sheet music and instruments. We have set an ambitious fund raising goal of \$35,000 for this event, but we can make it. Our success depends on a full house and a successful auction. We are sending invitations to local VIP's, band alumni, and AAPS and Pioneer staff, but YOU are critically important.

We are asking each band family to sell or purchase at least two tickets.

This event is open to the public. We strongly encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to this delightful evening of excellent food, socializing, music and SHOPPING. The Gala and Auction is not only a fundraiser, but also an opportunity to showcase a part of our amazing program to the larger community.

Tickets are only \$30 each, and need to be purchased in advanced by **February 4, 2008**. A reservation cards will be mailed out and are available on our website www.aapioneerbands.org. If you have any questions about tickets or need additional reservation cards, please contact Karen Field or John Field at (734) 769-1060 or by e-mail at klfield14@aol.com.

We know we can count on you to help make this a sell-out event and a huge success for the Pioneer Bands. *Thank you.*

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007

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)

SEPTEMBER 2007

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
20th Thur	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB & Hydration Team
21st Fri	6th hr-7:30 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs Adrian GAME TIME 4:00 pm	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB PBA Escort Team PBA Uniform Team PBA Hospitality Team
26th Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB & Hydration Team
27th Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB & Hydration Team
28th Fri	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs Tecumseh HOMECOMING Alumni Band @ Pregame & Halftime	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB PBA Escort Team PBA Uniform Team Alumni Band
29th Sat	1-4 pm	BAND PICNIC	Allmendinger Park	All Band Families PBA Picnic Team

OCTOBER 2007

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
1st Mon	ALL DAY	Deadline for MSBOA All State B/O Applications to State Office	MSBOA State Office	ALL BAND STUDENTS
8th Mon	7-9 pm	MANDATORY TOUR MEETING ALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS AND AT LEAST ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN	SCHREIBER AUD.	SB / CB / JB STUDENTS AND PARENTS
9th Tue	2-4 pm	Marching Uniform Distribution	B-126	Concert Band PBA Uniform Team
10th Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB / CB PBA Hydration Team
11th Thu	2-3:30 pm	Marching Uniform Distribution	B-125	Concert Band PBA Uniform Team
11th Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB / CB PBA Hydration Team
12th Fri	4:30-7:30 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. Chelsea GAME TIME 7 PM SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT Senior Presentation@ Halftime	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB / CB PBA ESCORT TEAM PBA UNIFORM TEAM SENIOR PARENTS
15th Mon	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Audition Results Posted on www.msboa.org	Posted on Website	All students

OCTOBER 2007

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
17th Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill @ HURON Practice Field (Combined Rehearsal with Huron Band)	HURON HS	SB
18th Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill (Combined Rehearsal w/ Huron Band) PBA RECEPTION TO FOLLOW	Practice Field	SB PBA Hydration Team PBA Hospitality Team
19th Fri	4:30-10 pm	AWAY Football Game @ Huron Huron	HS Field	SB
20th Sat	ALL DAY	BAND CAR WASH	Pioneer Parking Lot	ALL BAND FAMILIES PBA Car Wash Team
21st Sun	ALL DAY	CAR WASH RAIN DATE	Pioneer Parking Lot	ALL BAND FAMILIES PBA Car Wash Team
22nd Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB

NOVEMBER 2007

1st Thu	ALL DAY	District S/E Forms & Fees Due	B-126	ALL BANDS
3rd-4th Sat/Sun	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Auditions	At several state sites TBA	All Participants
5th Mon	ALL DAY	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
5th Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
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	BEL MARK LANES	ALL BANDS



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PBA Free Car Wash

...is scheduled for **Saturday, October 20.**

(The rain date is the 21st but keep your fingers crossed that won't be necessary.) The way we make money is by students collecting pledges that pay an amount per car washed. It is very important that *students fill out the Pledge Forms* and obtain as many pledges as possible.

The other way we make money is by receiving donations at the car wash itself. The students will sign up to work in their band class but parents are needed too to help coordinate and monitor everything.

**Contact David Wallner at
wallner@aol.com
to volunteer a couple of hours
to this important event.**

Candy Sale ends September 25th

Deadline is **Tuesday, September 25.** Turn money in during band class (even if student still hasn't sold all of the candy yet). Checks made payable to PBA, \$52 per box. In the memo section, lower left hand corner of your check, clearly write the first and last student name, which band (VB, WW, etc) and "candy".