

# Pioneer Band Association

# NOTES

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## FROM THE PODIUM



WOW! What a couple of months!! March and April are truly madness in the Bands of Pioneer! We begin our dash with District Band festival (6 days after winter break). The next two weeks are filled with audition, both in Pioneer and throughout the Pioneer Middle School feeder schools. Then the third weekend is filled with State Solo and Ensemble along with Bands In Review! Concerto's come right on the heels of that, followed by our spring break (whew!). Next comes April. The beginning of April comes announcements of Youth Arts Festival. This year Pioneer had record numbers of recommendations. Congratulations to our finalists winning the Concerto Competition: **Mee-kyoung Lee** (Principal Flute, Symphony Band) and **Catrin Dowd** (Co-Principal Bass, Symphony Orchestra), additionally our own **Cobahshi Trio: Ryan King**, Clarinet, **Leah Latterner**, Piano-both members of Symphony Band & **Jacob Joyce**, Violin – Symphony Orchestra, for being selected Best non-traditional ensemble in the State. Here is what **MYAF** is all about "*The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools*".

**Cobahshi Trio** was also recognized in "Downbeat" Magazine's 32 annual Student Music Awards under Classical Group as the finest High School ensemble in the Nation!! **CONGRATULATION COBAHSHI!!!** (congratulations also to their parents and teachers). Please join us under the Big Tent for the **AAPS Bands annual Picnic Pops!!** It should be a great day of fun and games and most importantly MUSIC on **Saturday May 16th on the Pioneer Lawn!!!**

Finally Parents and members of the 2009-10 Pioneer Symphony Band, Please reserve **Thursday May 28, 2009** to vote for the destination of the 2010 tour. Destinations, itineraries and approximate prices will be on line soon. Families will each be given one ballot that evening and will vote then. The winning destination will be announced the next day at school and online on our Website!! May the best destination win!!

All the best,

*David A. Leach* Director of Bands

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We are currently preparing for **Picnic Pops**, our last concert of the year. We have chosen several pieces that I'm sure you will enjoy. Please note that in addition to Wednesday April 29th we have an evening rehearsal on **MONDAY** May 11th.

**Picnic Pops** is Saturday May 16th and all Varsity Band students will report at 1:50. Providing the day is running on schedule, their thirty minute performance will begin at 2:45 PM.

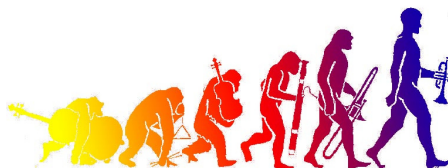
The Varsity Band has made an incredible amount of progress this year. We have spent a great deal of time teaching our students how to practice, how to make the best use of their time. The skills that they have learned apply to everything else that they do. Mr. Leach and I need your help. In order to keep the momentum going during the summer please encourage your child to keep up with their 30 minutes of daily practice. Along with that perhaps you could include private lessons. We have a list of teachers who have worked well with our students. Let us know if you are interested and we'll be happy to provide you with names and phone numbers.

Regardless of which band your child will be in next year please know that each child is a critical part of our program. We are extremely proud of each and every member. If you know any middle school students please encourage them to participate in the Pioneer Band program.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Picnic Pops!

Thank you all for your continued support!

*Nancy Waring* Associate Director of Bands



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### 2009 District Band Festival Concession and Judges' & Directors' Lounge Report



We had absolutely great day on March 7 with lots of help from the PBA parents and students.

We were busy all day long attending many school participants - if not all!

It was amazing to see so many students and parents coming to the concession.

This year in addition to donated snacks, drinks and bagels, we sold donuts, pizza, ice cream, hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and soup.

My heartfelt thanks to all the band families for the generous donations and to the many volunteer parents who showed up enthusiastically throughout the day, some staying longer and others doing more than they were assigned to.

Without their help this event would not have been possible.

Our gratitude also to Mr. Leach, Mrs. Waring and all the PBA staff for the tremendous support and help. Thank you!

**Nair Matsuo, Uyen Tonnule and Nina Yamakado**

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## 2009 - 2010 New Band Officers



*Congratulations to our Pioneer Band Association Board Members for 2009-10*

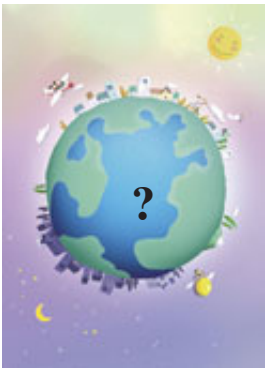
**President:** Gloria Wilson (Hope '11)

**Co Vice Presidents:** David Baum (Alex '11 and Aaron '13) and Linda Long (Sara '12)

**Co Treasurers:** Paulette Schonsheck (Kaylee '12) and Carol Flannagan (Kevin '12)

**Secretary:** Christine Cook (D'Arcy '12)

## Symphony Band Tour Vote Meeting



On **Thursday, May 28, 2009**, at 7:00pm Pioneer Symphony Band Members for 2009-10, and their families, are invited to a discussion and vote at Pioneer High School for the 2010 Band Tour. Preliminary itineraries will be posted on the website as soon as they become available, so you may read them in advance of the meeting.

## BAND CAMP 2009 REGISTRATION

Band Camp Registration takes place during the spring of the school year. Current Pioneer students received the enrollment form from Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring in the classroom. Band Camp Registration Forms for 2009-10 has been available in the Pioneer Band Room beginning on MONDAY, Mar 30th. Forms & Fees can be turned in at any time, but the final deadline is May 11, 2009. In order to notify Interlochen Arts Camp of our expected enrollment, the following deadline is enforced:

**Monday, May 11 FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

**Families requesting band camp scholarships: Please contact David Leach before May 11th.**

**Only a very limited number of openings for Band Camp may be available after the registration deadlines. REGISTRATION FOR BAND CAMP IS CLOSED WHEN OUR MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT IS ACHIEVED OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BAND DIRECTOR.**



## PTO Thrift Shop News

Please remember to donate, shop, and volunteer at the PTO Thrift Shop. Now is a good time to volunteer to earn money to satisfy the \$100 annual fundraising fee per family for the coming year (or complete this year's fee). With summer around the corner, it is a great way for students to fill their extra time. If you haven't heard, students/families can no longer work toward an individual trip or camp fee. However, all money earned at the shop will go to benefit the band program. So it is still a great way to fundraise. Tired of candy sales or washing cars? Try a shift at the Thrift Shop; it might just be your thing!

There are now three shifts per day, Monday through Saturday, two hours each. To volunteer, go to the shop located at

**PTO Thrift Shop**  
**2280 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor**

and sign up in the book which is in the work area. If you haven't previously volunteered at the shop, you will need to complete an orientation session. The session is 1.5 hours long and will count toward your volunteer hours. Students 14 years old and up, must also have a work permit. You can get one from the office at Pioneer or at the Thrift Shop.

Questions? Call or email  
Mary Topham at 827-0316, or at  
[MaryTopham@comcast.net](mailto:MaryTopham@comcast.net).



*Help support Pioneer Bands !*





# Picnic Pops

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am ~ 5:30 pm

Rain or shine, on Pioneer's front lawn or in the auditorium and small gym

Join us for this fun family event featuring all of the eighth through twelfth grade Ann Arbor Public Schools' bands. Play games, win cakes and prizes, run the obstacle course, eat brats and cotton candy.

Donations of the following are needed from each family:

- 1 cake, 1 dozen cupcakes, or 2 dozen cookies, with an ingredients list, for the cakewalk. Please bring your donation to the cakewalk tent at the picnic beginning at 9:00 am.
- 2 two-liter bottles of pop for the ring toss. Please bring your donation to the band room on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> or to the picnic.

These are very popular games and their success relies on family contributions, so we need everyone's participation.

We also need your time! Picnic Pops is possible only through generous donations of time by members of the city's band community. This year Skyline's thirty five member band replaced both Pioneer orchestras on the program. More Pioneer and Huron band parent volunteers are needed than ever this year to help make up the difference. Please consider giving two hours of your time to selling tickets or food, grilling hotdogs, or running a game.

Please visit <http://aapioneerbands.org/wp-content/forms/pops/> to sign up to volunteers your time. Look at the following schedule, find your student's warm up and performance times and then select a time block that does not conflict with your student's performance. Contact Jodi Johnson, [lane.jodi@gmail.com](mailto:lane.jodi@gmail.com), for more information.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Warm-up</u>	<u>Performance</u>
AA Open/Scarlett	10:15 AM	11:00 AM
Huron Symphony Band	11:00 AM	11:30 AM
Clague	11:30 AM	12:15 PM
Huron Concert Band	12:15 PM	12:45 PM
Forsythe	12:45 PM	1:15 PM
Skyline Varsity Band	1:15 PM	1:45 PM
Huron Varsity Band	1:45 PM	2:15 PM
Pioneer Varsity Band	2:15 PM	2:45 PM
Tappan	2:45 PM	3:15 PM
Pioneer Concert Band	3:15 PM	3:45 PM
Slauson	3:45 PM	4:15 PM
Pioneer Symphony Band	4:15 PM	4:45 PM



We look forward to seeing you there!

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Picnic Pops could not happen without the contributions of committee members: Ilyse Diamond, food sales coordinator for three years who is training a Skyline parent to take her place, Janice Doyle, games coordinator who has kept the games fun and exciting for several years and who has agreed to continue on next year even when she won't have a student at Pioneer, Joe Demarsh, grill coordinator for two years, and first year volunteer coordinators Robin Hess and Angie Larkin who spent long hours figuring out how to schedule three high schools' worth of volunteers. In addition, thank you to Steve Sullivant for creating an online sign up form to meet our complicated requests, Daryl Hurst for making money pick-ups throughout the event, and to all the parents who will donate pop, cakes and time to make this fun event possible.



# Cake Decorating Contest for Picnic Pops 2009

This year's theme is:

## Looney Tunes



Cash Prizes will be Awarded for:

• *Overall Best in Show*



• *Best Original Design*

• *Best Theme Interpretation*

• *Best Use of Color*

• *Best Technique*

### RULES OF COMPETITION:

- Contest cakes to be judged must be **entered by 1:00pm** (Judging will begin at 1:30pm)
- Mark your entry "**Donated**" (to the cake walk) or "**Will Be Picked Up**" — any unmarked cakes will be donated — be sure to drop off your cake at the judging table
- Cakes that will not be donated must be **picked up by 6:00pm**
- Size Limits: **No bigger** than 9"x13" rectangle or 10" round. There is **NO height restriction** (any oversized cakes will be disqualified)
- All cakes must be **covered**
- **One entry** per person or group
- Contestants must be in high school (grades 9–12) to enter
- Contestant's **name, grade, school** and **phone number** must be attached and concealed
- Cakes must be **edible** and **stable**
- Decorative items (sticks, dolls, etc.) are allowed on top of the cakes

*Judges have been selected from the Ann Arbor community*

*Use your imagination to interpret the theme. Be creative and have fun!!*



## Picnic Pops! 2009

Pioneer High School • May 16, 2009 • 10:30am–6:00pm  
• A Day of Music •  
Bands: Huron H.S. Varsity, Concert & Symphony •  
Pioneer H.S. Varsity, Concert & Symphony • Skyline H.S. Varsity •  
Scarlett Middle School • Clague Middle School • Forsythe Middle School •  
Ann Arbor Open School • Tappan Middle School • Slauson Middle School

•• Rain or Shine ••



## Items are needed for an on line eBay auction to benefit the

## Pioneer Band Association

### How Does It Work?

Participating in the drive is easy. Simply bring the items to iSold It Ann Arbor (hours and address are listed below). Be sure to specify the **Pioneer Band Association** as the beneficiary of the auction when you check your item in. The items will be processed and auctioned on eBay by iSold It. All of the proceeds from the auctions will go directly to the Pioneer Band Association

### What Can You Donate?

**ANYTHING that sells on eBay for at least \$60!!**

Popular Items for Sale on eBay Include:

- Musical Instruments
- Antique & Collectibles
- Vehicle Parts & Accessories
- Electronics & Gadgets
- Event Tickets – Sports, Concerts, etc.
- Jewelry & Watches
- Sports Equipment and Memorabilia
- Designer Clothing, Accessories



The **Easy Way** to Sell on eBay

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**In the Colonnade Center, just east of**  
**Ann Arbor-Saline Road**  
**Monday – Saturday 10am-6pm**

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iSold It can help you sell nearly any item that has an expected value of \$60 or more on eBay, weighs less than 150 lbs. and measures less than 130 inches in length + girth. Special pick-up, shipping, or freight service can be arranged for larger items.

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**We are on the Web  
[www.aapioneerbands.org](http://www.aapioneerbands.org)**

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### MAY/JUNE 2009

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
<b>MAY 2009</b>				
4 Mon	6:30 pm	BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT	Pioneer Café /SCHREIBER	ALL BAND FAM.
7 Thu – 10 Sun		Michigan Youth Arts Festival	WMU	ALL PARTICIPANTS
11 Mon	ALL DAY	DEADLINE Band Camp Due B-126 Registration Forms & Fees		ALL PARTICIPANTS
11 Mon	6:30 pm	Orchestra Banquet	Pioneer Café	Orchestra Winds
11 Mon	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
12 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
13 Wed	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
16 SAT	ALL DAY	PICNIC POPS CONCERTS	FRONT LAWN	ALL BANDS PBA Volunteers
19 Tue	3:30-5:30 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
20 Wed	7:30 pm	JAZZ SUMMIT CONCERT	HURON MEYER AUDITORIUM	Pioneer, Huron, & Ypsilanti JB's
25 Mon		NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day		
28 Thurs	7:00 pm	2010 Symphony Band Tour Vote Meeting	TBA	SB, SB Parents
<b>JUNE 2009</b>				
2 Tue	11 am	Senior Luncheon	TBA	Class of 2009
3 Wed	TBA	COMMENCEMENT (Band)	EMU	Symphony Band
9 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
12 Fri		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		

