

Pioneer Band Association

Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence

NOTES

FROM THE PODIUM



Marching Band is over (although the football team is going on into the Playoffs!). This year's extremely busy marching schedule was filled with great music and dance moves. A big thank-you to the Symphony Marching and Dance Committee for all of their hard work this season. This season was another notch in the amazing legacy of the Pioneer Symphony Band. The combined shows with both Concert Band and the Huron Band were outstanding. 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; supporting their child's decision to pursue music in High School. Thanks!

Chair auditions for each band are fast approaching (or are currently happening). You should hear the sound of practicing in the house, if you don't, please encourage your child to be prepared for auditions. We only have one chair audition per semester. We don't use the "challenge system" here at Pioneer so please encourage your student to be well prepared for their chair audition. If your child has decided to audition for All-State Band or Orchestra, their audition information is on the MSBOA web-site (<http://www.msboa.org/>).

Finally the deadline for Solo & Ensemble registration is fast approaching. The deadline is Thursday, October 30, 2008. Members of Symphony Band and Concert Band are expected to participate in Solo & Ensemble. They may choose either a Solo or be the member of an Ensemble. Members of Varsity Band are not required, but STRONGLY encouraged for them to participate. This makes a great practice run for their future audition should they choose to audition for one of the other bands at Pioneer. Those auditions usually take place in the early spring (usually around the middle of March). Costs associated with Solo & Ensemble are;

Full payment for all participants must accompany the application.

\$10 for each solo.

\$8 for each member of an ensemble.

\$20 for piano solos (if you play the piano).

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands

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It was great to meet so many of you at Capsule Night 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 3rd 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. 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



Miss Saigon (School Edition)
Lyrics by Alain Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr.
Music by Claude-Michel Schönberg



A classic love story is brought up-to-date in one of the most stunning theatrical spectacles of all time. The creators of “Les Misérables”, along with Richard Maltby, Jr., bring Puccini’s “Madame Butterfly” to the modern world in a moving testament to the human spirit and a scathing indictment of the tragedies of war. In the turmoil of the Vietnam War, an American soldier and a Vietnamese girl fall in love, only to be separated during the fall of Saigon. Their struggles to find each other over the ensuing years ends in tragedy for her and a fighting chance for the child he never knew he had.

An international sensation, “Miss Saigon” is an epic, daring pop opera that is universal in its emotional power even as it deals with controversial, contemporary issues. Its sung-through pop-inspired score gives a multi-ethnic cast an opportunity to shine. Meanwhile, its fluid cinematic structure gives directors and designers a field day. Raw and uncompromising, “Miss Saigon” is an intensely personal story of the losses we suffer and the sacrifices we make in a world gone mad. (Plot summary provided by Music Theatre International.)

Theatre Guild is honored to be able to workshop this new high-school version of the Broadway masterpiece.
All performances in Schreiber Auditorium.

OPENING NIGHT GALA:

On Saturday November 8 at 6 PM the Pioneer Theater Booster Club is proud to present the Miss Saigon Gala. This fun event serves to open the show and to raise money for the theater program. The admission ticket to the gala provides dinner in the Night Owl Coffeehouse (cafeteria) a 70s eatery where folk songs and poetry slams entertain, plus reserved seating for the opening performance of the show. Tickets are \$30/adult, \$15/students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door or reservations can be made by contacting kimperlman@comcast.net.

Tickets: Adults \$12, Students/Seniors/Teachers \$8

Saturday, November 8th, 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 9th, 2:00 pm matinee
Friday, November 14th, 7:30 pm
Saturday, November 15th, 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 16th, 2:00 pm matinee



Family Affair Basket Reminder

The Pioneer Band Gala & Auction is set for Sunday, February 8, 2009, 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 Janene Centurione (734-663-6252). 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.

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!

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The Latest from the PTO Thrift Shop!

Looking for a way to earn \$\$\$ toward Band Camp 2009 or for the General Band Fund? Try volunteering at the PTO Thrift Shop!

Students or family members may sign up to work a 2 hour shift, with a maximum of 2 shifts per week. Volunteers earn \$7 or \$8 an hour. The shop has a "rolling sign-up" system in place for the following month. Every Monday morning, a new week is added to the sign-up book. Stop by early to get the best selection.

This school year, the payout dates will occur on Sept. 1st, Jan. 1st, and May 1st. This is an increase from 2 dates annually. This means money earned will be applied to your account more often, making it easier to use for your camps or trips.

Also, beginning this year, all students age 14-17 must obtain a work permit to volunteer at the store. This is effective September 1st, 2008. Students can obtain a work permit at the school office. The permit must be taken to the PTO Thrift Shop to be filled out by the store staff. The students will then return the permit to the school office for approval.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. If you haven't tried it yet, give it a whirl, you might love it!
 Please remember to work, shop, and donate to the PTO Thrift Shop!

The PTO Thrift Shop is located at 2280 S. Industrial.
 Phone: 996-9155
 Website: www.a2ptothriftshop.org
 Hours: M-F 9-6, Sat 9-6, Sun 11-5

Questions? Call **Mary Topham**, your Band Thrift Shop liaison at 827-0316 or send an email to MaryTopham@comcast.net.

Band Apparel

This is your opportunity to order Pioneer Band clothing for 2008-2009 (fun for both students and parents to wear). Order forms and money are due to me at any time. You may pay by cash, check (made out to PBA) or credit card (get a credit card form). The clothing that you order (including orders taken at registration and band camp) will be delivered to your band about two weeks later. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl White (734-332-8967 or cherwhit@med.umich.edu).

Student Name _____ Band _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email _____

Item	Size	Color	Logo	Price	Qty	\$ Due
Silk-Screened Items						
Short sleeve T-shirt	s m l xl xxl	White Black Purple Purple tie-dye		\$10		
Long sleeve T-shirt	s m l xl xxl	Black Purple		12		
Ladies fitted T-shirt	s m l xl	Violet		10		
Sweatshirt: Screened hoodie (+ name on back)	s m l xl	Grey Black Purple		25 +5		
Embroidered Items						
Ladies Polo shirt	s m l xl	White Black Lilac	Staff Circle	22		
Men's Polo shirt	s m l xl xxl	White Black Purple	Staff Circle	22		
Sweatshirt: Embroidered crew	s m l xl	Grey Purple	Staff Circle	25		
Sweatshirt: Full zipper hoodie - embroidered	s m l xl xxl	Grey Black	Staff Circle	30		
Fleece quarter-zip jacket	s m l xl xxl	Black	Staff Circle	33		
Skull cap (knitted hat)	one size	Black	Staff Circle	12		
Other Items						
Boxer shorts – waist band	s m l xl	Purple plaid flannel		12		
Boxer pants (long)	s m l xl	Purple plaid flannel		18		
Sweat pants	s m l xl	Grey Black	Staff Circle	15		
Flip-Flops	s m l	Black soles		12		
Baseball Caps		Purple Black	Staff Circle	16		
Totals:						

☐ Check if Paid Paid Date: _____ ☐ got zip code?

SERVICE - Band Apparel

Show your Band Spirit! Wear band apparel on Band Trips!



Crew Sweatshirt \$25



Quarter-Zip Hoodie \$33



Full-Zip Hoodie \$30

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Your order must be accompanied by payment.

The clothing that you order will be delivered to your band about three weeks later, or special arrangements can be made.

**Items I have on hand include long and short-sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, fleece tops, polos and flannel pants and boxers.
Call or send an email to make arrangements to purchase.**

I also have a few old items from 2006.

These include polo shirts which originally sold for \$25 but are now marked down to \$17.50.

I have some in men's and women's sizes. Please ask me about exact colors and sizes.

In addition, I have one or two denim shirts and an XL fleece.

Band Apparel is not a fund-raiser for us.

We price items as close to cost as we can without losing money.

This year we have two new logos, selected by the members of the Pioneer Bands.

The Circle with two notes was designed by Margot Campos, Band Mom.

The Staff was designed by our very own Mr. Leach!

One of our embroiderers, Jo-Anne Kristensen, is also a Band Mom.

(We like to keep it in the family!)

Knitted Hat - Embroidered \$12

Women's Polo - Embroidered \$22

Men's Polo Shirt - Embroidered \$22

Crew Sweatshirt - Embroidered \$25

Full-Zip Hoodie Sweatshirt - Embroidered \$30

Quarter-Zip Fleece - Embroidered \$33

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**Cheryl White, 332-8967, cherwhit@med.umich.edu
GO ONLINE TO SEE COLOR PICTURES OF THESE APPARELS
www.aapioneerbands.org**



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY 2008-2009

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)

NOVEMBER 2008

Date	Time	Event	Location	Group
1-2 Sat/Sun	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Auditions	At several state sites	TBA All Participants
3 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
4 Tue	ALL DAY	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		
11 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
24 Mon	7:00-9:30 pm	Michigan Youth Ensembles	HILL	MYE
26-28 W/T/F		THANKSGIVING BREAK		

DECEMBER 2008

1 Mon	All Day	MSBOA All State B/O Acceptance & Fees Paid		
1 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
2 Tue	2-4 pm	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	SB PBA Uniform Team
3 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
4 Thu	2-4 pm	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	SB PBA Uniform Team
9 Tue	6th Hour	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	CB PBA Uniform Team
9 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	ALL Band Parents
15 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
17-20		Midwest Music Conference		Mr. Leach, Ms. Waring
19 Fri	End of day	Winter Vacation Begins at end of school day		

JANUARY 2009

5 Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
10 Sat	1-3 pm	BOWLING PARTY	Colonial Lanes	ALL BANDS
12 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
13 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
13 Tue	1st / 3rd hours	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	VB PBA Uniform Team
13 Tue	4-5:30 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
14 Wed	7:30 pm	JAZZ BAND CONCERT	Little Theatre	JB
16 Fri	2nd Hour	MLK Assembly	SCHREIBER	JB
17 SAT	ALL DAY	DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL	LIVONIA FRANKLIN HS	ALL BANDS
19 Mon		NO SCHOOL - MLK Day		
20 Tue	ALL DAY	State Solo & Ensemble Festival Forms and Fees due	B-126	ALL PARTICIPANTS

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