



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.