



WELCOME FROM THE BAND DIRECTORS

WELCOME TO THE 2010-2011 PIONEER BAND PROGRAM! Pioneer is an exciting place to be. There is *always* something happening in the Pioneer Bands.

THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR begins with Band Camp at Interlochen and followed quickly by Symphony Band marching for home football games, joined by the Concert Band during one home game. Continuing throughout the year are many opportunities for Symphony, Concert, Varsity and Jazz Band members to play in concerts, festivals, and special performances. There are also social and FUNdraising activities that provide opportunities to be with fellow band members and their families. We are VERY excited about our annual *PIONEER BANDS GALA & AUCTION* in February, an opportunity for us to do most of our yearly fundraising in one AMAZING evening of fun and festivities!

FOR BAND STUDENTS, being a member of the Pioneer High School Bands is an amazing opportunity. The Pioneer Bands are a wonderful place to make life-long friendships, experience an outstanding level of musical accomplishment, personal growth and character development, and to have a sense of belonging in a high school that at times can seem overwhelming. Students are to be congratulated on their decision to become a high school musician.

FOR BAND PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND EXTENDED BAND FAMILIES, there are many opportunities for you in the Pioneer Bands family! We ask that you please show your support by attending Pioneer Bands concerts and performances, Pioneer High School Capsule Nights, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and *especially* Pioneer Band Association meetings. Parental involvement has been cited as the *number one factor* for success in a student's musical endeavors. Clear your calendar and mark all dates and times that have been announced in the master band calendar (distributed at the beginning of each year). ***PLEASE BE ESPECIALLY AWARE OF THE PROBABILITY THAT DATES ON THE 2010-11 BAND ACTIVITIES CALENDAR WILL CHANGE. PLEASE CAREFULLY WATCH THE WEBSITE, PBA NOTES BAND NEWSLETTER, AND CLASSROOM HANDOUTS FOR MORE INFORMATION AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES.***

Encourage your band student to practice daily. Practice is the dividend on all you have invested in equipment, supplies, private lessons, etc. Be sure your student has a quiet, distraction-free area in which to practice. Then, be sure that he or she really does it! Participate in fundraisers, and attend band family social events. Your presence at your student's activities is extremely important. It is only through your active participation in your student's life that you will know what is happening in his or her world. This is the best manner that we as parents can demonstrate our unconditional love and support. Parents, if the financial obligations of membership in the Pioneer Bands is truly too much for your family, please contact one of the directors to discuss the situation. We may, in conjunction with the Pioneer Band Association, be able to find ways to assist you while keeping the matter handled confidentially and professionally.

We are very excited about your family being a part of the Pioneer Bands. Have a great year and we look forward to visiting with you often!

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