



I am very proud of each of the members of our Varsity Band. They did such a wonderful job at the Winter Concert. Because of bad weather they did not have the opportunity to play in Schreiber Auditorium until the day of the performance. All of the skills that we had worked on since their first day of concert preparation came into play. They watched carefully and listened to the ensemble balance and put forth a tremendous team effort with very successful results!

We are now preparing for the Sunday, March 29th 7 PM Bands In Review concert. Please note that we will have required evening rehearsals on Wednesday March 5th and March 24th. We are also selecting pieces for their May 17th Picnic Pops performance and will begin preparation on those pieces.

Auditions for Concert and Symphony Band are projected to begin the first week of March. Mr. Leach will soon travel to the middle schools to hear our incoming students. If you know any middle school students please encourage them to participate in the Pioneer Band program.

Reminder that 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

## Concerto Soloists for 2007-2008



**Congratulations** go to the following **Concerto Soloists for 2007-2008!**

**Amanda Burnside** (flute)  
**Samu Rast** (French horn)

**Kathryn Graham** (Voice)  
**Leigh Sugar** (oboe)

**Emily Hanna** (Violin)  
**Serena Zhao** (Violin)

**Noah Mosberg** (Cello)

**The Concerto Concert will be on April 3rd, 2008 at 7:30.**

## **REMINDER: New York Tour Forms are Due!**

*Although most people have turned in some of their forms, most forms have yet to be returned. There are six forms that are due at this time:*

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| <b>1. Tour Commitment</b>   | <b>4. Health (with a copy of medical cards, front and back)</b> |
| <b>2. Tour Verification</b> | <b>5. Medical Release (notarized)</b>                           |
| <b>3. Tour Regulations</b>  | <b>6. Permission for Over the Counter Medications.</b>          |

These may be turned in to the band room. If you have misplaced these you may access them on line at the band website. Please don't forget to have the medical release form notarized. It will be returned if it is not notarized.

Thank you,  
**Sally Brieloff, Tour Coordinator**

## PTO Thrift Shop News

Payout for hours worked from September 2007 thru February 2008 will occur in March. If you worked at the shop, look for an email confirming the hours credited to your account and the dollar amount earned, from **Mary Topham**, your PTO Thrift Shop liaison.

The sign-ups to play music for the **Cupid and Cookies event** went quickly. Another opportunity will be available around St. Patrick's Day. Check in at the shop to see when sign-ups become available. A notice will also be posted on the band bulletin board or sent by email to all band families once the information is available.

Please continue to donate, shop and work at the PTO Thrift Shop. Your hours worked contribute directly to the band program. Remember the 1st 4 hours worked each year go to the general band fund. All other hours worked after that go toward the camp, trip, or band fund raiser of your choice. Stop in at the shop to sign up.

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

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