

Pioneer Band Association

NOTES

Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence



FROM THE PODIUM

As we head into the month of November, we need to take time to thank the many friends, family and alumni of the Pioneer Bands for our continued success. We had a spectacular fall (albeit wet) and regardless of the football score, The Pioneer Bands were undefeated during halftime. Many of you who have loyally attended our half-time performances know this, but for those who do not, each of the

Pioneer halftime shows featured musical arrangements, marching drill, and dances all created by current Pioneer band members. The charts (on field designs and formations) were done by **Selin Oner** (our Symphony Band drum major). All of the dances were choreographed by the one and only **Nico (Nicholas) Snyder**, and all of the musical arrangements were written by **Nico and Goose productions (Nicholas Snyder & Eric Wedemeyer)**. This year's Drum lines (both Concert and Symphony) have been the best in recent memory and special thanks to our alumni Percussion staff members **Graham Leslie, Brian Young, Hannah Ensor, Amy Fingerle, & Colin Campbell**.

Although it is difficult to believe our concert season is more trying than our marching season, so we need to remind parents to keep an eye on the Pioneer Bands web-site (HYPER LINK "<http://www.aapioneerbands.org/>" <http://www.aapioneerbands.org/>). Please check the calendar periodically for corrections, additions and deletions. In addition, the Pioneer Band Association is always looking for more help, and since all of you are already members, please attend any of the meetings (usually the second Tuesday of each month in the Pioneer Band room from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.) to find out what's new with the Pioneer Band family, and where we are going!

Practice is a must! If we (the reigning national GRAMMY Signature School) are to maintain our level of excellence, it is one of the highest imperatives that our student musicians come to class prepared and ready to play. Practice is a must and if you don't regularly hear your child practicing, please encourage them or tell us ;-). If your child is not currently studying privately and wishes to, please contact either myself or **Nancy Waring** (the associate Director of Bands here at Pioneer) and we will give you names of private instructors whom know and understand the expectations of the Pioneer Band program.

Hope you and your Family have a wonderful November-December and a safe and happy holiday season.

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands

Updated calendars are available on the website and in the band room. Please make sure you check and change your home calendars!!! Please continue to watch for changes/additions to the band calendar.

November/December 2006

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PICNIC POPS - MAY 19TH, 2007

Please note that the Picnic Pops May 19th, 2007 committee is making plans and have three people as the contacts:

Chris Campbell (Ella), Ilyse Diamond (Ilana) and Janice Doyle(Patton).

You will find us in the Concert or Symphony Band and Jazz Band directory.

We will be asking for help and support from new volunteers and past volunteers. So please mark the date on your calender and be ready to have some fun!

JAZZ BAND PERFORMS

The Jazz Band is in performance at the Firefly Club on December 11th after 7 pm.

NEW TROMBONIST

Welcome to our newest Concert Band student, Brent Westfall, a trombonist who comes to us from Tennessee!

PIONEER GRADUATE IS PRINCIPAL BASSOON FOR TOLEDO SYMPHONY

Nora Schankin, current band parent and longtime member of the Toledo Symphony, is very happy to announce that the winner of the Principal Bassoon position for the Toledo Symphony is 1994 Pioneer graduate **Rudi Heinrich**. Nora Schankin said "As part of the audition process, Rudi played our first concert of the season which included Shostokovich 7th Symphony ("Leningrad"). There is a long bassoon solo that ends the first movement and Rudi sounded just marvelous. Congratulations, again! I hope that many friends and alumni will be able to come to Toledo and hear Rudi very soon."

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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UPCOMING PBA MEETINGS

All meetings are held at 7:30 pm in the Band Room (B-126)
 November PBA Meeting will be held November 14, 2006
 December PBA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006
 January PBA Meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 9th, 2007

PBA Meetings are a wonderful place to hear all of the “inside information”, ask questions of the directors, hear updates about what’s happening in the classroom, and find out all that your student doesn’t tell you!

NOVEMBER 2006

2 DEADLINE SOLO/ENSEMBLE FEES & FORMS DUE Band Room ALL BANDS
 **2 5th Hour Marching Uniform Check-In Band Room Symphony Band
 4-5 TBA MSBOA All State Ens. Rehearsals TBA All Participants
 **6 7-9 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Symphony Band
 14 7:30-8:30 pm PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING Band Room All Band Parents
 22-24 THANKSGIVING BREAK
 28 8-11 am Uniform Team pulls SB Uniforms Band Room Uniform Team
 28 1-3 pm Uniform Distribution Band Room Symphony Band
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DECEMBER 2006

**4 7-9pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Symphony Band
 **6 6-8pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Varsity Band
 11 7 pm Jazz gig at Firefly
 12 12:30 pm Uniform Team pulls CB Uniforms Band Room Uniform Team
 12 6th Hour Uniform Distribution (Ladies) Band Room Concert Band
 12 7:30-8:30pm PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING Band Room All Band Parents
 21 7:30-pm Pioneer Orchestra Winter Concert Schreiber Orchestra Winds

JANUARY 2007

6 DEADLINE GALA AUCTION ITEMS & BASKETS DUE DROP OFF POINTS ALL BAND FAMILIES
 9 9-11 am Uniform Team pulls VB Uniforms Band Room Uniform Team
 9 7:30-8:30 pm PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING Band Room All Band Parents
 13 1-3 PM BAND BOWLING PARTY Bel Mark Lanes ALL BANDS
 16 1st/3rd hours Concert Uniform Distribution Band Room Varsity Band
 **16 4-5:30 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Jazz Band
 **16 6-8 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Varsity Band
 **17 7:30 PM JAZZ BAND CONCERT SCHREIBER JAZZ BAND
 25-27 ALL DAY Michigan Music Conference Grand Rapids All-State Members
 **29 7-9 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Symphony Band
 **30 7-9 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Concert Band
 **31 6-8 pm Band Rehearsal Band Room Varsity Band





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**PIONEER BAND FAMILIES - BE CREATIVE
HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT THE BANDS, ALL AT THE SAME TIME!**

The Pioneer Band Gala & Auction is set for Sunday February 11, 2007, at the Four Points Sheraton, Ann Arbor. 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.

Please participate with donating a family basket. We would like families to select a theme and put together a "Family Affair Basket". All participating families will be recognized in the program brochure and listed on the auction item itself. More suggestions in the enclosed colored flyer.

If you would like your Family Affair basket picked up or if you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Karen or John Field at 769-1060 or by email at klfield14@aol.com.



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We are hard at work gathering auction items and cash donations from local businesses. Our goal for the auction is to raise \$35,000. This is an ambitious goal, but the support of our Band Families will help us meet this goal and raise the funds to support our students. You can make a difference and add something unique to the evening.

We would like families to select a theme and put together a "Family Affair Basket." Be as imaginative and resourceful as you like. Your theme may reflect your family's personal interests. (If you can't think of a theme, we have included some suggestions on the back.) You need not limit your package to a "basket" – you may be creative in your packaging. 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.

All participating families will be recognized in the program brochure and listed on the auction item itself. Then, all the "Family Affair Baskets" will be auctioned off during the evening. (The "Family Affair" baskets at last year's auction greatly contributed to the success of the evening.) 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 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 or John Field at 769-1060 or by email at klfield14@aol.com

The hard work and talent of our students have brought them many accolades, including the 2006 National GRAMMY Signature Award. The success of the band program, however, would not have been possible without family support. As we continue to strive for excellence, we are always thankful to our wonderful band families.

We encourage you to use your collective family imagination, inspiration and flair when coming up with a theme. (Think about what you might bid on.) But, if you are having difficulty, here are a few ideas for themes that have been used and items that may be included in the packages:

Romantic Evening: Special dinner items, wine, wine glasses, romantic music, and chocolates.

Pioneer Pride: A Pioneer sweatshirt, lanyard, seat cushion, and other purple & white items, packaged in a laundry basket.

Coffee Break Theme: A coffee maker, mugs, gourmet coffees, syrups and fancy spoons. (Could also be adapted for tea, wine, or other beverages.)

Breakfast Extravaganza: Gourmet pancake, waffle and muffin mixes, spatulas, pure maple syrup, fancy honeys, and pancake molds.

Family Game Night: Board games, cards, and a CD of background music.

Luxury Bath Package: Bath salts, bubble bath, foot scrubber, exfoliating sponge, eye mask, soaps, a facial treatment and scented candle, packaged on a bath tray.

Viva Italy - Theme Celebrating Italian Food: Pasta, sauces, biscotti, extra virgin olive oil, and chocolates. (Could also be adapted to food of other countries, regions or states.)

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.



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, 2007**. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Karen Field, Gala & Auction Chair, at (734) 769-1060 or by email at kfield14@aol.com.