

Pioneer Band Association

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FROM THE PODIUM

Happy spring!!!

I hope that each of you is enjoying the spring-like temperatures that have finally graced our beautiful state. Along with warmer weather comes a much busier time of year for Pioneer Band members. Audition, Tour to NYC, Band Banquet, Picnic Pops, in addition to graduation, grad parties, exams and the start of summer. Please keep a sharp eye on the PBA web-site and calendar so that you "don't miss a thing"

I would like to personally invite all of you to attend a special concert featuring our own Symphony Band in concert with the Tuebingen Music School Band on Wednesday, May 14th, at 7:30 pm in Pioneer's Schreiber Auditorium. If you are not aware, Tuebingen is Ann Arbor's sister city in Germany. They have hosted the Pioneer Symphony Band (on tour in 2006), the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra (on tour in 1992) and the Community Jazz program numerous times. It's our turn!!! In addition to hosting them in concert, we are also requesting that we provide home stays for a few days. If you are interested in hosting a student from Tuebingen for a few days in May please contact Gloria Wilson.

Audition results will be posted at Pioneer and a copy will be sent to Tappan and Slauson Middle Schools the first week of May. I will post Concert Band and Symphony Band only. If your child's name does not appear on either list, your child has been placed in Varsity Band.

Band Camp is right around the corner! Camp is August 12th through the 18th, with all-Band registration taking place on the 11th. If your child is a member of either Concert or Symphony Band they are expected to attend Band Camp. If your child is a member of the Varsity Band, Band Camp availability is on a "first come first serve" basis with basic instrumentation being considered as a criteria.

Finally, the Bands of Ann Arbor are trying something new and exciting this Picnic Pops! Instead of each middle school performing, there will be two feeder "All-Star" bands! The West-Side and East-Side All Star feeder Bands will be conducted by All Three of Ann Arbor's comprehensive High School directors! Yes you read correctly, all three. For the West Side, I will conduct one selection, and (introducing) Mr. Jason Smith, Director of Bands @ Skyline High School, will conduct the other selection! The East Side will feature Steve Roberts (Huron High School Director of Bands) and again Jason Smith each conducting one selection. Please join all of us as we celebrate one of Ann Arbor Public Schools greatest concert treasures Picnic Pops for fun, food, and Fantastic Music!

All the best,
David A. Leach Director of Bands



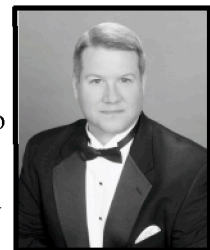
We are currently preparing for Picnic Pops, our last concert of the year. We have chosen several pieces that I'm sure you will enjoy. Please note that we have evening rehearsals on Wednesday May 7th and Monday May 12th. On Saturday May 17th all Varsity Band students will report at Noon and, providing the day is running on schedule, their thirty minute performance will begin at 12:45 PM.

The Varsity Band has made an incredible amount of progress this year. We have spent a great deal of time teaching our students how to practice, how to make the best use of their time. The skills that they have learned apply to everything else that they do. Mr. Leach and I need your help. In

order to keep the momentum going during the summer please encourage your child to keep up with their 30 minutes of daily practice. Along with that perhaps you could include private lessons. We have a list of teachers who have worked well with our students. Let us know if you are interested and we'll be happy to provide you with names and phone numbers.

Audition results for band placement for 2008-2009 will be out soon. Regardless of which band your child will be in next year please know that each child is a critical part of our program. We are extremely proud of each and every member.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Picnic Pops!
Nancy Waring Associate Director of Bands



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Pioneer Band & Orchestra: Michigan Youth Arts Festival Nominees

As a result of their performance at the STATE Solo and Ensemble Festivals on March 15th, the following Pioneer Band and Orchestra students have been nominated from over 10,000 high school students from the State of Michigan to participate in the **MSBOA Youth Arts Festival SOLOIST Auditions**:

Jonathan Bower, Amanda Burnside, Ella Campbell, Zidi Chen, Jacob Joyce, Ryan King, YunJae Lee, Julia Markey, Samuel Rast, Leigh Sugar, Jennifer Wei, Dana Wilson, Jessica Zhang

The following have been nominated as **Outstanding Ensembles**:

Horn Quartet: Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Elizabeth Cvercko, Andrew Smith, Kathy Vogt

Violin Duet: Alvin Siu, Davis West

Violin Duet: Elizabeth Qian, Yaoyao Liu

Woodwind Quintet: Dana Wilson, Amanda Burnside, Christian Greene, Leigh Sugar, Yishi Wang

Woodwind Quintet: Natalie Ten Brink, Tory Fingerle, Meekyoung Lee, Margaret Morgan, Rachel Teeter

String Quartet: Andres Uribe, Ignatius Chen, Julia Markey, Davis West

String Trio: Jacob Joyce, Leah Latterner, Yishi Wang

String Duet: Noah Mosberg, Cory Roberts

Brass Chamber Ensemble: Noah Wagner, Jonathan Bower, Ben Campbell, Adam Graves, Skye Hookham, Dylan Larkins, Megumi Matsushita, Margaret Morgan, Samu Rast, Daniel Saulles, Scott Siler, Nate Slottow,

Jonathan Taylor, Dana Wilson, Hope Wilson

The following Pioneer Band and Orchestra students have been nominated to the **Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Band**:

Jonathan Bower, Ryan King, Dylan Larkins, Alan Wang

The following Pioneer Band and Orchestra students have been nominated to the **Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Orchestra**:

Zidi Chen, Jacob Joyce, Samuel Rast, Leigh Sugar, Andres Uribe, Jennifer Wei, Dana Wilson

Leah Latterner, Yishi Wang, Jacob Joyce - their trio WON the Non-Traditional Ensemble Michigan Youth Arts Festival competition and will be featured at the festival in Kalamazoo on Saturday May 10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



PTO Thrift Shop News

Please remember to keep donating, purchasing, and working at the shop.
The NYC trip may be over, but there is always another summer of band camp around the corner
or the next trip to prepare for.

Signing up to work is easy. Stop by the shop and sign up in the notebook in the volunteer area.
Shifts are 2 hours in length and you can sign up for 2 shifts per week. The shifts are available on a “rolling calendar”,
which means the shifts for the following month will be available to sign up for.

Every Monday a new week becomes available, so if you have a particular day/time you would like to work,
stop in early on a Monday for the best selection of shifts!

Also, the first 4 hours you work in each school year goes to support the General Band program
(4 hours per family, for those with multiple students). Any hours worked after that are applied
to the camp/trip/etc. of your choice. With over 300 students in the band program,
there is the potential to earn \$5000.00 for the band program
if every family worked just one shift during the school year. Tired of candy sales?
Come and work a shift at the Thrift Shop-you might like it!

The last payout occurred on March 1st and a grand total of \$6,712 was earned by band members and their families.
The next payout will be September 1st.

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



Gloria Wilson, David Leach, Nancy Waring,
Denise Johnson, Karen and John Field

Thanks to the following sponsors who help made the Fourth Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction, which was held on February 10, 2008, a success!

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<i>Hickory Sticks Golf Course</i>	<i>WWJ Newsradio 950</i>

Karen Field, Gala & Auction Chair, at (734) 769-1060 or by email at klfield14@aol.com.

Save the the Date for the 5th Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction, on Sunday, February 8, 2009, at the Four Points Sheraton. If you are interested in chairing or volunteering for a Gala Committee, please contact **Karen Field** 769-1060 or klfield14@aol.com, or **Gloria Wilson** 734-975-0081 or president@aapioneerbands.org

BAND CAMP 2008 REGISTRATION

Band Camp Registration takes place during the spring of the school year. Current Pioneer students received the enrollment form from Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring in the classroom. Band Camp Registration Forms for 2007-08 has been available in the Pioneer Band Room beginning on **MONDAY, Mar 31st**. Forms & Fees can be turned in at any time, but the final deadline is **May 12, 2008**. NOTE: If current students are picking up forms for incoming 9th grade siblings/neighbors/friends, make sure to use the "INCOMING STUDENT" form!

In order to notify Interlochen Arts Camp of our expected enrollment, the following **deadline** is enforced:

"Monday, May 12"
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Only a very limited number of openings for Band Camp may be available after the registration deadlines. **REGISTRATION FOR BAND CAMP IS CLOSED WHEN OUR MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT IS ACHIEVED OR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BAND DIRECTOR.**

2008 District Band Festival Concession and Judges' and Directors' Lounge Report

We would like to thank each and every volunteer who worked at the Band Festival. Despite the inconvenient location of the cafeteria, we were able to draw many visitors and make significant profit. We received very positive comments from visitors, including judges and directors. This huge success would not have been possible without the enormous help of the volunteers and the generous donations from our band families. Additionally, we would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Leach, Mrs. Waring, and the PBA officers, who gave us tremendous support.

2008 Band Festival Co-Chairs: Nair Matsuo, Uyen Tonnule and Nina Yamakado

'PIONEER BAND BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT' *NEEDS YOU!*

May 5, 2008

PIONEER BANDS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED to the 2008 PIONEER BANDS BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT

to be held May 5, 2008, in the Pioneer Cafeteria.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with
the Awards Program following in Schreiber Auditorium.

**The meal will be catered so there's no need to bring anything
except you & your family!**

Tickets are **\$8.50 per adult, \$5.00 per child 10 and under.**

The 2008 Band Banquet & Awards Night is a celebration of our band students' accomplishments this past year and every one of them will be honored for their involvement and commitment to the Pioneer Bands.

Our Senior Class of 2008 will provide entertainment, and you won't want to miss a minute of it.

It's sure to be a GREAT evening and we'd like **EVERYONE** to be there!

Please return the following portion to Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring ASAP!

Number of people attending banquet _____

Student Name _____ Band _____

Student Instrument: _____ Class of _____

Names of People Attending _____

Amount enclosed \$8.50 (adult) or \$5 (child 10 and under) \$ _____

Make checks payable to Pioneer Band Association

I can help at the Pioneer Banquet & Awards Night:

_____ Decorations and Set Up (3:30 pm) _____ Clean Up (after dinner)

Name _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

2008 - 2009 New Band Officers _____

Congratulations to our Pioneer Band Association Board Members for 2008-09

President: *Gloria Wilson (Dana Wilson '09, Hope Wilson '11)*

Co Vice Presidents: *David Baum (Alex Baum, '11) and
Linda Long (Veronica Long '09, Sara Long '12)*

Treasurer: *Jill Polich (Nathan Polich '09)*

Secretary: *Holli Bertram (Jacob Swanson '11)*

Picnic Pops

**A wonderful family event showcasing music performed by our talented kids.
Will be held on Saturday, May 17 (rain or shine!) at Pioneer High School
from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm.**

In addition to the music, Picnic Pops features many fun games (e.g., the Moon Walk, the popular Cake Walk, etc.) and an assortment of good food!

The following donations will be needed:

Cake, 1 dozen cupcakes or 2 dozen cookies for the cake walk.

Each family is asked to donate two 2 liter bottles of pop for the ring toss.

Picnic Pops is possible only through the generosity of parents AND high school students, who volunteer their time to supervise games, serve food, sell tickets, etc. We hope that you (and your high-school age children) will volunteer time to make this a successful and enjoyable event.

Volunteers are needed in two-hour blocks (except for the 10-12 block, which will be staffed by Huron.) We recommend that you (and your high school student) find the time that he/she must arrive at Pioneer and choose a two-hour volunteer slot before or after that time. To help you determine what time is best for you, we are providing the performance schedule for the Pioneer and Huron orchestras and bands:

Group	Warm-Up	Performance
Huron Varsity Band.....	11:00 am	11:45am
Pioneer Philharmonia.....	11:45 am	12:15 pm
Pioneer Varsity Band.....	12:15 pm	12:45 pm
Pioneer Chamber Orchestra.....	12:45 pm	1:15 pm
Pioneer Concert Band.....	1:15 pm	1:45 pm
Pioneer Symphony Orchestra.....	1:45 pm	2:15 pm
Huron Concert Band.....	2:15 pm	3:00 pm
Pioneer Symphony Band.....	3:00 pm	3:30 pm
Huron Symphony Band.....	3:30 pm	4:15 pm

Time Slot	Types of Jobs	Appropriate Time Slot for the Following Groups:
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Set up.....	All bands and orchestras
10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Supervise games, serve food, sell tickets	STAFFED BY HURON
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm	Supervise games, serve food, sell tickets.....	Symphony Band ONLY
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Supervise games, serve food, sell tickets.....	Philharmonia Orchestra Chamber Orchestra Varsity Band
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Supervise games, serve food, sell tickets and begin take down.....	Philharmonia Orchestra Chamber Orchestra Symphony Orchestra Concert Band Varsity Band Symphony Band
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (or until finished!)	Take down.....	All bands and orchestras

To volunteer for a time slot, please contact **Emily Santer** at emilysanter@comcast.net or 734-665-8103 or **Marie Lozon** at mlozon@med.umich.edu (or 734-741-0624, but email is preferred). Please provide us with your name and/or your child's name, email address, telephone number, and preferred time slot(s). Thank you for volunteering!!!



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MAY/JUNE 2008

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)

MAY 2008

Date	Time	Event	Location	Group
5 Mon	6:30 pm	BANDQUET & AWARDS NIGHT	Pioneer Café SCHREIBER	ALL BAND FAMILIES
7 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
8 Thu – 10 Sat		Michigan Youth Arts Festival WMU		ALL PARTICIPANTS
12 Mon	ALL DAY	DEADLINE Band Camp Registration Forms & Fees Due	B-126	ALL PARTICIPANTS
12 Mon	6:30 pm	Orchestra Banquet	Pioneer Café	Orchestra Winds
12 Mon	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
13 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
14 Wed	7-9 pm	TUEBINGEN CONCERT	SCHREIBER SB	
17 SAT	ALL DAY	PICNIC POPS CONCERTS	FRONT LAWN	ALL BANDS PBA Volunteers
20 Tue	3:30-5:30 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
21 WED	7:30 pm	JAZZ SUMMIT CONCERT Pioneer, Huron, & Ypsilanti JB's	HURON MEYER AUDITORIUM	JB
26 Mon		NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day		

JUNE 2008

3 Tue	11 am	Senior Luncheon	TBA	Class of 2008
4 Wed (?)	TBA	COMMENCEMENT (Orchestra)	EMU Orchestra	Winds
10 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
13 Fri		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		