

Pioneer Band Association

Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence

NOTES

FROM THE PODIUM

As we head into the month of January, 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 LONG) and regardless of the football score, we maintained our record of being undefeated during halftime. Many of you who loyally attended our halftime performances know this, but for those who do not, each of the Pioneer halftime shows featured the musical arrangements, marching drill, and dances all selected, and created by current Pioneer band members. The charts (our on-field designs and formations) were written by Alex Baum (our Symphony Band drum major), all of the dances were choreographed by our dance committee Alyssa Natoci and Jonathan Evans, who all did a fantastic job! This year's Drumlines (both Concert and Symphony) have been the best in recent memory and special thanks to our alumni Percussion staff members Louis Barry, Billy Harrington, Jonathan Taylor, and Ryan King. The Flag rank looked as good as ever (perhaps a bit better) thanks to alumni coordinator Cara Yonovitz.

Although it is difficult to believe that our concert season is more demanding than our marching season, it is! I think it is important that we take the time to remind parents to keep an eye on the Pioneer Bands web-site (<http://www.aapioneerbands.org/>) for updates changes (like snow day cancellations) and announcements. Also please check the web-site calendar periodically for corrections, additions and deletions. Additionally, 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.

Finally, practice is a must! If we (remember we are one of only three schools recognized as a national GRAMMY-Gold Signature School in the entire Country in 2010) 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 requirement and if you don't regularly hear your child practicing please encourage them to do so, 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 December-January and a safe and happy holiday season.

All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands



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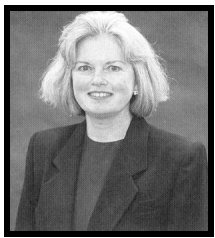
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Our first full rehearsal for the Varsity Band was extremely productive. Each half of the Varsity Band has worked diligently to perfect their part of the pieces that we are performing. We only have two evening rehearsals to put both sections of the band together before our February 3rd Winter 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. The students were extra attentive this year. I can't wait for you to hear them!

Varsity Band has only one more evening rehearsal before our Winter Concert. It is crucial that all students plan to attend the upcoming rehearsal from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday February 2nd. The Winter Concert is the next night and we expect all students to stay for the duration of the concert.

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 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



PTO Thrift Shop News

"Show Your Support" for Pioneer Bands is coming up at the PTO Thrift Shop from January 2 thru January 8. For every \$5 you spend at the Thrift Shop, you will receive a voting token to be placed in one of three jars, each representing a local group. If our jar receives the most tokens, we earn \$500—so.....please shop at the Thrift Shop during the week of January 2, and Show Your Support for Pioneer Bands!

**Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop is located at 2280 S. Industrial Hwy.
and is open Mon-Fri 9-7, Sat 9-6 and Sunday 11-5.**

**More information at a2ptothriftshop.org or
for PBA related questions email Marc Renner at rennermb@comcast.net.**





Bring your friends and join us for the Chinese New Year Festivities at the Pioneer Band Gala & Auction!

The 7th Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction will be held at **5 pm on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at Asia City restaurant – 2905 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti.** The evening will feature an extensive buffet, cash bar, raffle, live & silent auctions, a Lion Dance and the beat of our own Pioneer Jazz Band. Tickets are \$25 per person which includes dinner and one drink coupon.

Reservations must be purchased in advance by February 7th, via credit card order at the secure webpage at http://aapioneerbands.org/?page_id=540. We hope you'll join us for an evening of fun and fundraising at the Band Gala. Help us bring good fortune to one of the best high school band programs in the country!

Please check out our website www.aapioneerbands.org/gala to see our ever growing list of **generous merchant donors and sponsors** and thank them for their support! A special thank you to the following sponsors for supporting the Pioneer Band program... **Edwards, Ellis & Armstrong, CPAs., Georgetown Country Club, ACTing Smarter, Zippy Auto Wash, Gold Crown Jewelers, Kings Keyboard, McNamara Orthodontics and Walt Disney World!** They have donated some very exciting auction items including membership at Georgetown Country Club, Tax Preparations, jewelry and 4 Park Hopper Passes to Disney World!

In February, we will be offering **Online Bidding** to get the auction started. This is a great opportunity to preview the fabulous auction items, so generously donated by our PBA families and merchants alike. This is also a great way for those who can't attend to support the Pioneer Band Program. If you really want the item, be sure to bid high as the online action will close the night before the Gala and the bidding will continue at the Gala. Please visit www.aapioneerbands.org/gala and look for the link to the Online Auction!

RAFFLE...."INSTANT WINE CELLAR" or "ZIPPY AUTO WASH FAST PASS FOR A YEAR" – tickets are \$5 each and will be on sale at the Gala and also at the Jazz and Winter Concerts. Zippy has generously offered a free car wash with the purchase of 4 raffle tickets!

We strongly encourage all band families to get involved in the Gala and Auction. This is the most important and fun filled fundraiser of the year. It is a great way to give back to a program which gives so much to our children. All auction proceeds help support the band program by providing stipends and scholarships for band camp, tours, and competitions; sponsoring guest clinicians; and funding items like sheet music and instruments. Last year we raised over \$15,000 and we hope to be just as successful this year! So please, donate items, attend the gala and encourage others to attend!

[Here is how you can help..](#) Make a tax deductible donation to the Pioneer Band Gala ...a gift card, a bottle of wine, use of a vacation home, a set of tickets to a sporting event or show, a basket which reflects your interests or talents, or a service such as cooking, haircutting, massage, babysitting or tax preparation. The possibilities are endless and all donations big and small help support the Pioneer Band program! Please refer to the last newsletter for more detailed suggestions or contact Lisa McKarns.

*One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.
~ Chinese proverb*

Delivery Instructions - Donations must be delivered by **January 21, 2011**

- We will be collecting all auction donations, especially the bottles of wine and gift baskets at the **Jan. 8th Band Bowling party at Colonial Lanes**.
- Gift cards can delivered to Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring or mailed to Pioneer High School, in care of the Pioneer Band Association 601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor MI, 48103 Attn: Band Gala
- Wine bottles, gift cards, and baskets may also be dropped off at the Holli Bertram/Jacob Swanson's home on the west side or the McKarns home on the south side. Please see contact information and addresses below.

Deliver to:

Holli Bertram Swanson, 649-7937 or hbertram@umich.edu 3632 Wagner Ridge Court Ann Arbor MI 48103 or Lisa McKarns 994-0152 or lmckarns@comcast.net at 2241 Woodview Lane Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Questions?

Check out the Gala & Auction webpage at <http://aapioneerbands.org/gala>
Or contact Lisa McKarns at lmckarns@comcast.net or call 994-1052

Pioneer Band Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Auction purchases & donations may offer tax advantages.

Pioneer Band Gala & Auction – Please Include This Form with Your Donation

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January, February, March 2010

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)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
JANUARY 2011				
3 Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
3 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
8 Sat	1-3 pm	BOWLING PARTY	Colonial Lanes	All Bands
11 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
11 Tue	7:40-8:35am /9:51-10:46am	Concert Uniform Distribution	B-126	VB, PBA Uniform Team
11 Tue	4-5:30 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
12 Wed	7:30 pm	JAZZ BAND CONCERT	Little Theatre	JB
14 Fri	2nd Hour	MLK Assembly	SCHREIBER	JB
15 Sat		ALL DAY DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL, LIVONIA	FRANKLIN HS	All Band Students
17 Mon		NO SCHOOL – MLK Day		
17 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
20 Thu – 22 Sat		Michigan Music Conference	Grand Rapids	All-State Band & Orchestra participants
31 Mon	All day	No School Secondary Students	B-126	All
31 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
FEBRUARY 2011				
1 Tue	ALL DAY	State Solo & Ensemble Festival Forms and Fees due	B-126	All Participants
1 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
2 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
3 THU	7 PM	WINTER BAND CONCERT ALL BANDS	SCHREIBER	SB, CB, JB, VB Recitalists
6 or 13 Sun	5 – 8:30 pm	PIONEER BAND GALA & AUCTION	TBA	JB, PBA Gala Team, All Band Families
8 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting & Board Nominations for 2010-11	B-126	All Band Parents
? Sat	TBA	UM Jazz Ensemble Festival	UM	JB
15 Tue	7 pm	Orchestra Night @ Hill	Hill Auditorium	Orchestra Winds
16 Wed		NO SCHOOL for students		
18 Fri		Winter Break begins at End of Day		
28 Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
28 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
MARCH 2011				
7 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
8 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
12 Sat	ALL DAY	District XII HS Band Orchestra Festival	SCHREIBER	SB/CB, PBA Festival Team
(14 Mon)	7 pm	Michigan Youth Ensembles	Hill Auditorium	(All MYE Participants)
15 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	PBA Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
21 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
22 Tues	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
23 Wed		Early Release for Secondary		



Volunteers Still Needed to Lead Events and Programs



We are still looking for parents to take charge of a couple more PBA events/programs. None of these positions require a lot of time, but doing any one of them would be a great service to our kids! They are:

Incoming 9th Grade Orientation Coordinator -- help organize and prepare materials and forms for orientation for incoming students, which takes place immediately following "Bands In Review" concert in late March.

Tux Bux Fundraiser Coordinator -- pick up paperwork from local tuxedo rental store and distribute it to juniors and seniors in the band program. This will enable some portion of each tuxedo rental to be contributed to the PBA.

If you are interested in any of these positions -- or even if you are potentially interested and have questions -- please contact

David Baum, 734-662-9095 or dbaum@umich.edu.

Thanks in advance for considering all of these opportunities. With your help, we can keep the Pioneer Bands one of the best music programs in the country!

News from Gloria Wilson

The 2010-11 Pioneer Band Directory is available in the band room now. All band students have had the opportunity to bring them home, but many may remain in backpacks or instrument cases!



PBA Notes Has Gone GREEN!!!

Our goal is to reduce our paper output and reduce the cost of mailing PBA Notes newsletter.

You will find our 4 color bi-monthly newsletter on our website www.aapioneerbands.org.

While online you may print the pages as you need, eg. calendar, special article, etc..

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