

# PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION



## FROM THE PODIUM

The first months of 2007 continue to be remarkable for the Pioneer Bands. Thanks to your support, the 2007 Gala & Auction was an awesome success - approximately \$23,000 raised in support of our students in need of scholarships for tour fees, band camp fees, private lessons, group lessons, instruments, music, and supplies. Thanks EVERYONE for a job well done! We're so proud of what our students have accomplished during this, our 92nd concert season: extraordinary performances at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival in February. Also in February, our Winter Concert performances from our small ensembles, the Jazz Band, the Varsity Band, the Concert Band, and the Symphony Band were incredible. The Jazz Band performed at the UM Jazz Festival, and the Pioneer Bands Gala & Auction, during one astonishing week-end of jazz, with jazz band students learning what professional gigging really means. Right now, our student musicians are working hard for the Concert and Symphony Band performances at District Band Festival, hosted right here at Pioneer with the help of the PBA on March 10th.

March 24th and 25th are fast upon us: Saturday, March 24th is the date for both the State Solo and Ensemble Festival (held at Chelsea High School) AND our marvelous Ann Arbor Public Schools BANDS IN REVIEW concert. On Saturday, March 24th at 7 pm, the Pioneer Symphony Band joins the East side middle school bands and the Huron High School bands for a Bands In Review concert. Pioneer Varsity, Concert and Symphony Band members will perform at 3 pm on Sunday along with all of the West side middle school bands and the Huron High School Symphony Band for a second Bands In Review concert. After the Sunday concert is our annual Incoming 9th Grade Band Family Orientation meeting (4:30 pm Sunday, March 25th in Schreiber). So if you know of a potential Pioneer bands student in 8th grade, get him/her to this meeting!

And it continues: The year nears the end in May with our Band Banquet, our performances at Picnic Pops on the Pioneer front lawn, the Jazz Band performs at the Jazz Summit, and the Symphony Band has the pleasure of playing for the Pioneer Commencement ceremonies at the EMU Convocation Center in June. And then it's August, Band Registration, and Band Camp - and the 2007-08 school year begins!

During these hectic months, auditions for placement in next year's bands are taking place, band scholarship applications will be reviewed, we're making plans for Band Camp (watch for forms and deadlines coming soon), and the list goes on. How can you help? Please look through this issue of PBA NOTES and choose one or more event for which you can volunteer your time. Pioneer Band Association volunteers (families AND students) are essential to making the Pioneer Bands great!

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## **FROM THE PODIUM** (continues from page 1)

Lastly, I must add a heartfelt thanks to two special Pioneer Band families: Our Gala Co-Chairs, Karen & John Field, [and Jessica Field] for the use of their lives for the past several weeks, and Denise & Kevin Johnson and their extended family members for all their help with Gala and the Band Room project.

To all of you -Thanks for your continued support of the Pioneer Bands!

All the best,

*David A. Leach* Director of Bands

I am very proud of the members of our Varsity Band. They did such a beautiful job on our Winter Concert. Many of you may not realize that, due weather issues which resulted in having to miss the second of our three evening rehearsals, the first time that the full band played "Lakeland Portrait" all together was the night before the concert. The Varsity Band did an amazing job despite this!

We are now preparing for the Sunday, March 25th 3 PM Bands In Review concert. Please note that we will have evening rehearsals on Wednesday March 7th and March 21st. We are also selecting pieces for their May 19th 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 e-mail ([waring@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:waring@aaps.k12.mi.us)) or use the link on the [www.aapioneerbands.org](http://www.aapioneerbands.org) web page.

Thank you all for your continued support!

*Nancy Waring* Associate Director of Bands

## **Senior Band Parents:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have photos from any band activities? We are putting together a special presentation for the Band Banquet in May, and we need your help. We want to do a special tribute to the seniors in this visual presentation. So, we are requesting a recent picture of your senior and a favorite photo from when child was younger (baby, toddler, or school age – whatever you prefer). If you have photos from band camp, football marching season, concerts, bowling, and other band events, we would love to have a copy. We welcome all photos, even the candid, silly moments.

You may e-mail a copy of your photos to Karen Field at [klfield14@aol.com](mailto:klfield14@aol.com) or mail a copy (please keep your originals) to Karen Field at 2339 Sun Valley Drive, Ann Arbor 48108. Please include your child's name with the e-mail or copies. Please submit all photos by May 1, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Field at home 769-1060 or work 222-6674. Thanks for your assistance, and we look forward to seeing you at the Band Banquet.

## Pioneer Bands - District Solo and Ensemble Results

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Pioneer Band students received 127 first division and 42 second division ratings in SOLO competition, as well as 112 first division and 14 second division ratings in ENSEMBLE competition on February 3rd at Livonia Franklin High School. Students throughout the state performed in this state qualifying event.

The following Pioneer High School Band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) District Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 3. Students prepared a solo and/or an ensemble and performed for an MSBOA Certified Adjudicator. Their performance was evaluated and a rating between “I” (Excellent) and “V” was assigned. The symbol (2) after a student's name indicates that they had two events receiving that rating in the same category.

**Pioneer High School Band students receiving a “I” (Excellent) rating for their performance of a SOLO were:** Casey Ahlbrandt-Rains, Mary Armbruster, Annie Azrak (2), Anand Bahl, Zach Barnes, Aleise Batkins, Leo Bayless-Hall, Emily Bednar, Tova Berg, Jonathan Beshay, Jonathan Bix, Carolyn Blessing, Julia Bogen, Jonathan Bower, Anthony Bryk, Joel Burgener, Amanda Burnside, Ben Campbell, Ella Campbell, Adam Carriere, Evie Coves-Datson, Christopher Culbertson, Elizabeth Cvercko, Werner Dahm, Evelyn Daugherty, Seth Dawson, Mattias DeDoes, Helen DeMarsh, Ilana Diamond, Elizabeth Etter, Jessica Field, Victoria Fingerle, Christopher Fleming, Patrick Fleming, Eleanor Giles, Sam Goodsitt, Adam Graves, Lindsay Hall, Charles Hatch, Saunders Hayes, Tommy Held, Skye Hookham (2), Lauren Houser, Zach Hyde (2), Evan Hsu, Scott Hulbert (2), Alexander Jaeckel, Andy Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Nathan Karr, Regina Kazanjian, Ryan King, Joe Klaver, Gaurav Kulkarni, Aaron Kurz, Julien Lafortune, Caroline Laman, Amin Lanseur, Dylan Larkins, Leah Latterner (2), Meekyoung Lee, Yun Jae Lee, David Liu, Veronica Long, Preeta Maitra, Julia Markey, Laura Markey, Haley Marlette, Lucy Martin, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Kyle Mattimore, David Michaels, Miriam Michaels, Mackenzie Miller, Zachary Miller, Deedee Min, Margaret Morgan, Daniel Myers, Catherine Nease, Selin Oner (2), Hyun Soo Park, Ryan Pendleton, Shelby Peterson, Aaron Petit, Nathan Polich, Duncan Polot, Samu Rast, Sarah Rontal, Vijay Sachdev, Arthur Shih, Jeffrey Shipan, Rachel Simon, Allison Simpson, Andrew Smith, Joshua Stein, Lauren Stout, Samuel Swanson, Rachel Teeter, Natalie Ten Brink, Nick Ten Brink, Marshall Thomas, Craig Tillman, Victoria Tillman, Thea Torek, Tim Van Riper, Andrea Walens, Gretchen Wallner, Alan Wang, Cindy Wang, Xiao Wang (2), Yishi Wang, Pearce Washabaugh, Devin Webster, Eric Wedemeyer, Danica Whitfield, Dana Wilson, Matt Winick, Yiqing (Shirley) Xu (2), Jay Yamakado.

**Pioneer High School Band students receiving a “II” (Good) rating for their performance of a SOLO were:** Anand Bahl, Jayne Bailey, Jeff Bertram, Thomas Deren (2), James Fitzpatrick, Erin Fitzsimmons, Joshua Goldman, Tim Grady, Lauren Hendrick, Esther Hur, Lianna Iacob, Caroline Laman, Dylan Larkins, Rebecca Lemke, Matt Lerner, Karen Matsuo, Hannah Maxbauer, Cailey Miller (2), Alex Mitropoulos-Rundus, Susan Murphy, Kayla Oh, Neilesh Bakul Parikh, William Penner-Hahn, Evan Reynolds, Niko Rombes, Matthew Schaeberle, Dan Siler, Scott Siler, Nicolas Snyder, Maya Spivak, Scott Sprau, Michael Sullivant, Edward Szczygiel, Emily Topham (2), Tim Van Riper, Manisha Verma, Rachel Walsh, James White, Anthony Zick.

**Pioneer High School Band students receiving a “I” (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were:** Mary Armbruster, Emily Arsen, Annie Azrak, Emily Barnes, Tova Berg, Jonathan Beshay, Stephen Brielloff, Amanda Burnside (2), Quinn Burrell, Ella Campbell, Adam Carriere, Evelyn Coves-Datson, Christopher Culbertson, Elizabeth Cvercko (2), Seth Dawson, Helen DeMarsh, Ilana Diamond, Charlie Dill, Patton Doyle, Emily Durfee, Elizabeth Etter, Jessica Field, Adam Fink, Sarah Fowlkes, Samantha Gardner, Sachi Gianchandani, Ella Giles, Lindsay Hall, Saunders Hayes, Lauren Houser, Jeff Johnson, Kate Johnson (2), Regina Kazanjian, Chad Kelsey, Ryan King, Joe Klaver, Kathy Kong, Julien Lafortune, Caroline Laman, Amin Lanseur, Emily Larson (2), Leah Latterner, Anna Leavitt, Zach LeDuc, Meekyoung Lee, Helen Li, David Liu, Emily Maier, Julia Markey, Laura Markey, Emily Martin (2), Lucy Martin, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Marina Mayne, Margaret McNair, David Michaels, Miriam Michaels, Joseph Miller, Deedee Min, Sang Moon, Jordan Morningstar, Warren Morningstar, Steve Nair, Jeni Nao, Hyun Soo Park, Shelby Peterson, Samu Rast, Zach Renner, Ben Rittinger, Cory Roberts, Emily Marie Rodgers, Kate Rogow, Daniel Saulles (2), Scott Siler, Allie Simpson, Nate Slottow (2), Andrew Smith (2), Christina Smith, Nicolas Snyder, Danny Soto, Lauren Stout, Leigh Sugar, Sam Swanson, Austin Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Katy Thompson, Michael Thompson, Tim Van Riper, Cathy Vogt, Pat Wakefield, Gretchen Wallner, Alan Wang (2), Cindy Wang, Yishi Wang, Pearce Washabaugh, Eric Wedemeyer, Thomas Weiseman, Jeremy Whiting, Dana Wilson (2), Jennifer Wooley, Yiqing (Shirley) Xu, Jay Yamakado.

**Pioneer High School Band students receiving a “II” (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were:** Louis Barry, Elizabeth Bush, Caroline Chen, Elaine Ezekiel, Alex Jaeckel, Kate Johnson, Amit Khankari, Kate McKarns, Duncan Polot, Nate Slottow, Michael Sullivant, Nick Ten Brink, Emily Topham, Ryan Yunck.

We are very proud of each one of these students.  
David Leach and Nancy Waring, Pioneer Bands

## **PIONEER BANDS STUDENTS SELECTED TO COLLEGE HONORS BANDS**

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Congratulations to the following members of the Pioneer Symphony Band Class of 2007 who have been selected as members of The University of Michigan Marching Band High School Honors Band and who performed with the Michigan Marching Band on Sunday, December 10th in concert at Crisler Arena: **Louis Barry**, Percussion; **Tova Berg**, Clarinet; **Lauren Stout**, Trumpet.

Congratulations to **Katelin Brieloff**, senior in Concert Band (clarinet), has been selected as a member of the 2007 EMU High School Honors Band. The EMU Honors Band concert was on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at Pease Auditorium at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to **Charlie Dill**, Trombone and **Lauren Stout**, Trumpet who performed with the Albion College Honor Band on February 24th.

## **FUND RAISING**

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The PBA is having an INCREDIBLE fund raising year as we look to next year's 2007-08 Spring Tour. The PBA has traditionally planned to earn \$20,000 each year for a total of \$40,000 raised over two years to have it available for Spring Tour expenses. The 2006-07 Candy Sale, in just two weeks, earned nearly \$15,000.00; and our Car Wash raised a HIGHEST EVER nearly \$17,500.00, for an annual total well over our \$20,000.00 goal. We need to keep this trend moving upwards as we approach February and our Pioneer Band Gala & Auction. This means that every band family needs to continue their incredible level of fund raising participation when it comes to supporting the Pioneer Bands.

## **MSBOA DISTRICT XII BAND FESTIVAL, Saturday, March 10, 2007**

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Pioneer Band Families: mark Saturday, March 10 on your calendars. That's the day Pioneer hosts the MSBOA District XII Band Festival, a day to hear great music, watch sight reading, and help run a concession stand! We provide the space and the food to feed 7 or 8 hungry bands. Our PBA parents staff the concession, selling beverages, bagels, sweets & pizza. We will be calling folks on the PBA Volunteer List to set up 2-hour shifts of workers. Be sure to work, and listen to YOUR Pioneer Concert or Symphony Band Student play! Watch for the flyer your student will bring home to determine which beverages or snack we need you to send in for the sale. Festival Concessions Contact: Karen Smith-Krass (214-9042) [secretary@aapioneerbands.org](mailto:secretary@aapioneerbands.org)

## **PIONEER BAND BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT NEEDS YOU**

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**SAVE THE DATE:** Monday, May 7, 2007 for the Annual Pioneer Band Banquet & Awards Night.

Volunteers are needed to help on May 7th and in planning the event. If you have time or ideas, please contact Denise Johnson (663-0028) or e-mail her at [vicepresident@aapioneerbands.org](mailto:vicepresident@aapioneerbands.org).

## **2007-08 AUDITIONS**

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Participation in the Pioneer Bands is by audition only. Pioneer Band Auditions occur each March to determine placement in the Pioneer Band Program for the following school year. Once current students have been heard, incoming freshmen audition with Mr. Leach at their middle school. New and transfer students can request an audition with the Director once they enroll at Pioneer High School. Audition music is available from Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring.

## **BAND CAMP 2007 REGISTRATION**

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Band Camp Registration takes place during the spring of the school year. Current Pioneer students receive the enrollment form from Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring in the classroom. Band Camp Registration Forms for 2007-08 will be available in the Pioneer Band Room beginning on MONDAY, Mar 12. Forms & Fees can be turned in at any time, but the final deadline is May 14, 2007. NOTE: If current students are picking up forms for incoming 9th grade siblings/neighbors/friends, make sure to use the "INCOMING STUDENT" form!

Incoming 9th grade students receive the forms when they audition for Mr. Leach at their middle school. Forms are also available at the Incoming 9th Grade Orientation meeting immediately following Bands In Review. Forms and deposits can be returned to the directors in the classroom or mailed to the address provided on the form.

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

**Monday, May 14 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.**

## **BANDS IN REVIEW CONCERTS**

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### **EAST SIDE: Saturday, March 24, 7:00 pm**

Featuring Huron Varsity, Concert & Symphony Bands, The Clague, Scarlett & Tappan Middle School Bands, & The Pioneer Symphony Band

### **WEST SIDE: Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm**

Featuring Pioneer Varsity, Concert & Symphony Bands, The Forsythe & Slauson Middle School Bands, & The Huron Symphony Band

Pioneer's Schreiber Auditorium hosts the annual showcase of AAPS bands from all of our middle and high schools in two performances as our students demonstrate their skills with the discipline, concentration, and perseverance that they learn as members of their public school bands. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for the community to see and hear the results of the comprehensive education our students have received in the AAPS Instrumental Music Program. The concert requires admission fees —

**Bands In Review Ticket Information will be sent home with students in early March.**

## **INCOMING 9TH GRADE BAND FAMILY ORIENTATION SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

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To make sure our incoming Pioneer Band families are well informed, we have scheduled a short orientation program and Q&A session to begin 15 minutes immediately after the Bands in Review Concert on the afternoon of March 25 in front of the stage in Schreiber Auditorium. The concert should end by 4:15 p.m. and we should be able to start at 4:30 p.m., finishing between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. The Pioneer band directors, students from all Pioneer ensembles, and current band parents will be available for questions. 2007-08 Pioneer Bands Registration Information for our Incoming Class of 2011 students and Band Camp Registration Information will be available.

## **PICNIC POPS, Saturday, May 19th, Picnic Pops**

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Picnic Pops the ultimate showcase for the Ann Arbor Public Schools Music Program, featuring AAPS Middle Schools and Huron and Pioneer High School Bands, May 19th, 2007.

We are looking for a lot of fun people to help with Picnic Pops. We partner with Huron High School parents to make this a Great Community Event. Meet fellow band parents. Contribute your time and expertise without making a huge commitment. Please sign up for a shift to do set up, clean up or supervise for an hour or two in one of the many game and food booths throughout the day. Our volunteer coordinator is Maria Lozon, Orchestra parent, Games coordinator Janice Doyle and Food Coordinator Ilyse Diamond. General information Chris Campbell at 663-1947 or 846-3267

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

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Congratulations to Pioneer Symphony Band Seniors **Allie Simpson** (bassoon) and **Sam Swanson** (trumpet) who were named as Pioneer Concerto Finalists. They auditioned before a panel of music educators and adjudicators. Their performances, accompanied by the Pioneer Symphony Orchestra, will be on Thursday, March 29th, 7:30 pm in Schreiber Auditorium.

## **PBA OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

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The Executive Board of the Pioneer Band Association is now accepting nominations for officers for the 2007-2008 school year. New officers are elected at the Annual Meeting in April. All offices are open for nominations. Contact Gail Stout at [president@aapioneerbands.org](mailto:president@aapioneerbands.org) or phone 663-7634 if you'd be interested in joining the Executive Board.

**PRESIDENT:** Gloria Wilson is the parent of a Symphony Band sophomore

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** current Vice-President Denise Johnson is the parent of a Symphony Band Sophomore

**SECRETARY:** Holli Bertram (Sam '07, Jacob '11)

**TREASURER:** IS YET TO BE FILLED – PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

The strength of our organization lies in active members willing to take on responsibility and ownership. As an established Michigan corporation with a 501(c)(3) non-profit status and a sizable budget, as well as a long tradition of support to the Pioneer Band program, the PBA counts on individuals to step forward to take the reins and guide the association into the future. Please consider nominating yourself or another parent as an officer of the Pioneer Band Association for next year.

## **PICNIC POPS SATURDAY, MAY 19TH, 2007**

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Picnic Pops is the ultimate showcase for the Ann Arbor Public Schools Music Program, featuring AAPS Middle Schools and Huron and Pioneer High School Bands, May 19th, 2007.

Set aside Saturday, May 19th on your calendars for great music, fun games, yummy treats, and more. Every year, the Pioneer Bands, the Pioneer Orchestras, the Huron Music program, and AAPS middle school bands team up for a full day of music under the tent on Pioneer's front lawn. Here are some of the treats that this year's event will feature:

Picnic Pops is an entire day of music.

Fun & Games for everyone. Try your hand at the ring toss, the cake walk, or any of the other games. Set your creativity free and enter a cake in the cake decorating competition.

Food and Drink. Treat your taste buds to a grilled bratwurst, a slice of pizza, and other goodies.

Socializing! Picnic Pops is Ann Arbor's Block Party! Listen to great music, meet your friends, let the kids play, have a great time.

We are looking for a lot of fun people to help with Picnic Pops. The Pioneer Band Association and the Orchestra POPS parents partner with Huron High School parents to make this a Great Community Event. Meet fellow band parents. Contribute your time and expertise without making a huge commitment.

Please sign up for a shift to do set up, clean up or supervise for an hour or two in one of the many game and food booths throughout the day. Our volunteer coordinator is Maria Lozon, Orchestra parent, Games coordinator Janice Doyle and Food Coordinator Ilyse Diamond. General information Chris Campbell at 663-1947 or 846-3267

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER**

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When a Pioneer Band student has completed TWO SEMESTERS (Fall) of Symphony Marching Band OR ONE SEMESTER (Fall) of Symphony Marching Band PLUS TWO SEMESTERS (Fall) of Concert Band, he/she is eligible for a physical education waiver for ONE SEMESTER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT. The VERIFICATION & AUTHORIZATION FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FORMS are available on the table in the lobby of the Counseling Office, and requires the signature of the Director of Bands. **Completed forms should be turned into the Counseling Office by May 1, 2007.**

## **ROBERT ALBRITTON ENDOWMENT FUND**

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Former Pioneer High School Director of Bands Robert Albritton was the longest-serving Director of Bands at Pioneer High School — for over 20 years he exemplified the role of the band director as a leader, mentor, and lifelong friend to his students. During his tenure he moved the program forward with an ever-expanding itinerary of festival trips and concert appearances, culminating in the 2001 Symphony Band tour of China.

Through generous donations of band alumni and current band families, and with matching funds from the PBA, an endowment fund in Mr. Albritton's honor was established with the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. This endowment provides an annual Robert Albritton Scholarship Award to a deserving band student who will be returning to the Pioneer Band program to be used for an outside music camp or program experience. The size of the annual scholarship award depends on the size and performance of the endowment fund. YOU can increase the effectiveness of the Robert Albritton Endowment Fund by making a tax-deductible donation. Donations should be made to the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. Contact them at 734-663-0401, or via e-mail at info@aaacf.org or on the web. Your tax-deductible donation is URGENTLY needed!

## **PBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

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The Pioneer Band Association is committed to offering scholarship assistance as a way of building our foundation for musical excellence in the Pioneer Band Program. The Pioneer Band Association offers three types of scholarships:

**The Robert Albritton Scholarship Award • Band Camp Scholarships • General Assistance Scholarships**

APPLICATION FORMS FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM MR. LEACH.

**-Applications for the Robert Albritton Scholarship Award are due on or before March 31, 2007**

**-Applications for Band Camp Scholarships are due on or before May 15, 2007**

**-Applications for General Assistance Scholarships should be submitted in a timely manner to allow for review by the Scholarship Committee.**

## **PIONEER BAND GALA & AUCTION**

What an incredible night! On February 11th, nearly 325 people gathered at The Four Points Sheraton of Ann Arbor for a wonderful evening of food, fun, and fabulous music, not to mention some pretty fantastic fund raising.

The evening began with an amazing silent auction. The music performed by the Pioneer Jazz Combo and the Pioneer Woodwind Quintet was heavenly. Next came a delicious appetizer buffet and the silent auction culminated with a fabulous performance by the Pioneer High School Jazz Band. Then to top off the evening our live auction was full of laughs and a few good natured bidding wars!

To date, the Gala & Auction has earned approximately \$23,000. We learned a tremendous amount this year and are already looking forward to the next Pioneer Bands Gala & Auction . We think that we can make the next one even better. To those of you who shared your thoughts with us regarding this year's event, thank you. We very much appreciate all the feedback. It will help us to make this event even more profitable in the years ahead.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making this night such a huge success. I could never even begin to name all of those involved in pulling off an event of this magnitude. From the families who contributed baskets to the local businesses and sponsors — we are indebted to you all. A very special thank you goes to each and every one of the committee members, Nancy Waring and David Leach for all their support and hard work.

— Karen Field, Gala Chair

### **Thank You!**

The Third Annual Pioneer Band Gala & Auction was held on February 11, 1007, at the Four Points Sheraton and the event raise almost \$23,000. We wish to thank our band families and the community for their support.

We also wish to acknowledge and express our gratitude to our event sponsors.

#### *Gold Level Sponsors*

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**Sparrow Personal Athletic Training**

**Zingerman's Bakehouse**

The Pioneer Band Association would also like to thank all of our parents and students who have supported this event through their donations and with their generous and creative Family Affair Baskets.

## CALENDAR DATES FOR MARCH/APRIL/MAY/JUNE/AUGUST 2007

BE AWARE THAT CHANGES WILL PROBABLY OCCUR. WATCH THE WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER, AND CLASSROOM ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DATE CHANGES.

### MARCH 2007 ( DATE / TIME / EVENT / LOCATION / GROUP )

#### 5th SCHOOL RESUMES

- 5th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal Band Room / Symphony Band
- 6th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal Band Room / Concert Band
- 7th 6-8 pm / Band Rehearsal Band Room / Varsity Band
- 10th ALL DAY DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL / PIONEER/ (SB/CB) BANDS CONCESSION
- 13th 7:30-8:30 pm / PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING / Band Room / All Band Parents
- 19th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Symphony Band
- 20th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Concert Band
- 21st 6-8 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Varsity Band
- 23rd ALL DAY / BIR Middle School Rehearsals / Schreiber / Middle Schools
- 24th ALL DAY / STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL / CHELSEA HS / ALL PARTICIPANTS
- 24th ALL DAY / STATE JAZZ COMBO FESTIVAL / TBA / ALL PARTICIPANTS
- 24th 7 PM / BANDS IN REVIEW (BIR EAST SIDE) / SCHREIBER / SYMPHONY BAND
- 25th 3 PM / BANDS IN REVIEW (BIR WEST SIDE )/ SCHREIBER / ALL BANDS
- 25th 4:30 PM / 9TH GRADE BAND ORIENTATION / SCHREIBER / ALL PARTICIPANTS
- 26th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Symphony Band
- 27th DEADLINE BANDS IN REVIEW TICKET / \$\$ DUE BAND ROOM / ALL BANDS

### APRIL 2007 ( DATE / TIME / EVENT / LOCATION / GROUP )

- 4th 7:30 PM / CONCERTO CONCERT / SCHREIBER / ORCHESTRA WINDS
- 5th LAST DAY SCHOOL / SPRING BREAK
- 5th DEADLINE SENIOR & BABY PHOTOS / SURVEYS DUE / BAND ROOM / ALL SENIORS
- 5th ALL DAY / MYAF Concerto Soloist Auditions / WMU / Nominees
- 10th 7:30-8:30 pm / PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING / Band Room / All Band Parents
- 16th SCHOOL RESUMES
- 17th 7:30-8:30 pm / PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS / Band Room / All Band Parents
- 23rd 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Symphony Band
- 24th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Concert Band

### MAY 2007 ( DATE / TIME / EVENT / LOCATION / GROUP )

- 2nd 6-8 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Varsity Band
- 7th 6:30 PM / BAND BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT CAFE / SCHREIBER / ALL BAND FAMILIES
- 8th DEADLINE / BAND CAMP DEPOSIT/FORMS DUE / BAND ROOM / RETURNING STUDENTS
- 10-12th ALL DAY(s) / MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL / WMU / All Participants
- 14th DEADLINE / BAND CAMP DEPOSIT/FORMS DUE / BAND ROOM / INCOMING STUDENTS
- 14th 6:30 pm / ORCHESTRA BANQUET / Cafeteria / Orchestra Winds
- 14th 6-8 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Varsity Band
- 15th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Concert Band
- 16th 7-9 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Symphony Band
- 19th 3 PM / PICNIC POPS / FRONT LAWN / ALL BANDS / ALL ORCHESTRA WINDS
- 22nd 3: 30-5:30 pm / Band Rehearsal / Band Room / Jazz Band
- 23rd 7:30 PM / JAZZ SUMMIT CONCERT / HURON HS / JAZZ BAND

### JUNE 2007 ( DATE / TIME / EVENT / LOCATION / GROUP )

- 5th 11 am / SENIOR BRUNCH / TBA / SENIOR BAND MEMBERS
- 6th 6:00 pm / COMMENCEMENT @ EMU/EMU / SYMPHONY BAND
- 12th 7:30-8:30 PM / PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION MEETING / BAND ROOM / ALL BAND PARENTS
- 15th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

#### ATTENTION SYMPHONY BAND FAMILIES: June 6, 2007

Please add the following REQUIRED date to your PBA Calendar:

Pioneer Commencement, **Wednesday, June 6, 2007**, EMU Convocation Center. The Band will be playing commencement this year. Students and families will be alerted to the time of arrival closer to the event.

**2007 BAND CAMP DATES: AUGUST 14-20, 2007**

## COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2007-2008

The Pioneer Band Association has positions which need to be filled for 2007-2008. If you filled one of these positions this year and are willing to do it again, please let Gail Stout know! Please check the list below and consider volunteering!

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- **Treasurer** (All Year)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Treasurer receives and gives receipts for money payable to the PBA, and manages the deposit and dispersal of PBA funds.

### PBA ADVOCACY

- **Alumni Band Reunion Coordinator** (September/October)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Reunion Coordinator works with the Director of Bands and the Alumni Association to make our Alumni Reunion (held at Homecoming) a success

- **Apparel Sale Coordinator** (July-September)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Apparel Sale Coordinator works with vendors to provide Pioneer Bands logo clothing to our students

- **Incoming 9th Grade Orientation Coordinator** (February/March)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Coordinator works with the Director of Bands to get student speakers for the event, and works with the President, Band Camp Registration Committee and Handbook Committee to get camp registration materials, the Band Handbook, and any other forms necessary to our new families ready for that meeting.

- **Mailings & Production Coordinator** (once every two months)

YOUR NAME HERE!

This group of volunteers collates, folds, staples, stuffs, labels and generally prepares mailings for the PBA. The coordinator would be responsible for gathering volunteers as needed.

### PBA ENRICHMENT

- **Band Camp Registration Coordinator 2008** (February, May, & August)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Band Camp Registration Coordinator produces the Pioneer Band Camp registration forms in time for 9th grade orientation in March, works with the Director of Bands to establish camp fees, deadlines for students, collects Camp Registration forms & fees from students, coordinates with Director of Bands to produce the camp roster, notifies Varsity Band students of wait list status, keeps track of fees paid and outstanding forms, and works at August Band Registration to check in students.

- **Handbook Editor** (February, March)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Editor works with the Director of Bands to update the book with current and pertinent information for our families, and gets the appropriate number of books printed.

- **Band Picnic Coordinator** (August, September)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Picnic Coordinator rents the space (usually Allmendinger Park), provides flyers for band family food donations, rents picnic supplies (grills, etc.) and gathers volunteers to work the event.

- **Concert & Event Chaperones/Ushers Coordinator** (January, February, March, May)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The coordinator is responsible for gathering volunteers for each event as directed by the Director of Bands.

- **E-Mail Contact/Telephone Calls Coordinator** (As Needed/All Year)

YOUR NAME HERE!

Our E-Mail/Telephone Contact Coordinator is responsible for alerting Pioneer Bands families via our website, email and telephone of any changes in schedule (a rehearsal cancelled for weather or late returning buses, etc.). The coordinator needs experience with e-mail groups and be able to work on fairly short notice.

- **Event Photography/Videography** (All Year)

YOUR NAME HERE!

PBA members are needed for photography and videography of PBA events and Pioneer Bands performances.

- **Event Set Up/Take Down** (January, February, March, May)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Pioneer Bands have LOTS of equipment. Every event requires help with set up and take down, and the coordinator finds volunteers to make this happen at the direction of the Directors of Bands.

- **Marching Band Escort Coordinators** (September, October)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Coordinator gathers volunteers for each marching band performance, and manages the traffic pattern, stop signs & reflective vests required to keep our bands safe!

- **Marching Band Hospitality** (Marching Band food/Huron Band Reception) (September, October):

YOUR NAME HERE!

The coordinator gathers a team of people needed to purchase supplies and distribute refreshments to our kids!

- **Marching Band Hydration Team Coordinator** (September, October)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Hydration Team provides cold water and sometimes a snack to our marching band students. The coordinator works out coolers, ice, and water, and gathers volunteers for each rehearsal.

- **Refreshments and Food Preparation** (As Needed)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The members of this committee are available to the Directors of Bands, the Marching Band Hospitality & Hydration Teams, the Band Festival Concession Committee, and the Picnic Pops Sale committees to provide refreshments for band students and PBA events as needed

- **Senior Class Activities Coordinator** (September, October, March, May)

YOUR NAME HERE!

We need a parent from the Class of 2008. The Senior Class Activities Coordinator gathers senior student information for our Pioneer OMEGA Yearbook Ad, invites seniors and their parents/guardians to Senior Recognition Night at a home football game (usually on the night that Concert & Symphony Band perform together), coordinates a group photo, taken either at Bands In Review or Picnic Pops, and collects senior photos and baby photos from each member of the graduating class for use at the Pioneer Bandquet and for a special end of the year gift.

- **Uniform Team** (All Year)

Uniform Team members prepare forms for registration, assign uniforms to each student based on size, pull, sort and manage care, cleaning and repair of marching and concert uniforms with all the requisite pieces from spats to bow ties for over 375 students, and do it really well.

2007-08 Uniform Team Co-Chairs Shayne Davidson (Adam Fink '08); Mariann Hirakawa (Josh Goldman '08); Corinne Nair (Steve '08)

ASSISTANTS NEEDED for 2008-09: YOUR NAME HERE!!!!

## PBA FUNDING

- **Band Festival** (January, February, March)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Band Festival Concession Committee Coordinator produces flyers for band family food donations, gathers volunteers to work the day, works with pizza vendors, etc. to ensure enough provisions are accessible, and provides the luncheon for the festival adjudicators as well as the refreshments in the Directors' lounge.

- **Band Gala & Auction** (All Year)

Karen & John Field, Co-Chairs (Jessica '08)

- **Band Gala & Auction Solicitations**

YOUR NAME HERE!

- **Band Gala & Auction Advertisers & Sponsors**

YOUR NAME HERE!

- **Band Gala & Auction Ticketing/Reservations**

YOUR NAME HERE!

- **Candy Sale** (September)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Coordinator is responsible for finding volunteers, as well as keeping track of Candy Sale money as it is turned in by students.

- **Picnic Pops Coordinators** (All Year)

The Picnic Pops coordinators are responsible for all Picnic Pops Committees, including food, games, volunteers, sound system, performances, equipment rentals, permits, etc. Committee Chairs are responsible for each aspect of the day. Picnic Pops 2007-08 Co-Chairs: Christine Campbell - Chair (Ella '09); Ilyse Diamond - games (Ilana '09); Janice Doyle - food (Patton '09)

ASSISTANTS NEEDED for 2008-09 YOUR NAME HERE!!!!

- **PTO Thrift Shop Representative** (All Year)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The representative attends district-wide PTO Thrift Shop organizational meetings, imparts data and information as needed to the members of the Pioneer Band Association, and tabulates the hours worked and monies earned by our students at the Thrift Shop.

- **Recordings & CD Distribution** (Usually just February)

YOUR NAME HERE!

The Coordinator is responsible for order forms, money collection, and quantities of cds ordered by families, and works with the Director of Bands to ensure all is done.

## Pioneer Band News on “Really Simple Syndication” (RSS)

Looking for an easy way to stay connected with the Pioneer Bands? Put the power of the internet to work for you and subscribe to our web feed today!

“Really Simple Syndication” (RSS) is an increasingly popular internet service that lets users decide what kind of information they get from the web. “Feeds” are really nothing more than regular updates of changing web content. New browsers like Internet Explorer 7 have made feeds easier to use. Millions of site content providers (including The New York Times, PBS, U of M , and local news stations.) currently offer RSS feeds, and now the Pioneer Band Association is proud to be able to offer them, too.

Maybe you have noticed the new Subscribe link and the rss button under the “News” heading in the right hand side of our web pages. The Subscribe link takes you to a page that explains a bit about this technology and explains different options for using it. This page also gives you options for subscribing, either to a general feed that covers all of our Pioneer Band news, or to more specific feeds by category or band. The rss button takes you right to our general feed subscription page.

For some of you, this new feature of ours is a simple convenience because web feeds and blogging are already part of your daily life. For others it will take a little more work to wrap your head around what seems seem like a new twist on e-mail. For still others, this may seem a bit daunting at first glance if you aren't the type who jumps right in to all the latest high tech features of web browsers and search engines.

Subscribing is easy, it's free, and it lets you call the shots. Subscribe to our any of our RSS feeds and you'll be the first to know whenever new announcements are posted to the website. Use this new feature at your own pace. Maybe we've peaked your curiosity and this will be your first venture into “Really Simple Syndication.” If you are a band parent, there is a good chance your student already knows all about this “feed” stuff and is willing to help you get started.

In the meantime, we'll still be sharing Pioneer Band news in all the other ways you are used to, from printed flyers and newsletters, e-mails, and of course our website at [www.aapioneerbands.org](http://www.aapioneerbands.org). Special thanks to Steve Sullivant for bringing this new feature to our website, along with our scrolling events window and pop-out menu features.

-Daryl Hurst  
Past-President & Webmaster

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### **PTO Thrift Shop**

If you have already worked your four hours at the PTO Thrift Shop toward the Band program, or if you've sent in a check for \$40 (in place of working) to the PBA Treasurer, THANK YOU!! If all Band families do their part, we will earn almost \$10,000 for the Pioneer Band program!

If you haven't had the chance to work yet, there's still time. Band students and/or parents can work. Sign-up is pretty painless: Requests for working in April can be turned in at the Thrift Shop any time between now and Saturday, March 3rd. Simply put your name and phone number, along with the hours you are available to work for each week, on a piece of paper. You then turn it in to the "employee area" at the Thrift Shop.

On March 4th, the manager will draw out the request sheets by lottery and assign hours for April accordingly. Someone from the Thrift Shop will then call you if you have been assigned time slots to work.

Remember, after the first four hours you work, you can earn money to be applied toward Band Camp 2007 tuition! (Since the payout for April won't be until September, the money would come to you in September as reimbursement for money that you will already have paid for Band Camp. Any hours worked before the end of February will be used to offset part of your cost for Band Camp.)

The Thrift Shop is located at 2280 South Industrial Highway. Phone number is 996-9155. Hours are, Monday through Friday, 9am to 7 pm; Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm; Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Check out their web site: [www.A2ptothriftshop.org](http://www.A2ptothriftshop.org)

Thank you,  
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