



FROM THE PODIUM

Spring has finally sprung! As we look forward to the concluding of another spectacular year in the Bands of Pioneer we need take time to congratulate each member of the class of 2007 and thank them for their dedication, and hard work during their careers as Pioneer musicians. Here are a few things to place on your calendar so that you don't miss what could be the chance to see your young musician shine one more time. Saturday May 19th is the Ann Arbor

Public Schools Picnic Pops, on the lawn of Pioneer High School (please hope for super weather). All of the Bands and Orchestras of Pioneer will be performing so come out, spread a blanket and listen to some of finest students musicians in the state play familiar (and some not so familiar) "lighter" musical selections. On Wednesday, May 23rd. in Huron High School's Meyers Auditorium, the Huron, Ypsilanti, and Pioneer Jazz Bands will join forces and raise the roof at the 6th annual (if you can believe it) Jazz Summit! Soon after that Commencement will follow at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center where the Pioneer Symphony Band will be performing. This is a change from years past (usually that year's touring ensemble would be performing, but after careful consideration, both Dr. Marttila and I agreed that it makes much more sense to have the non-touring group, who's schedule is a bit less hectic in the spring perform at commencement) it is not a dramatic change, since in the past the Bands played in every commencement exercise.

During these first few weeks of April I will be placing students, based on their auditions, into next years Symphony, and Concert Bands. In addition we will be reviewing band scholarship applications and start planning for next year. With summer just around the corner it is time to begin to think about Band Camp, the Dates are August 14 – 20, if you have a child in either Symphony or Concert Band you will need to plan your summer accordingly, if you have a child that is in Varsity Band I will let students know who was selected to attend Band Camp, in early June. Applications can be found on our web-site aapioneerbands.org or just ask at any PBA meeting.

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 2nd and Monday May 14th. On Saturday May 19th all Varsity Band students will report at 1 PM and, providing the day is running on schedule, their thirty minute performance will begin at 1:45 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

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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 2007-2008 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

We are extremely proud of these students. Sharing more Good News!_____

As a result of their performance at the STATE Solo and Ensemble Festivals on March 24th, 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 Beshay, Amanda Burnside, Ella Campbell, Meekyoung Lee, Yun Jae Lee,
Christopher Li, Allison Simpson, Sam Swanson, Eric Tinkerhess, Jessica Zhang, Serena Zhao**

The following have been nominated as Outstanding Ensembles:

Flute Duet: **Cory Roberts, Alan Wang**

Flute Duet: **Saunders Hayes, Meekyoung Lee**

Horn Quartet: **Daniel Saulles, Christopher Culbertson, Samantha Gardner, Pat Wakefield**

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

String Trio: **Leah Latterner, Jacob Joyce, Eric Tinkerhess**

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

Jonathan Beshay, Sam Swanson, Dana Wilson

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

Selin Oner, Allison Simpson, Eric Tinkerhess, Jennifer Wei, Jessica Zhang, Serena Zhao

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



NEW BAND UNIFORM PARENTS

Our current uniform parents (Shayne Davidson, Corinne Nair, and Mariann Hirakawa) have seniors graduating in 2008, so the Pioneer Bands need two or three new parents to organize and distribute the band marching and concert uniforms. You will have the chance to "apprentice" next year with the current uniform parents and there will be plenty of support/training for this ABSOLUTELY VITAL role. This is a great opportunity to get to know the wonderful kids in the bands and provide a much needed support to our students and our directors, David Leach and Nancy Waring. Recruit a friend, or make new friends, and come have fun!! If you're interested, have questions or want more information, please contact:

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Your Pioneer Band Association Officers for 2007-08

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'We are very proud of each one of these students. Thought you would like to know!'

David Leach and Nancy Waring, Pioneer Bands

Pioneer Band students received 65 first division and 18 second division ratings in SOLO performance, as well as 51 first division and 7 second division ratings in ENSEMBLE performance at the STATE Solo and Ensemble Festivals held on March 24.

The following Pioneer High School Band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) STATE Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 24. 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.

Sophomores through seniors who performed solos were also eligible to participate in Proficiency Examinations, requiring scales and sight reading, as well as performance on their solo. The symbol (2) after a students 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: **Leo Bayless-Hall, Jonathan Beshay, Jonathan Bower, Anthony Bryk, Amanda Burnside, Ben Campbell, Ella Campbell, Werner Dahm, Ilana Diamond, Christopher Fleming, Eleanor Giles, Adam Graves, Lindsay Hall, Saunders Hayes, Skye Hookham (2), Lauren Houser, Scott Hulbert, Alexander Jaeckel, Andy Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Nathan Karr, Ryan King, Gaurav Kulkarni, Aaron Kurz, Amin Lanseur, Leah Latterner (2), Meekyoung Lee, Yun Jae Lee, David Liu, Preeta Maitra, Miriam Michaels, Mackenzie Miller, Zachary Miller, Deedee Min, Margaret Morgan, Selin Oner, Hyun Soo Park, Duncan Polot, Sarah Rontal, Vijay Sachdev, Arthur Shih, Rachel Simon, Allison Simpson, Lauren Stout, Samuel Swanson, Rachel Teeter, Natalie Ten Brink, Nick Ten Brink, Craig Tillman, Victoria Tillman, Thea Torek, Tim VanRiper, Andrea Walens, Gretchen Wallner, Alan Wang, Xiao Wang, Pearce Washabaugh, Eric Wedemeyer, Dana Wilson, Matthew Winick, Yiqing (Shirley) Xu (2), Jay Yamakado**

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of a SOLO were: **Jonathan Bix, Carolyn Blessing, Joel Burgener, Evie Coves-Datson, Helen DeMarsh, Elizabeth Etter, Jessica Field, Patrick Fleming, Charles Hatch, Tommy Held, Scott Hulbert, Regina Kazanjian, Laura Markey, Kyle Mattimore, David Michaels, Selin Oner, Jeffrey Shipan, Andrew Smith**

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: **Emily Arsen, Annie Azrak, Emily Barnes, Amanda Burnside, Quinn Burrell, Christopher Culbertson, Elizabeth Cvercko, Seth Dawson, Helen DeMarsh, Samantha Gardner, Eleanor Giles, Lindsay Hall, Saunders Hayes, Lauren Houser, Jeff Johnson, Kate Johnson, Kathy Kong, Emily Larson, Leah Latterner, Anna Leavitt, Meekyoung Lee, Helen Li, Emily Maier, Julia Markey, Laura Markey, Emily Martin, Lucy Martin, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Marina Mayne, David Michaels, Miriam Michaels, Mackenzie Miller, Deedee Min, Samu Rast, Cory Roberts, Emily Marie Rodgers, Kate Rogow, Daniel Saulles (2), Nate Slottow, Andrew Smith (2), Christina Smith, Nicolas Snyder, Katy Thompson, Kathy Vogt, Pat Wakefield, Gretchen Wallner, Alan Wang, Dana Wilson, Jay Yamakado**

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: **Elizabeth Etter, Jessica Field, Sachi Gianchandani, Caroline Laman, Jeni Nao, Jennifer Wooley, Yiqing (Shirley) Xu**

BAND CAMP 2007 REGISTRATION

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.

PICNIC POPS is Coming Saturday, May 19th, 2007 - WE NEED YOU!

Marie Lozon and Emily Santer, Picnic Pops Volunteer Co-Chairs for 2007

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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 to work on promotion, food, beverages, setting up the concert area, putting up and taking down tents, etc. If it rains, this event moves indoors, which again takes lots of warm bodies to make it happen.

Great Music! Great Fun! Great Community! Come hear Ann Arbor middle school and high school student bands and orchestras perform. This concert is free and open to the public. Join us, make a day of it! Relax and enjoy traditional picnic food, try games of skill and chance (e.g., the Moon Walk, the popular Cake Walk, etc.) and an assortment of good food! Event is held rain or shine.

When: May 19, 2007

Where: Pioneer High School, Front Lawn - Shine or Auditorium and cafeteria - Rain

Time: Performances begin 10:30am - ending at 6:00pm.

UPDATED performance schedule:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Warm-up</u>	<u>Performance</u>
Huron Symphony Band	9:45 AM	10:30 AM
Tappan Middle School Band	10:30 AM	11:15 AM
Clague Middle School Band	11:15 AM	11:45 AM
Huron Concert Band	11:45 AM	12:15 PM
Pioneer Philharmonia Orchestra	12:15 PM	12:45 PM
Slauson Middle School Band	12:45 PM	1:15 PM
Pioneer Varsity Band	1:15 PM	1:45 PM
Pioneer Chamber Orchestra	1:45 PM	2:15 PM
Forsythe Middle School Band	2:15 PM	2:45 PM
Pioneer Concert Band	2:45 PM	3:15 PM
Pioneer Symphony Orchestra	3:15 PM	3:45 PM
Huron Varsity Band	3:45 PM	4:30 PM
Pioneer Symphony Band	4:30 PM	5:00 PM

BANQUET & AWARDS NIGHT

Banquet & Awards Night - Monday, May 7, 2007, in the Pioneer Cafeteria.

The 2007 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.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with the Awards Program following in Schreiber Auditorium.
The meal will be catered and there's no need to bring anything except you & your family!

**If you haven't made your reservations yet, please call Gail Stout at
(734) 663-7634 or president@aapioneerbands.org**

Our Senior Class of 2007 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!

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 MAY/JUNE/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007

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

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

AUGUST 2007 (DATE/TIME/EVENT/LOCATION/GROUP)

10th Fri 9 am – 3 PM / Band Camp Preparations / B-Wing / ALL
13th Mon 9 am – 3 PM / Band REGISTRATION DAY ALL BAND STUDENTS / B-Wing / ALL BANDS
14th Tue 7 am / Depart for Band Camp / B-Wing / CAMPERS
19th Sun 1:30 PM / Band Camp Sunday @ Interlochen / Interlochen CAMPERS & PBA Band Camp Cmte.
20th Mon 2 PM / Return from Band Camp / B-Wing / CAMPERS
31st Fri NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 2007 (DATE/TIME/EVENT/LOCATION/GROUP)

3rd Mon NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY
4th Tue FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



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From the PTO Thrift Shop:

- You can work at the Thrift Shop this summer! It is open year-round and needs volunteers every month. Remember to turn in your requests for each month by the first Saturday of the previous month (e.g. by May 5th for June, etc). If you are not sure how to turn in your requests, call the Thrift Shop at 996-9155.
- You can start earning credits toward either Band Camp 2008 or the Concert Band and Symphony Band trips for the 2007-2008 school year. Just sign in on a sheet marked *Pioneer Band Camp 2008* or *Pioneer Band trip 2008*. Remember that the first 4 hours worked will go toward the general Band program, and there is also a sign-sheet for that.
- If you missed being on the schedule for a certain month, you can always call and ask if there are openings/cancellations. That would be a good way to get your 4 hours in for the Band program.
- Any hours worked from now until August 31st will be "paid out" the beginning of September. If you are working toward Band Camp 2007, you will have already paid for Band Camp by that time. However, you will be reimbursed whatever money you earn, up to the amount you have paid in for Band Camp.
- The PTO Thrift Shop is located at 2280 South Industrial Highway. Check out their web site: **www.A2ptothriftshop.org** for hours and other information.

Thank you, and have a great summer!

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