

# Pioneer Band Association

# NOTES

**Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence**

**Buy your tickets NOW!**

**Pioneer Bands Gala & Auction**

**Sunday, February 11, 2007**

**Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor**



Live Entertainment by the Pioneer Bands Awarding-Winning Ensembles, Gourmet Buffet with **Live & Silent Auctions by Steve Gross, Premier Auctions.** \$25 Admits One. **TICKETS ON SALE IN THE LOBBY AT WINTER CONCERT or call (734) 769-1060 or email klfield14@aol.com by February 4, 2007. Auction items may be purchased by cash, check, MasterCard, or VISA.**

**\* Must be 21 years or older to be admitted. \***

**Bands in Review, Saturday, March 24/Sunday, March 25**

**East Side: Saturday, March 24, 7:00 pm**

**West Side: Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm**

Pioneer's Schreiber Auditorium hosts a showcase of AAPS bands from our middle and high schools in two performances as our students demonstrate their skills with the discipline, concentration, and perserverance that the learn as members of their public school bands. These wonderful concerts are an opportunity for the community to see and hear the results of the comprehensive education our sutdents have received in the Ann Arbor Public Schools Instrumental Music Program.

**Jazz Band Performs at UM Jazz Festival, February 10th**

The Univeristy of Michigan Jazz Festival returns to Ann Arbor on Saturday, February 10. Pioneer, along with other Regional and collegiate big bands, will perform for adjudicators throughout the day and participate in clinics and master-classes with the students and faculty of the University of Michigan Jazz Studies Program. It has become festival tradition to, in the spirit of Black History Month, honor a different African-American jazz master each year, and the state of Michigan will officially declare the 10th "Day".

**Auditions for 2007-08 Bands: for current Pioneer Band Students**

Band auditions for current Pioneer Bands students will occur beginning the week of March 6th to determine placement in the Pioneer Band ensembles for the 2007-08 school year. The music for these auditions is available from Mr. Leach & Ms. Waring. Sign Up sheets will be posted in the Band Room.

**Winter Concert  
February 1, 2007  
Mini-Issue**

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## District XII Band Festival Saturday, March 10, 2007

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Once again the Pioneer Bands and the PBA will host the District XII Band Festival at Pioneer High School. This Festival will feature performances from bands across southeast Michigan, including our own Symphony & Concert Bands. PARENTS ARE NEEDED for approximately two hour shifts to run the concession stand in the cafeteria, selling pizza (which we purchase) and pop, water, snacks, and baked goods donated by Concert & Symphony Band families. Please, give a part of your day to help provide food for hungry band students and earn a bit for the PBA. Details about food donations will be sent home with band students!

We need coolers for the day also, as well as two parents to supervise and set up the judges luncheon. Please phone Karen Krass (214-9042) or email her at [secretary@aapioneerbands.org](mailto:secretary@aapioneerbands.org). Remember - Varsity Band students and parents are welcome to volunteer. We also work very hard to schedule so that all parents can see their student's band performance - it is amazing to see the sight reading performance right after the concert portion!

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## Incoming 9th Grade Band Family Orientation, March 25 Everything You Need to Know about the Pioneer Bands!

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In an effort to make sure our incoming Pioneer Band families are well informed, we have scheduled a short orientation program and question & answer 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 pm and we can start at 4:30 pm, finishing between 5:00 and 5:30 pm. The Pioneer band directors, students from all Pioneer ensembles, and current band parents will be available for questions. Pioneer Bands Registration Information for 2006-07 will be available for distribution at the meeting.

## PBA Scholarship Applications Available NOW

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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 30, 2007
- Applications for Band Camp Scholarships are due on or before May 30, 2007
- Applications for General Assistance Scholarships should be submitted in a timely manner to allow for review by the Scholarship Committee.

## Pioneer Band Association Meetings

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The Pioneer Band Association meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Pioneer Band Association meetings are a great way to meet fellow parents, the officers & the directors, find out more about upcoming events and participate in the official business of the Association. PBA Meetings are the best way to learn of schedule changes that your student may forget to mention, so please plan to attend. Our meetings are held from **7:30 to 8:30 pm** in the Pioneer Band Room (B126).

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**FEBRUARY MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:30 PM  
MARCH MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 7:30 PM  
ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7:30 PM**

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