

# Pioneer Band Association

Building a Foundation for Musical Excellence

# NOTES



**Buy your tickets NOW!**  
**Pioneer Bands Gala & Auction**  
Sunday, February 10, 2008, 5:30-9:00 pm  
Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Ann Arbor

This exciting event includes live entertainment and an appetizer buffet, **Large Silent Auction, and Live Auction by Christopher Aslanian of Christopher's Auctions.** Our emcee for the evening is Jayne Bower of WWJ Newsradio 950. \$30 Admits One. **TICKETS ON SALE IN THE LOBBY AT WINTER CONCERT or call (734) 769-1060 or email klfield14@aol.com by February 6, 2008.** 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 29/Sunday, March 30**

**West Side: Saturday, March 29, 7:00 pm**

**East Side: Sunday, March 30, 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 perseverance that they 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 students have received in the Ann Arbor Public Schools Instrumental Music Program.

## **Auditions for 2008-09 Bands: for current Pioneer Band Students**

Band auditions for current Pioneer Bands students will occur beginning the week of March 3rd to determine placement in the Pioneer Band ensembles for the 2008-09 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 7, 2008 Mini-Issue**

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## District XII Band Festival Saturday, March 8, 2008

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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 make this event successful. We sell pizza (which we purchase) and pop, water, snacks, and baked goods donated by Concert & Symphony Band families. These items will be ASSIGNED by instrumental sections, and details about food donations will be sent home with band students a week before the festival. Please remember - Varsity Band students and parents are welcome to volunteer. We will schedule volunteering parents so that they may attend their student's band performance. It is absolutely amazing to see the sight reading performance right after the concert portion!

Please check the band website; BAND STUDENTS & PARENTS -> Volunteer Opportunities -> Band Festival Concessions, to learn more details about this volunteer opportunity. We can make this fundraiser successful. Thank you very much in advance for your consideration and help!

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## Incoming 9th Grade Band Family Orientation, March 30 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 30 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 2007-08 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 28, 2008
- Applications for Band Camp Scholarships are due on or before May 29, 2008
- Applications for General Assistance Scholarships should be submitted in a timely manner to allow for review by the Scholarship Committee. This scholarship is for Pioneer Band Tours & other Pioneer Band sponsored activities.

## 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 12, 7:30 PM**  
**MARCH MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 PM**  
**MANDATORY NY TOUR MEETING, MARCH 31, 7:00 PM**  
**ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS, TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 PM**

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