

Pioneer Band Association

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FROM THE PODIUM

Where to begin? From the beginning of January it seems to have been a blur of activity in the Bands of Pioneer. We started with the Winter Jazz Band concert and blew the roof off of the Little Theatre. To my surprise, we had the largest audience ever for this concert. From the stage we looked about 2/3 full! Thanks to all who attended, hopefully you had as much fun as we did on stage! Immediately following exam week, we had the Winter Recital/Concert. The small ensembles were exceptional and proudly represent the best of what student musicians can do together. The Jazz Band kicked off the large bands portion of the concert with a Bang; I have heard from many of you that it might have been your favorite part of the concert (way to go Jazz Band members!). The progression of each Band that followed is what is so special about the Bands of Pioneer. The Varsity Band, the foundation of the Pioneer Bands, played with pride and strength. The Concert Band was musically sensitive, technically precise and a joy to listen to. The Symphony Band's performance reminded everyone why the Bands of Pioneer are held in such high esteem throughout this state and country. Our second selection, "Lincolnshire Posy" by Percy Aldridge Grainger is on the performance schedule of every major university with a wind program in their music department around the world. I hope you enjoyed our interpretation of this wind band classic!



Sunday, February 7th, was the Pioneer Band Association's annual fundraiser extravaganza GALA. A new location helped make it one of our most enjoyable. The Cavern Club, was in a word,... PERFECT!!! Such a great ambience, so many supportive and great friends, old and new faces. A very special thanks and congratulations to Co-Chairs Ann Curtis and Janene Centurione for all your hard work, patience, guidance and vision. You gals ARE THE GREATEST!!!! And, to all who attended, thank-you! Your support is invaluable to the success of the PBA and the Bands of Pioneer.

Now to the future! The first weekend of March is the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District XII Band & Orchestra festival held at Pioneer. Both Concert and Symphony Bands perform at this event for a rating. Sight-reading is perhaps the most rigorous and enjoyable part. Please join your child in the Pioneer Band room (B-126) immediately following our concert performance. Witnessing what our students can do will take your breath away. Auditions for next year are the following week for Pioneer students and the week after that for incoming 9th graders AAPS. Students not attending AAPS middle schools who wish to attend Pioneer can contact Mr. Leach to schedule an audition.

Saturday March 20, and Sunday the 21st, is the Ann Arbor Bands annual Bands In Review concert (again here at Pioneer) and March 31st (or April 1st, depending on the flight) the Pioneer Symphony Band leaves for China!!!

All the best,
David A. Leach Director of Bands





FROM THE PODIUM

I hope that you were able to attend our Winter Concert. I am VERY proud of each of the members of our Varsity Band. They played so beautifully! All of the skills that we worked on since their first day of concert preparation came into play. They watched carefully and listened to the ensemble balance and put forth a tremendous team effort with very successful results!

We are now preparing for the Bands In Review concert which will be on Saturday March 20th at 7 PM. Please note that we will have required evening rehearsals from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday March 3rd and Wednesday March 17th. We are also currently working on pieces for the May 22nd Picnic Pops performance. We think that you will enjoy our selections.

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 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

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supplied water and goodies for the Music and Munchies program on Feb. 13th. An even bigger THANK YOU to the students who supplied the music that day!

The Pioneer Band will be featured in the Thrift Shop's "Show Your Support" program Feb. 28th-Mar. 13th. Every shopper who purchases \$5 or more in merchandise will be given a token to vote for the school group of their choice. The group with the most tokens at the end of the 2 weeks will earn \$500, the second \$350, and the third \$250.

Please remember to continue donating your gently used items to the shop. They provide free pick up of furniture. Don't forget to stop in and shop, You'd be amazed at what you can find-the other day there was a marching lyre for sale!

PTO Thrift Shop 2280 S. Industrial
Hours: Mon-Fri 9a-7p Sat. 9a-6p Sun 11a-5p, 996-9155
Questions? Email Mary Topham at marytopham@comcast.net



Greetings Flappers and Bootleggers!

We've tallied all the numbers, and thanks to your generous support we made over \$15,000 at the "Bump Note Speakeasy"!!!

The Gala & Silent Auction is a huge, collaborative effort of many parents, families, friends, and our merchant donors. Know that your participation and dollars donated makes possible activities like music lesson scholarships, band camp, districts, and other key ingredients in our students' musical education.

Thank you again,
Ann and Janene
Gala & Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Check out the fun photos of the evening taken by "paparazzi" Nair Matsuo at <http://picasaweb.google.com/nairmatsuo/2010PioneerBandGalaSilentAuction?feat=email#>

PBA Notes have 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. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE YOUR MAIL SUBSCRIPTION please contact:
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Pioneer Band students received 111 first division and 23 second division ratings in SOLO competition, as well as 119 first division and 18 second division ratings in ENSEMBLE competition on January 16 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 January 16. 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: Shreya Bahl, Aaron Baum, Alex Baum, Joella Bennett, Jeff Bertram, Rachel Bielajew, Jonathan Bower, James Boyd, James Campbell, Kate Centurione, William Chen, Jae Hyun Choe (2), D'Arcy Cook, Katie Copp, Rennie Cotner, Alayna Coverly, Elizabeth Cvercko, Ruby Emberling, Jonathan Evans, Jesse Fernandez, Kerryann Fingerle, Kevin Flannagan, Prasanth Ganesan, Corey Garff, Charlie Geronimus, Sachi Gianchandani, Nya Greenstone, Christopher Haddlesey, Christopher Hass, Saunders Hayes, Andrew Hess, Clare Higgins, Leila Hofer, Skye Huerta, Max Hully, Vijay Ilankamban, Andy Johnson, Kiley Judge, Jae Jung, Kayoon Jung, Jared Kaufman, Ryan King, Sara King, Caroline Laman, Christopher Landau, Amin Lansieur, Dylan Larkins (2), Leah Latterner (2), Tyler Leach, Edward Lee, Meekyoung Lee, Moritz Lehner, Levy Li, Siyan (Daniel) Li, Samuel Lichtman-Mikol, Hyeon Su Lim, Yuming Liu, Sara Long, Natalie Martin, Karen Matsuo, Megumi Matsushita, Kyle Mattimore, Hannah Maxbauer, Anna Mayne, Jack McKarns, Jordan McKay, Miriam Michaels, Luke Mykolenko, Sowdeepya Nadimpalli, Emily Northrop, Junghyun Kayla Oh, Henry Pakela, Julia Pakela, Konstantinos Papaefthymiou, Neil Parikh, George Perrett, Duncan Polot, Linda Relson, Carly Renner, Tim Rittinger, Molly Rogow, Natalie Roll, Nicholas Rombes, Sarah Rontal, Michael Saunders, Laura Schickling, Rebecca Shipan, Daniel Siler, Ken Simon, Antonia Smith, Gina Son, Mario Sulaksana, Michael Sullivant, Jacob Swanson, Nick Terrell, Victoria Tillman, Peter Wang, Xiao Wang, Devin Webster, Hope Wilson, Thea Yagerlener, Eric Yamakado, Jay Yamakado, Tina Yu (2), Ryan Yunck, Kevin Zhang, Alan Zhou

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of a SOLO were: Alexa Arvidson, Alex Bartko, Riley Bean, Caitlin Berrigan, Samuel Blackburn, James Boyd, Joel Burgener, Iris Chen, Amelia Diehl, Christine Etter, Skye Huerta, Grace Iverson, Kyle Kantebet, Olivia Lee, Sowdeepya Nadimpalli, Jennifer Nao, Patricia Nease, Veronika Olszewski, David Shao (2), Andrew Siddall, Hunter St. Pierre, Emily Topham

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: Shreya Bahl, Riley Bean, Joella Bennett, Rachel Bielajew, Jonathan Bower (2), James Boyd, Joel Burgener, Elizabeth Bush, James Campbell (2), Takeo Cauley (2), Iris Chen, Heewon Choi, Hyewon Choi, D'Arcy Cook, Rennie Cotner, Rosie Curtis, Liz Cvercko (2), Nick DeMarsh, Meera Desai (2), Jonathan Evans, Jack Fan, Kerryann Fingerle, Monica Fink, Corey Garff, Charlie Geronimus, Sachi Gianchandani, Meaghan Glanville, Celisa Gutierrez, Christopher Hass, Andrew Hess, Leila Hofer, Conor Howe, Max Hully, Esther Hur, Vijay Ilankamban, Andy Johnson, Kiley Judge, Jae Jung, Nathan Karr, Jared Kaufman, Ryan King (2), Sara King, Tanay Kulkarni, Megan Kymal, Caroline Laman, Christopher Landau, Amin Lansieur, Reina Larkin, Dylan Larkins, Leah Latterner, Tasha Le, Edward Lee, Harry Lee, Meekyoung Lee, Aidan Mase-Kemnitz, Karen Matsuo, Megumi Matsushita (2), Abbey Maxbauer, Anna Mayne, Jack McKarns, Isabel McKay, Jordan McKay, Miriam Michaels (2), Alex Mitropoulos-Rundus, Sowdeepya Nadimpalli, Jeni Nao, Emily Northrop, Alyssa Natoci, Jeongah Oh, Junghyun Kayla Oh, Veronika Olszewski, EunSoo Park, Bo Peng, Stefan Petrmichl, Timothy Rittinger, Natalie Roll, Niko Rombes (2), Sarah Rontal, Michael Saunders, Kaylee Schonscheck, David Shapiro, Michael Shin, Jeff Shipan, Rebecca Shipan, Ken Simon, Antonia Smith, Gina Son, Jacob Swanson (2), Nick Terrell, Victoria Tillman (2), Emily Topham (2), Peter Wang, Xiao Wang (2), Devin Webster (2), Hope Wilson, Eric Yamakado, Jay Yamakado (3), Angela Yang, Ted Xiao, Tina Yu, Annie Zhang (2), Megan Zheng

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were: Ben Bielajew, Andrew Choe, Katie Copp, Sam Deschamps, Ruby Emberling, Jonathan Evans, Grace Iverson, Younkyoung Lee, Rebecca Lennington, MacKenzie Miller, Amanda Osinski, Duncan Polot, Laura Schickling, Josh Sherick, Jeff Shipan, Thea Yagerlener, Ryan Yunck, Eric Zimmer

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

David Leach and Nancy Waring, Pioneer Bands



Robert Albritton Endowment Fund

Director (1982-2002)



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 2000 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 needed!

Student applications for the Robert Albritton Scholarship Award are due on or before April 17, 2010.

Incoming 9th Grade Band Family Orientation Sunday, March 21

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 21 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. 2010-11 Pioneer Bands Registration Information for our Incoming Class of 2014 students and Band Camp Registration Information will be available.

Annual Pioneer Band Banquet & Awards Night May 3, 2009, 6:30 pm

Don't forget to mark your calendar and hold Monday, May 3th at 6:30 open for our Annual Pioneer Band Banquet & Awards Night. It will be an amazing evening!

Band Camp Registration Information Band Camp Dates: August 17 to 23, 2010

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. 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 10th - 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.

2010 PIONEER BANDS CALENDAR

BE AWARE THAT CHANGES WILL PROBABLY OCCUR.

DATE CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER.

SB= SYMPHONY BAND CB= CONCERT BAND VB= VARSITY BAND JB= JAZZ BAND PBA= PIONEER BAND ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2010

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
1 Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
1 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
2 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
3 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
6 Sat	ALL DAY	District XII HS Band Orchestra Festival	SCHREIBER	SB/CB PBA Festival Team
9 Tue	7:30 pm	Mandatory TOUR Meeting	B-126	All Participants & Parents
15 Mar	7pm	Michigan Youth Ensembles	Hill	All MYE Participants
15 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
16 Tues	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
17 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
20 Sat	7 pm	BANDS IN REVIEW WEST SIDE	SCHREIBER	SB / CB / VB PBA Chaperones
21 Sun	3 pm	BANDS IN REVIEW EAST SIDE	SCHREIBER	SB
21 Sun	4:30 pm	INCOMING 9TH GRADE ORIENTATION for current 8th grade band families in Pioneer attendance area	SCHREIBER	PBA Officers PBA 9th Grade Team Band Students
23 Tue	ALL DAY	BIR Ticket Money Due	B-126	ALL BANDS
24 Wed		Early Release Day for Secondary		
25 Thu	7:30 pm	CONCERTO CONCERT Symphony Orchestra & Soloists	SCHREIBER	Orchestra Winds & Concerto Soloists
27 SAT	ALL DAY	STATE S&E FESTIVAL	CHELSEA HS	ALL PARTICIPANTS

APRIL 2010

1 Thu	ALL DAY	SB/JB Tour Begins Pioneer		ALL SB/JB PARTICIPANTS, Chaperones and Guests
2 Fri		GOOD FRIDAY		
4 Sun		EASTER		
10 Sat		SB/JB return from Tour		
12 Mon		SCHOOL RESUMES		
20 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	PBA Annual Meeting & Elections	B-126	ALL BAND PARENTS
28 Wed		Early Release for High Schools		
28 Wed	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB

MAY 2010

3 Mon	6:30 pm	BANDQUET & AWARDS NIGHT Pioneer Café	SCHREIBER	ALL BAND FAMILIES
10 Mon	ALL DAY	DEADLINE Band Camp Registration Forms & Fees Due	B-126	ALL PARTICIPANTS
10 Mon	6:30 pm	Orchestra Banquet	Pioneer Café	Orchestra Winds
12 Wed		Early Release for High Schools		
13 Thu – 15 Sat		Michigan Youth Arts Festival	WMU	ALL PARTICIPANTS
15	ALL DAY	Concert Band to Cedar Point	Pioneer	ALL CB PARTICIPANTS Chaperones
17 Mon	6-8 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	VB
18 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal B-126 CB		
19 Wed	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal B-126 SB		
22 SAT	ALL DAY	PICNIC POPS CONCERTS	FRONT LAWN	ALL BANDS PBA Volunteers
24 Mon	3:30-5:30 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	JB
25 Tue	7:30 PM	JAZZ SUMMIT CONCERT		
		Pioneer, Huron, & Ypsilanti Jazz Bands	HURON MEYER AUDITORIUM	JB
31 Mon		NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day		

DISTRICT XII BAND FESTIVAL on Saturday, March 6, 2010

The Pioneer Bands and PBA will host the District XII Band Festival at Pioneer High School at Schreiber Auditorium on Saturday, March 6, 2010, from 8am to 5pm. This Festival features performances from bands and orchestras across southeast Michigan, including our own Concert and Symphony Bands. PBA volunteer parents help set up/clean up the concession at the cafeteria, and serve breakfast and lunch to the judges and directors.

We are looking for parents interested in taking our places for next year
because our students are 2010 graduates.

For more information, please contact Nair Matsuo (nairmatsuo@sbcglobal.net),
Uyen Tonnule (uyen.tonnule@gmail.com) or Nina Yamakado (nina.yamakado@comcast.net)
Committee Member: Amy Olszewski



Volunteer Coordinator needed for Picnic Pops!

Picnic Pops – the festive outdoor May concert and festival featuring all the bands across the school district – is dependent upon dozens of parent volunteers. The event chairperson and other organizers are very much in need of an energetic, communicative, spread-sheet savvy parent to recruit and organize volunteers. With a relatively small investment of your time, you can make a huge contribution to this event. If you are willing to help, please contact David Baum at dbaum@umich.edu or 734-662-9095.



Erica Hobbs
from AnnArbor.com

Construction scheduled for West Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor starting in March

The City of Ann Arbor says the work will take place between Suffolk Avenue and Hutchins Avenue - approximately between Pauline and Seventh streets - and will continue until November.

The project will include:

- *Completely reconstructing the street.
- *Reducing from four to three lanes between Suffolk and Franklin streets, with on-street bike lanes on both sides.
- *New, large capacity storm sewer pipes to provide detention and improved water quality downstream.
- *Removing and replacing existing street trees.
- *A new water main to replace the existing water distribution pipes.
- *New sidewalk ramps and LED energy-efficient street lights.

Detour Route

One lane of westbound traffic will be maintained through the construction zone.

Eastbound traffic will be detoured west on Pauline Boulevard, south on Maple Road, east on Scio Church Road then north on Main Street.

More Information

The city had hosted an informational open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd. in Ann Arbor. There was a short presentation at 7:15 p.m. about the project, followed by a question and answer session with the project team.

2009-2010 Pioneer Band Apparel Order Form



Show the world how proud you are to be associated with the **Pioneer Bands!!** Band-themed apparel makes a terrific holiday gift, and fits comfortably on almost any budget. You can pay by cash, check or credit card (please include the attached **Payment Form** with your order.) Item images are available on our PBA website at : http://aapioneerbands.org/?page_id=348

Student Name _____ Band _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email _____

Item	Size	Color	Price	Qty	Due
SILK-SCREENED ITEMS:					
Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirts	S M L XL	White with Purple Writing Black with White Writing Black with Purple Writing Purple with White Writing Purple Camouflage\White Writing	\$10		
Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt	S M L XL	Tie Dye	\$12		
Ladies' Short Sleeve T-Shirts	S M L	Violet with Black Writing Black with Purple Writing White with Purple Writing	\$10		
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	S M L XL	Black with White Writing	\$12		
Hooded Sweat Shirts	S M L XL	Black with White Writing Black with Purple Writing Purple with White Writing	\$25		
Boxers	S M L XL	Black Shorts	\$15		
	S M L XL	Black Pants	\$22		
	S M L XL XXL	Plaid Shorts	\$12		
	S M L XL XXL	Plaid Pants	\$18		
EMBROIDERED ITEMS:					
Men's Polo Shirts	S M L XL	Purple with Embroidery White with Embroidery Black with Embroidery	\$22		
Women's Polo Shirts	S M L	White with Embroidery Black with Embroidery	\$22		
Zippered Hoodie Sweat Shirts	S M L XL	Black with Embroidery Grey with Embroidery	\$25		
Quarter Zipped Fleece Jacket	S M L XL	Black with Embroidery	\$35		
Pullover Windbreaker	S M L XL	Black with Embroidery	\$30		
OTHER ITEMS:					
Beanie Hats (NEW!)	One size	Purple or Black	\$11		
Flip Flops	S M L		\$5		
Black Tote Bags			\$8		
**Please circle your choices, complete and total your order.			TOTAL =		

Payment Form

Pioneer Band Association

This form may be used for all band program fees, activities, fundraising and donations.

Make checks payable to *Pioneer Band Association*.

I am submitting a payment with this form.

Student Name _____

Telephone _____

Payment for _____

Amount \$ _____ Cash Check Debit/Credit Card



Debit/Credit Card # _____

Expiration: month _____ year _____

Security Code (3 or 4 digits on back of card) _____

Signature _____

I am requesting to be invoiced via U.S. Mail for program fees, activities, and donations designated by me.

Parent Name _____

Address _____

I am requesting to be invoiced via e-mail for program fees, activities, and donations designated by me.

E-mail address _____

I am providing the PBA Bookkeeper my debit/credit card information listed above to keep on file to pay for program fees, activities, and donations as authorized by me. Initials _____

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Check out more fun photos of the Gala evening taken by "paparazzi" Nair Matsuo at <http://picasaweb.google.com/nairmatsuo2010PioneerBandGalaSilentAuction?feat=email#>

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