



FROM THE PODIUM



From the beginning of January through the end of March the bands of Pioneer are in a flurry of activity. We began this part of our year with the annual *winter Jazz Band concert*. Outside of a little microphone glitch, the concert was superb and to our surprise we had the largest audience ever for this concert (I know I have said this before, but it was true). From the stage we looked about almost 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 represented the best of what our student musicians do on a daily basis. Then the Jazz Band kicked off the

large bands portion of the concert with excitement and energy (way to go Jazz Band). The progression of each band that followed contributes to why the Bands of Pioneer is so wonderful. The Varsity Band, the foundation of the Pioneer Bands, played with pride and dignity (congratulations Ms. Waring and members of the Varsity Band). The Concert Band was musically sensitive, technically precise and a joy to be with (particularly the variations on the Korean folksong *Arirang* was a crowd favorite). The Symphony Band's performance reminded everyone why the Bands of Pioneer are held in such high esteem throughout this state and country. They opened our performance with a dedication to Mr. White's return, playing Samuel Barber's "*Commando March*" like professionals. Many schools in the country consider this piece as their most challenging selection. Symphony Band concluded with a sensational rendition of Nelson's "*Sonoran Desert Holiday*". I am extremely proud of you all.

Sunday, February 13th was the Pioneer Band Association's annual fundraiser *extravaganza GALA*. A newest location helped make it one of our most enjoyable. Asia City was in a word...

WONDERFUL!!! Such great ambience, so many supportive and great friends, old and new faces. A very special thanks and congratulations to GALA-Chair, Lisa McKarns, all of your hard work, patience, guidance and vision paid off! You ARE THE GREATEST!!!! To our guest, family and friends we say thank you, your support is invaluable to the success of PBA and the Bands of Pioneer. Let's all hope we can bid adieu to the candy sale!

Now, on to the future! The second 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 week after the festival for Pioneer students. After the Pioneer students auditions I will visit both Tappan and Slauson to hold incoming 9th grader auditions. Students not attending these two AAPS middle schools who wish to attend Pioneer should contact Mr. Leach to schedule an audition.

Saturday March 26th, and Sunday the 27th, is the *Ann Arbor Public School Bands annual Bands In Review concert* (here at Pioneer) be sure to ask your student about their tickets as this is a ticketed event!

David A. Leach Director of Bands

March/April 2011 Issue

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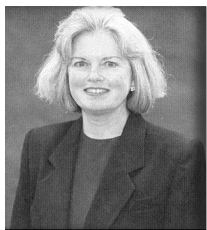
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I hope that you were able to attend our Winter Concert. I am VERY proud of each of the members of our Varsity Band. They played so beautifully! All of the skills that we worked on since their first day of concert preparation came into play. They watched 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 Sunday March 27th at 3 PM. Please note that we will have a required evening rehearsal from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday March 23rd. We are also currently working on pieces for the May 21st 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.

A reminder, 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



2011 District XII Band Festival - Saturday, March 12, 2011

Dear PBA Parents,

Pioneer High School Bands are proud to be the host of the *District Band Festival* and we need YOU to make this a success. We have over 70 volunteer positions to be filled. There are spaces for everyone to be part of the event, whether you like to help at concessions, donate soup for the judges or loan us items to use. Shifts at the school are typically 2 hours, but there are even spots to help if you are going to be unavailable that day!

Below is a link to a Google spreadsheet.

There are SIX tabs at the bottom of the sheet.

- 1) Choose the tab that matches your interest.
- 2) Look to the right side - the Concert Band and Symphony Band schedule is there so that you do not volunteer when your child is playing.
- 3) Fill in your name and email address.
- 4) Click, save and you are done!

To volunteer copy and paste this link into your browser

:
<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AIUwMtuBhFs6dHJTWFFoQ3ZsVGh3R0VvRXNmQUFVWUE&hl=en&authkey=CL6o07wG>

We will send you a job reminder prior to the event!

Chinese New Year

PIONEER BAND GALA & AUCTION
February 13, 2011 Asia City Restaurant 5 pm



THANK YOU to all the wonderful Donors, Sponsors, Volunteers, Musicians and Bidders who helped make the Seventh Annual Band Gala & Auction a smashing success! This year we raised over \$20,000 during a week of online bidding and at our Chinese New Year Celebration. The evening started out with the silent auction, music by the Pioneer Jazz Combo and a delicious buffet dinner. We were then entertained by a Lion Dance and Live Auction. The Pioneer Jazz Ensemble closed out the show. A fun evening was had by all in attendance. Photos from the Gala are available by clicking the link at the bottom of our home page.

Over 175 generous merchants have made donations to support the students of the Pioneer Bands. Please be sure to thank these merchants for supporting the Pioneer Band Program when you patronize their businesses.

If you were not able to attend the Gala or didn't "win" any bids, you may still make a tax deductible donation to support the students of the Pioneer Bands at www.aapioneerbands.org/wp-content/gala_donor_form.htm

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Solo Ensemble Competition Results

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

David Leach and Nancy Waring, Pioneer Bands

January 15th 2010 at Livonia Franklin High School, Pioneer Band students received 102 first division and 22 second division ratings in **SOLO** competition, as well as 115 first division and 22 second division ratings in **ENSEMBLE** competition. Students throughout Michigan 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 15. 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 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: Maddie Allen, Shreya Bahl, Halley Bass, Aaron Baum, Joella Bennett, Caitlin Berrigan, Ben Bielajew, James Boyd (2), Michael Buiteweg, Galen Burrell, James Campbell, Takeo Cauley, Katie Centurione, Iris Chen, Han Qiu Cheng, Andrew Choe, Hyewon Choi, D'Arcy Cook, Alex Copp, Katie Copp, Rennie Cotner, Amelia Diehl, Peter Doyle, Eric Dutton, Jonathan Evans, John Fan, Rebecca Fisher, Kevin Flannagan, Nina Freter, Charlie Geronimus, Celisa Gutierrez, Christopher Haddlesey, Christopher Hass (2), Andrew Hess, Clare Higgins, Leila Hofer, Conor Howe, Skye Huerta, Max Hully, Taylor Johnson, Jae Jung, Kayoon Jung, Aina Kelsaw-Fletcher, Simmon Kim, Anna Latterner, Tyler Leach, Olivia Lee, Siyan (Daniel) Li, Emily Liu, Yuming Liu, Sara Long, Wei Luo, Hannah Lynn, Zach Marentay, Andrea Martin, Natalie Martin, Anna Mayne, Jack McKarns, Isabel McKay, Jordan McKay, Sowdeepya Nadimpalli, Alyssa Natoci, Daniel Olson, Veronika Olszewski, Henry Pakela, Julia Pakela, Audrey Park, EunSoo Park, Evan Park, Sara Park, Abraham Paternoster, Bo Peng, Elliot Polot, Norah Rast, Linda Relson, Carly Renner, Natalie Roll, David Shao, Michael Shapiro, Josh Sherick, Michael Shin, Rebecca Shipan, Ken Simon (2), Antonia Smith, Gina Son, Austin Stout, Jacob Swanson, Kevin Tian (2), Nick Terrell, Charles Wang, William Wang, Hope Wilson, Enze Xing, Thea Yagerlener, Eric Yamakado, Tina Yu, Kevin Zhang, Megan Zheng

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of a **SOLO** were: Shreya Bahl, Rachel Bielajew, Sam Blackburn, Dean Brigham, Heewon Choi, Ruby Emberling, Christine Etter, Jesse Fernandez, Kristal Frazzini, Alex Ginsburg, Kiley Judge, Jared Kaufman, Sara King, Moritz Lehner, Nicholas Lemerand, Hannah Lynn, Patricia Nease, Oksana Palczynski, Michael Saunders, Andrew Siddall, Ryan Teeter, Nick Verhun

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an **ENSEMBLE** were:

Alex Baum, Riley Bean, Joella Bennett (2), Caitlin Berrigan (2), Ben Bielajew (2), Galen Burrell, James Campbell (2), Takeo Cauley, Katie Centurione, William Chen, Elizabeth Choi, Eddie Codrington, D'Arcy Cook, Katie Copp, Rennie Cotner, Alayna Coverly (2), Rosie Curtis, Nick DeMarsh, Meera Desai (2), Peter Doyle, Ruby Emberling, Jonathan Evans (2), Jack Fan, John Fan, Monica Fink, Kevin Flannagan (2), Alex Ginsberg (2), Meaghan Glanville, Andrew Hess, Clare Higgins, Leila Hofer (2), Conor Howe, Vijay Ilankamban, Kevin Jiang, Kiley Judge, Jae Jung, Kayoon Jung, Konstantin Kecman, Hyeyoung Kim, Simmon Kim, Yeong Hyeon Koh, Meghan Kymal, Christopher

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "I" (Excellent) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE (con't)

Landau, Anna Latterner, Edward Lee, Harry Lee, Jesse Lemons, Levy Li, Sam Lichtman-Mikol, Emily Liu, Wei Luo, Hannah Lynn, Zach Marentay (2), Andrea Martin, Natalie Martin, Anna Mayne (2), Manasseh McClair, Isabel McKay, Jordan McKay, Luke Mykolenko, Veronika Olszewski, Julia Pakela, Sara Park, Terralyn Parks, Elliot Polot, Norah Rast, Linda Relson, Tim Rittinger, Natalie Roll, Michael Saunders, Laura Schickling, Kaylee Schonsheck, David Shao, Michael Shapiro, Josh Sherick, Dana Shin (2), Rebecca Shipan, Ken Simon, Hunter St. Pierre, Gina Son (2), Mario Sulaksana, Jacob Swanson, Maria Ten Brink, Nick Terrell, Stephanie Terrell, Jordan Vale, Peter Wang, William Wang, Hope Wilson (2), Ted Xiao, Thea Yagerlener, Eric Yamakado, Angela Yang (2), Tina Yu, Annie Zhang, Kevin Zhang (2), Alan Zhou, Eric Zimmer

Pioneer High School Band students receiving a "II" (Good) rating for their performance of an ENSEMBLE were:

Alex Bartko, Hangil Choi (2), Samantha Freshley, Anna Hayman, Guanlun He, Haley Jakabcsin, Tela Kabisch, Kyle Kantebet, Aina Kelsaw-Fletcher, Ruohao Li, Nathan Morningstar, Oksana Palczynski, Niket Parikh, Richie Peterson, Gabe Puno, Sarah Starman, Kathy Sun, Stephanie Terrell, Noah Thompson, Rachel Verhun, Brinda Yarlagadda

Messages and Events

Website News:

There is always a lot going on in Pioneer Bands' website. One of the quickest ways to catch up is by referring to "What's New" on the Band's home page. Links to the most recent information and contributions are updated regularly.

At this writing, "What's New" connects you to YouTube movies of recent performances, photos from Gala 2011, the results from District Solo & Ensemble, and an electronic version of this newsletter.

Bookmark the Pioneer High School Bands website. It is www.aapioneerbands.org

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Band Camp Registration Information:

Band Camp dates are August 16 to 22, 2011. Forms are due May 9, 2011. The cost this year is \$335. Scholarship requests to Mr. Leach by May 2, 2011.

- ❖ The Incoming 9th Grade Band Family Orientation will be on March 27, 2011.
- ❖ Annual Pioneer Band Banquet will be May 2, 2011 6:00pm check-in time.
- ❖ The Robert Albritton Endowment Fund Scholarship Application due date is April 11, 2011 go to:
<http://www.aapioneerbands.org/wp-content/ScholarshipApplicationAlbritton.pdf>.

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(SB=Symphony Band CB=Concert Band VB=Varsity Band JB=Jazz Band PBA=Pioneer Band Association)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
MARCH 2011				
7 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
8 Tue	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
12 Sat	ALL DAY	District XII HS Band Orchestra Festival	SCHREIBER	SB/CB, PBA Festival Team
(14 Mon)	7 pm	Michigan Youth Ensembles	Hill Auditorium	(All MYE Participants)
15 Tue	7:30-8:30 pm	PBA Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
21 Mon	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	SB
22 Tues	7-9 pm	Band Rehearsal	B-126	CB
23 Wed	Early Release for Secondary	Band Rehearsal	B-125	VB





Volunteers Still Needed to Lead Events and Programs

We are still looking for parents to take charge of a couple more PBA events/programs. None of these positions require a lot of time, but doing any one of them would be a great service to our kids! They are:

Incoming 9th Grade Orientation Coordinator -- help organize and prepare materials and forms for orientation for incoming students, which takes place immediately following "Bands In Review" concert in late March.

Tux Bux Fundraiser Coordinator -- pick up paperwork from local tuxedo rental store and distribute it to juniors and seniors in the band program. This will enable some portion of each tuxedo rental to be contributed to the PBA.

If you are interested in any of these positions -- or even if you are potentially interested and have questions -- please contact

David Baum, 734-662-9095 or dbaum@umich.edu.

Thanks in advance for considering all of these opportunities. With your help, we can keep the Pioneer Bands one of the best music programs in the country!

News from Gloria Wilson_____

The 2010-11 Pioneer Band Directory is available in the band room now. All band students have had the opportunity to bring them home, but many may remain in backpacks or instrument cases!



Band Family Directory

PBA Notes Has 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.

While online you may print the pages as you need,
eg. Calendar, special article, etc..

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