

Pioneer Band Association

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NOTES

FROM THE PODIUM

Great kids, great camp, great start! Band Camp began our year off on the right foot. Everyone in attendance marveled at both the precision and musicianship of the Pioneer Band. Then on August 28th we had good attendance for pep-band at the fall football Kick-off classic on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. For our first home-game, we combined with the Eagles from Skyline. It was wonderful.

I say this each and every year but it bears repeating. You need to keep an eye on the Band Calendar so you will know what your child is up to, and where you should be on any given day. That having been said, I am always surprised when I hear one of my students say to me “my parents dropped me off at the concert/show, and will be back to pick me up when it’s over”. Before you know it, it will “all be over” and your children will be begging you to come sit the grandchildren so they can go out for some peace and quiet! A few years ago my high school band director said to me, “know your priorities, while your students are important, remember that it is your children who will visit you in the retirement home.” While I can safely say that I have never missed my son’s high school band concerts, (it helps to be his band conductor) I do attempt to make every meet, (swim/dive, cross-country, pole-vault) as well as all the meets and concerts of my 7th grade daughter. It is important to me to show my support for their activities, not to mention the thrill to just be a cheering Dad!

I hope you all have a wonderful fall. I look forward to seeing you at all of your child’s concerts. Please remember to come up and say hello after the concert! All the best,

David A. Leach Director of Bands



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FROM THE PODIUM

I am really looking forward to working with this year's Varsity Band. I have been very impressed with the students so far. They have wonderful attitudes and are helpful and eager to learn. We're currently working on a brief marching band unit. Although the Varsity Band students won't march in any games I feel that it's important that they get a taste of what they will do if they want to move up to Concert and Symphony Band. It was great to see them supporting the marching band at Wagongate!

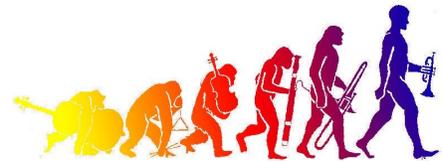
While the students are outside marching our band librarians are preparing their music and folders so we can hit the ground running. We will be starting our inside concert rehearsals soon. Each student should be making sure that they are doing their nightly half hour of practice. They have also been told that they need to have their names on their instruments (both inside and outside), even if they are using one of our school instruments. Luggage tags work well for this. Students have been advised to never leave their instrument in their hall lockers. We have a storage area in the band room for this purpose.

Chair tryouts will be in late October or November. All students will play scales plus the most difficult areas of their concert pieces. All wind players will audition on the first parts for their instrument. Percussion will have additional requirements. There is only one chair tryout during the year so make sure that your child is practicing ahead.

Although I direct the Varsity Band 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.

Welcome to the Pioneer Band family!

Nancy Waring Associate Director of Bands



Pioneer Jazz Band will playing between sets of the Paul Keller Orchestra in the Keystone Martini Bar in Ypsilanti on December 6th, 2010 and May 16th, 2011.

PBA will publish 5 Newsletters this year:

September-October 2010 Issue
November-December 2010 Issue
January-February 2011 Issue
March-April 2011 Issue
May-June 2011 Issue

Pioneer Bandquet: May 2, 2011 - Slideshow and Check-in at 6:00pm

Social Activities: Several activities are planned each year to build friendships and esprit de corps among our band students and families. This year's social activities include:

- A Band Picnic at Allmendinger Park in September 2010
- A Bowling Party in January 2011
- A Band GALA in February 2011
- A Band Banquet in May 2011
- A Senior Luncheon in June 2011

Further details on each social activity will be explained in the classroom, at PBA meetings and in future communications. See the Band Calendar for specific dates, times and participating groups for each activity.



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Welcome to the Pioneer Band Association

The Band Program at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School has a rich history, a vibrant present and a promising future. As part of the Pioneer Music Department, the Pioneer Bands share the honor of being named the 2010 National GRAMMY Signature Gold School by the GRAMMY Foundation, an honor which exemplifies the quality of our music program at Pioneer as a top public high school music program in the nation.

The Pioneer Band Association was formed over 20 years ago as a parent booster club for the bands. It draws most of its membership from the parents of current band students and staff, but membership is open to all alumni and friends who want to advance the band program. With Pioneer's large student population, membership in the PBA is a great way to keep the school experience personal, especially for new parents and students.

The mission of the Pioneer Band Association is to provide financial and physical support to the directors, students and families of the Pioneer Band Program. Our purpose is to promote and enhance the quality of the total band experience for all. To achieve these goals, the Band Association pledges to

- **support the band program with supplemental financial aid and with the donation of volunteer time and talents**
- **encourage excellence in musicianship**
- **encourage and nurture the social growth and friendships of both students and parents**
- **work to foster responsibility, pride, school spirit and good sportsmanship**

To do this we are involved with social and fundraising activities, and generally helping any way we can. The Pioneer Band Association uses the funds it raises to provide scholarships so all students have the same opportunities, and to help meet the high costs of instruments, supplies, and expenses of improving and exhibiting our band program. Every band student and family is expected to participate actively in several fund raising events each year to continue our current level of support for the Pioneer Bands. Funding for special events, such as the recent trip to China, require an extra special effort.

The Pioneer Band Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt cultural organization, and like all such organizations, we depend on the generosity of our members and our supporters. Contributions to the PBA are tax deductible. The PBA will qualify for most employer charitable matching grant programs. If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact one of our treasurers or our bookkeeper..

The Pioneer Band Association is only as strong as its membership. We ask for the active commitment of everyone involved: students, parents and staff. If everyone gives a little, your band student gains a lot. This is your chance to get involved in your child's life and make a BIG difference to the Pioneer Bands. We are always looking for people to assist in various activities throughout the school year. Students and parents are asked to fill out the 2010-2011 Registration Form included with the Band Camp issue of the newsletter or contact one of the PBA Officers.

Don't WAIT:

- **Volunteer to help with one or more of the committees**
 - **Attend Pioneer Band Association meetings**
 - **Participate in all of our Pioneer Band activities to support our students**
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The Bands

The Pioneer Band Program is made up of four major and distinct performing ensembles, plus various other opportunities for students to play as part of smaller ensembles:

Varsity Band

Students of the Varsity Band work on developing their musical skills within their instrument family of woodwinds or brass/percussion. The ensemble comes together as a complete band several times a year to further develop their group skills and to participate in school concerts.

Concert Band

Students in the Concert Band have demonstrated an advanced level of musical ability. The ensemble concentrates on concert performance throughout the year, participating in all regular school concerts and festivals. The Concert Band also works on marching fundamentals in the fall, joining the regular Marching Band on the field at the Homecoming Game.

Symphony Band

Students in the Symphony Band consistently achieve a superior level of performance. In the fall, the Symphony Band serves as **The Marching Band** and performs at home football games. The remainder of the year is focused on concert rehearsals, preparing the ensemble for adjudication at band festivals and performance at public concerts.

Jazz Band

Students in this ensemble study and rehearse a variety of jazz styles, including classic arrangements and improvisation. The Jazz Band presents several concerts throughout the year.

Auditions

Participation in the Pioneer Bands is **by audition only**. All incoming freshmen audition at their middle school each spring and are assigned to the appropriate band. Chair placement is by audition in the Fall. Audition music is provided by Mr. Leach.



David A. Leach
Director of Bands

Born and raised in Ann Arbor and a proud graduate of Huron High School, David A. Leach has served as Director of Bands at Pioneer High School since 2002. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Education at Eastern Michigan University and studied trumpet with Professor Carter Eggers, conducting with Professor Russell Reed and Dr. Max Plank, and attended master classes in conducting with Professor Elizabeth A. H. Green. Mr. Leach began his teaching career at Ypsilanti High School and spent fourteen years there before coming to Ann Arbor. Mr. Leach has served on the executive board of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District XII as Secretary and Vice-President of Adjudication and has been a member of the organization since 1988. He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he is a member of the Music Committee. Mr. Leach has been included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers three times, a listing of the best teachers in America selected by their students. In 2000 the University of Michigan chapter of the national music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia honored Mr. Leach with the Scott Pendleton Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in music education. In 1999, 2001, 2002, and 2005 he was nominated for Disney's American Teacher Award. He is the 2005-06 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District XII Teacher of the Year. He is a proud member of the 2006 National GRAMMY Signature School & 2010 GRAMMY Signature Schools Gold Award-winning Pioneer Music Department.



Nancy Waring
Associate Director of Bands

Nancy Waring has worked with the bands at Pioneer High School since 1992. She has helped to produce the high level of performances for which the bands are known at music festivals and performances here in Michigan as well as Orlando, Chicago, Boston, New York, Virginia Beach, Myrtle Beach, Toronto, Orlando, Austria, Germany, and China.

During her tenure the Pioneer High School Music Department has been chosen two times by the Grammy Foundation as a Grammy Signature School (2002, 2003), three times as a Grammy Signature Schools Gold (2004, 2005, 2010) and once as the National Grammy Signature School (2006). Ms. Waring is included in the ninth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, a listing of the best teachers in America selected by their students.

Ms. Waring's teachers include Roy Ernst, Larry Teal, Joseph Mariano, Keith Bryan, and Elizabeth A. H. Green. She is a graduate of The University of Michigan School of Music where she received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education ('71) and a Master of Music degree in Flute Performance ('72). She has performed as principal flutist and soloist with several orchestras in southeast Michigan, including as a substitute flutist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. At present she is the flutist with the Intrada Woodwind Quintet.

Ms. Waring has taught flute on the faculties of the University of Toledo and the Interlochen Arts Academy. She has maintained a private flute studio in the Ann Arbor area for over forty years. Ms. Waring also wrote the proposal for, developed the course structure and content for, and teaches the Music Theory and Technology course at Pioneer.

Classroom Activities

The structure of the band program is determined by the Director of Bands. The current structure is designed to help student musicians develop their individual skills, techniques and understanding of band music, and then to contribute as part of a balanced ensemble.

As with any public school classroom activity, parents are encouraged to read through curriculum guides, attend capsule night and communicate effectively with the instructor. It is the parents' responsibility to maintain a reasonable and effective relationship with both their student and the teacher to maximize the benefits of the educational experience.

While the Pioneer Band Association is an advocate for the band program, it is neither a remedy for personal or family problems with classroom activities, nor a vehicle for evaluating the instructors or the teaching plan.

Fundraising Activities

Pioneer Band Association fundraising provides revenue to cover expenses to support band activities. Some activities are focused on individual events (for example tour events), while others fund ongoing expenses for equipment, music, and other PBA sponsored activities. This year's fundraising activities include:

- **PTSO Thrift Shop**
- **Car Wash** in October
- **Candy Sale** in October
- **Band Gala** in February
- **Band Festival Concession** in March
- **Picnic Pops** in May

Performance Activities

The Pioneer Bands perform several concerts each year. In addition, the band ensembles, along with small group ensembles and individuals, participate in various music festivals. This year's performance activities include:

◦ **MARCHING BAND** pre-game and half-time shows at all home football games. PBA volunteers provide a safe escort to and from the game for the band as they march to the stadium.

◦ **JAZZ BAND CONCERT**
in January

◦ **DISTRICT SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL**
in January

◦ **WINTER BANDS CONCERT**
in February

◦ **BAND FESTIVAL**
in March, held at Pioneer.
Band Association volunteers run a food concession.

◦ **BANDS IN REVIEW**
in March

◦ **STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL** in March

◦ **PICNIC POPS CONCERT**
in May

◦ **JAZZ BAND SUMMIT**
in May

Further details on each performance will be explained in the classroom, at PBA meetings and in future communications. See the 2010-2011 Band Calendar for specific dates, times and participating groups for each activity.

Uniforms

Symphony Band and Concert Band will receive Marching Band uniforms, which are coat, pants, hat, and black shoes. Symphony Band, Concert Band and Varsity Band concert uniforms consist of black tuxedos for men, black dresses for women. All Students are required to provide their own black shoes, and some males are required to provide their own white dress shirts. All uniforms are fitted and distributed during the appropriate marching or concert season. PBA members are in charge of the Uniform Team, and help is needed for distribution. Forms are sent home in the summer requesting measurements for each band student so the appropriate uniform can be found. These forms are turned in at the time of band camp registration.





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Family Financial Information Frequently Asked Questions

I pay my taxes for public education. Why am I being asked to pay more?

The Pioneer Band Association (PBA) was incorporated in 1985 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit booster club to support the band program at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. The PBA serves as a conduit for the fees associated with the many program, social and special activities carried on by the bands. The PBA also carries on fundraising activities to provide supplemental instruction, equipment and other services not covered in the regular tax-supported school budget.

Isn't it enough that I volunteer my time and talents to the PBA?

Your participation as a volunteer in our band program activities is a priceless gift that deserves our deepest appreciation. Our mission, by its very nature, includes financial support and therefore we also solicit and appreciate the funding you can provide to help carry out our programs and activities.

How do I find out what money I owe and when?

The various program and activity fees, and fundraising expectations, for the school year are outlined in the 4-page Financial Information for Pioneer Band Families document. As fees become due and fundraising activities are made available, you will receive a variety of communications, including direct invoicing, e-mails, postings on our website, articles in our newsletter, and verbal communications at PBA membership meetings. The directors will also communicate to your student in the band room.

What items and expenses can I expect to be invoiced for?

- Band Camp Fee
- Annual Program Fee (\$30)
- boxes taken by your student for the Candy Sale fundraiser
- tickets taken by your student for the Bands in Review concert
- Band Tour fees
- Gala and Band Banquet tickets you order online
- Donation offers you make online

What items and expenses will I not be invoiced for?

- Solo & Ensemble fees (individual payment must accompany each event application)
- Car Wash pledges you solicit (you are responsible to collect and submit those)
- Donations (unless you fill out an online form)
- Apparel items you purchase

How do I make payments?

We offer several options for making payments, knowing that each family has its own comfort level when it comes to handling their finances. We accept cash, check and debit/credit card payments. We accept payments through the band room, through the mail, and through a secured online connection. You can also provide debit/credit card information to our bookkeeper to keep on file for using whenever you authorize a charge. See the Payment Options sheet for more information. Do I have to submit a Payment Form with each payment? No. Our goal is to avoid confusion over which student or family is making the payment, what the payment is for, and how a payment is to be applied. Online payments are generally clear in these matters, but you can avoid potential confusion with payments turned into the band room or sent in the mail by including a Payment Form. (Solo & Ensemble payments must accompany each event application, so a Payment Form is not needed.) You may also submit a Payment Form to inform our bookkeeper about how your family wishes to be sent invoices and make payments.

I don't want to be invoiced by e-mail or do online financial transactions. Can I be invoiced by mail?

Yes. Simply submit a Payment Form indicating that you wish to be invoiced by U. S. Mail. A return envelope will be provided with each invoice.

Can I pay online with my debit or credit card?

Yes. Submit a Payment Form indicating that you wish to be invoiced by e-mail. Invoices will be attached to each e-mail and a link to our secure payment site will be included. You can make payment with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover, and you can set up an online account where you can view your payment history.

Can I just have you charge my debit or credit card instead of being invoiced?

Yes. Submit a Payment Form with your debit/credit card information for our bookkeeper to keep on file. You can then authorize payments to be made on that card's account as they come due.

Is the \$100 Annual Direct Fundraising Expectation mandatory?

No. Fundraising is always a discretionary option, but we do budget for each family to contribute \$100 in direct fundraising as a way to fulfill our mission as a booster club. Some families are able to contribute more while others find this expectation a challenge.

What is the easiest way to accomplish the direct fundraising expectation?

Every family's perception of what is "easy" is different. That's why we offer so many fundraising options. If you were to choose to participate in just one fundraising activity, here's what is would take to meet the \$100 expectation for each of our direct fundraising options:

- sell 4 boxes of candy (\$25 fundraising credit per box), or
- collect \$100.00 in Car Wash pledges (for instance, if we wash 400 cars, get 5 people to pledge an average of 5 cents per car), or
- Organize a Music & Munchies at the PTO Thrift Shop, or
- make a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 to the PBA

Can my PBA fundraising be used to offset my student's fees?

No. IRS regulations prohibit the fundraising activities of the Pioneer Band Association to benefit students individually.

What if my family is in financial distress?

Many fundraising activities don't require out-of-pocket expenses. The following scenario surpasses the \$100 fundraising expectation: sell 2 boxes of candy (\$50 fundraising credit), and solicit just 2 people to pledge .07 per car and help us wash 400 cars (\$56 fundraising credit).

If program and activity fees are a problem, talk to Mr. Leach or Ms. Waring. Your situation will be held in confidence. Assistance and scholarships may be available. Our goal is to ensure that all students are able to enjoy a high quality band experience.

Registration Form

Your participation is vital to the success of the Pioneer Band Program. In order to facilitate the administration and communication of your support activities, we hope that you have filled out the Registration forms. These provide not only basic personal data, but also a way for members to volunteer for various host or helper roles in our organization. Descriptions for these roles can be found in detail on our website.

Completed forms should be returned by September, during the first week of school.

Calendar

Students are required to attend all the official band functions for their group. It is very important to enter all the dates on your calendar at the beginning of the year. You will find the announced dates on the **2010-2011 Performance Calendar** provided to your student at Band Camp Registration or during the first week of school, and an acknowledgement slip needs to be signed by all students and parents and returned. The Calendar includes all PBA meetings and special events. Included with this Welcome Issue is a comprehensive Calendar of Activities for posting to your refrigerator, bulletin board or other favorite location. Additional copies may be requested for family and friends.

Meetings

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. Meetings are held from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Pioneer Band room (B126). The 2010-2011 PBA meeting dates are:

Sep 14, 2010
 Oct 19, 2010
 Nov 9, 2010
 Dec 7, 2010
 Jan 11, 2011
 Feb 8, 2011
 Mar 15, 2011
 April 19, 2011
 June 7, 2011

In addition, several committee meetings have been scheduled.

Newsletter

The Pioneer Band Association will publish five issues of Notes:

- September-October Issue
- November-December Issue
- January-February Issue
- March-April Issue
- May-June Issue

Please submit materials for publication in our newsletter to:

Newsletter Editor
newsletter@aapioneerbands.org

Website

The Pioneer Band Association maintains our very own website, allowing us to make information available to our members and friends on the internet. Visit us at:

www.aapioneerbands.org

Directory

The Band Directory contains band rosters and band member information, in addition to important information regarding the band's activities and calendar. It is normally published in October.

E-mail

The Pioneer Band Association uses e-mail as an effective and efficient way to disseminate last-minute announcements and take surveys. If you use e-mail, be sure to provide your address on the 2010-2011 Registration Form. E-mail addresses change often; keep us up to date at

mail@aapioneerbands.org.

We also use our e-mail system to quickly spread news and messages about important events. We may use a manual system, which uses a pyramid list of member names requiring one person to pass along the message to the next name(s) under them. This will depend on the response we get on our Registration Forms!

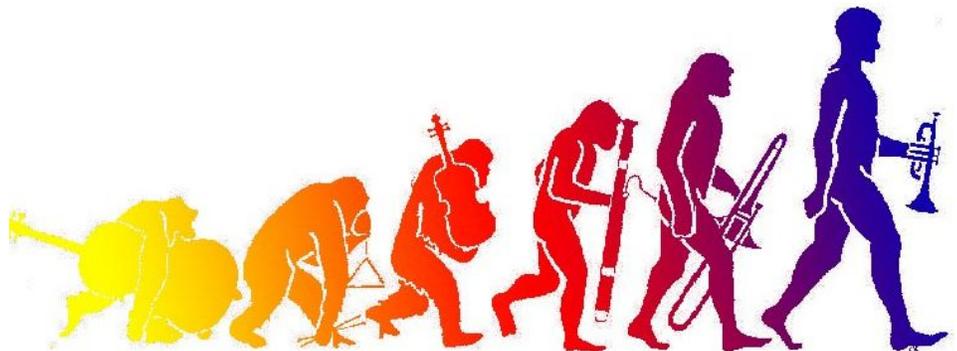
PBA Administration

Our organization is governed by the Bylaws of the Pioneer Band Association. Copies are available on our website and copies were made available at registration for new Pioneer band families.

Our current Officers manage the ongoing administration of the Association. Any questions or concerns that you feel have not been adequately addressed in the newsletter, at meetings, on our website, or in other communications should be directed to one of the officers.

Handbook

The Pioneer Bands Handbook covers a wide variety of subjects and provides valuable information to every Band Student. It is available on the website and every family NEW to the band program got one at registration or can get one in the band room.



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2010

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	GROUP
6 Mon		NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY		
7 Tue		FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL		
8 Wed	12:30-2:30pm	Marching Uniform Distribution	B-126	SB PBA Uniform Team
9 Thu	12:30-2:30pm	Marching Uniform Distribution	B-126	SB PBA Uniform Team
11 Sat	1-4 pm	BAND PICNIC	Allmendinger Park	All Band Families PBA Picnic Team
14 Tue	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill (with Skyline?)	Practice Field(or at Skyline?)	SB PBA Hydration Team
14 Tue	7:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
15 Wed	12:30-3 pm	Marching Uniform Distribution	B-126	SB PBA Uniform Team
15 Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill with Skyline	Practice Field	SB & Skyline Band PBA Hydration Team PBA Hospitality Team
16 Thu	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs SKYLINE, Game Time 7 pm WAGONGATE	Practice Field Hollway Field	WAGONGATE SB, PBA Escort Team PBA Uniform Team
22 Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
23 Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
24 Fri	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs BEDFORD Game Time 7 pm	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB PBA Escort Team PBA Uniform Team
27 Mon	ALL DAY	Deadline for MSBOA All State B/O Applications to State Office	MSBOA State Office	All Band Students
28 Tue	1:30-3 pm	Marching Uniform Distribution - CB	B-126	CB, PBA Uniform Team
29 Wed	1:30-3 pm	Marching Uniform Distribution - CB	B-125	CB, PBA Uniform Team
29 Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill (Combined Rehearsal w/ Concert Band)	Practice Field	SB/CB, PBA Hydration Team
30 Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill (Combined Rehearsal w/ Concert Band)	Practice Field	SB/CB PBA Hydration Team

OCTOBER 2010

1 Fri	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs MONROE - HOMECOMING Game Time 7:00 pm	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB/CB PBA Escort Team PBA Uniform Team
2 Sat	ALL DAY	BAND CAR WASH	Pioneer Parking Lot	All Band Families PBA Car Wash Team
6 Wed	1:00-3:00 pm	Early Release Secondary Schools Marching Drill @ HURON Practice Field	Huron Practice Field	SB & Huron SB
7 Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill with Huron PBA RECEPTION TO FOLLOW	Practice Field	SB & Huron SB PBA Hydration Team PBA Hospitality Team
8 Fri	4:30-10 pm	REHEARSAL & GAME at Huron AWAY FOOTBALL vs. HURON, GAME TIME 7:00 PM	Riverbank Field	SB, PBA Escort Team Huron SB
10 Sun	ALL DAY	CAR WASH RAIN DATE	Pioneer Parking Lot	All Band Families PBA Car Wash Team
11 Mon	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Audition Times Posted on web	www.msboa.org	All students
13 Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
14 Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
15 Fri	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. CHELSEA GAME TIME 7:00 PM	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB PBA Uniform Team PBA Escort Team
19 Tue	ALL DAY	Candy Sale Begins	B-126	All Families
19 Tue	7:30 pm	Pioneer Band Association Meeting	B-126	All Band Parents
20 Wed	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
21 Thu	3:30-5:30 pm	Marching Drill	Practice Field	SB, PBA Hydration Team
22 Fri	4:30-10 pm	HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. HOLT, GAME TIME 7 PM	Practice Field Hollway Field	SB PBA Uniform Team PBA Escort Team
28 Thu	ALL DAY	District S/E Forms & Fees Due	B-126	All Bands
30 Sat	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Auditions, At several state sites	TBA	All Participants
31 Sun	ALL DAY	MSBOA All State B/O Auditions, At several state sites	TBA	All Participants





Volunteers Still Needed!

Volunteers Still Needed to Lead Events, Programs, and Newsletter Publication

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

* **Newsletter Editor** -- collect articles and announcements for and publish Pioneer Band Notes, the PBA's bi-monthly newsletter.

* **PTO Thrift Shop Liaison** -- stay in touch with the management of the thrift shop in order to ensure that we can receive any money raised by volunteers; set up a couple of "Music and Munchies" programs, in which students play in one hour shifts throughout a Saturday and parents bring snacks and sweets for the benefit of thrift shop patrons, in return for \$\$ for PBA.

* **Bowling Party Organizer** -- set up the annual January bowling party at Colonial Lanes, which is free for Varsity Band members and also always well attended by Concert and Symphony Band members.

* **Zippy Car Wash and Community Car Wash Fundraiser Organizer** -- procure, distribute and keep track of sales of coupons for these two car washes, which raises \$\$ for PBA.

* **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.

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!



A Free Car Wash

...is scheduled for **Saturday, October 2**. (Rain date is Sunday, 10th but keep fingers crossed that won't be necessary.)

The way we make money is by students collecting pledges that pay an amount per car washed. It is very important that *students fill*

out the Pledge Forms and obtain as many pledges as possible.

The other way we make money is by receiving donations at the car wash itself. The students will sign up to work in their band class but parents are needed too to help coordinate and monitor everything.

Contact: (Co-Chairs: **Tom McKarns and Tom Mayne**)
Tom McKarns: tom@ecophysics-us.com, 998-1600

Candy Sale begins October 19th

Turn money in during band class (even if student still hasn't sold all of the candy yet). Checks made payable to PBA, \$52 per box. In the memo section, lower left hand corner of your check, clearly write the first and last student name, which band (VBWW, VBBP, etc) and "candy".



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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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