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## Week of January 14, 2008 Update!

**WMU Internship:** We'd like to welcome Mr. Steve Conaton as our intern this semester. He is a brass specialist and will be working with our entire program in grades 6-12 and travel to WMS with Mr. Flynn on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Winter Legends: Starts Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!**

**Legends Indoor rehearsal and performance dates:**

[http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chslegends/chs\\_legends\\_122607.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chslegends/chs_legends_122607.pdf)

**National Report-** Harris Poll of November 2007 Music Education and Future Salaries

[http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris\\_poll/index.asp?PID=831](http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris_poll/index.asp?PID=831)

**Latest PPS District News:** <http://www.portageps.org/information/news/default.aspx>

**Latest PPS Bond News:** <http://www.portageps.org/information/bondprojectupdates/default.aspx>

**From a former PCHS Graduate:** Elizabeth (Baker) Stoyanovich

*I have been getting your PCHS Alumni band newsletter for a while now. I am a 1980 graduate of PCHS and played in the band while there (oboe inside, marching horn out). I went on to study at Michigan and now have been a professional conductor for the last 20 odd years. I've also done a far amount of honors orchestras in our country. I wanted to bring to your attention a new band work by my husband, Patrick Stoyanovich, called "Our Last Best Hope". It is available at J.W. Pepper and was read at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic this last December.*

*"I hope you might have an interest in the work- it is quite moving and based on the words of President Lincoln. You can find out more about Patrick at our website: [www.metrocitymusic.com](http://www.metrocitymusic.com)*

*Hope you might enjoy it as he is a Michigan native too! Take care and Happy New Year!*

*Elizabeth Stoyanovich  
Music/Artistic Director  
Bremerton Symphony Association  
Butte Symphony Association*

**Hawaii '09 Info:** Looking at collecting registrations & deposits February 1<sup>st</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>!

Hawaii '09: <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/hawaii.html>

Hawaii/Oahu site links: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_102007\\_3.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_102007_3.pdf)

Revised Itinerary Draft: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_112607\\_2.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_2.pdf)

Student Registration: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_112607\\_4.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_4.pdf)

Adult Registration: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_112607\\_3.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_3.pdf)

Send the information and links to anyone interested in traveling with us in June, 2009!

## **WMU Horn Day:** Saturday, January 19, 2008

Registration is \$15. Covers clinics, massed Horn Choir Music.

11:30am Registration      6:30 Final Concert

Flyers from Mr. or Mrs. Flynn

Contact Dr. Lin Foulk @ WMU with questions: lin.foulk@wmich.edu

[http://homepages.wmich.edu/~lfoulk/horn\\_day.html](http://homepages.wmich.edu/~lfoulk/horn_day.html)

**SCRIP Orders!** Scrip is available from Maureen Porter at 329-6008 and Mary Jensen 372-6360. Orders are taken anytime. Call today.

**Scrip Order form link** <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/scrip/scrip.pdf>

### **Reminder of the Concert Dress Code:**

This is the same dress code that is used by all High School Bands.

- **Ladies wear all black** - Girls can wear dress pants and a shirt, or a **full-length dress** or skirt and shirt (should come to middle of shin or lower), **black dress shoes**, black nylons/socks.
- **Men must wear a white shirt, tie, black dress pants or Dockers style pants**
- (No Jeans), dark colored shoes (no tennis shoes), Dark colored belt and **black socks**.

**KRESA/Education for the Arts Student Grants:** These forms are available in the band room and students are encouraged to apply to help cover Legends, private lessons, summer music camps, special music opportunities..... These grants are a wonderful opportunity! Prepare the application completely and we can serve as references for the Letter of Recommendation. **Deadline is firm as Thursday, January 24, 2008 by 4pm to the KRESA office.** Students should work with their parents on preparing the application....*and should ask for no more than 50% of the cost of the camp, lessons or project. Questions, contact Dr. Harkins @ EFA 269.385.1521.* We have had a ton of students that have received grants!!!!

WMU Summer Music Seminar: Deadline for application is February 1<sup>st</sup>. All information can be found at <http://www.wmich.edu/music-camp/> We think it's one of the best camps in the country and has been around for 57 years!

**2008 PC Band Events:** <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/calendar.html>

**DCI Update:** We are hired and contracted once again to work and help host the DCI (Drum Corps International) event in Kalamazoo scheduled for **Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ WMU Waldo Stadium.** It is the holiday weekend, but the lineup of corps should be great. This event needs 25-35 workers (noon-2pm or 4pm-11pm) and pays \$1500+. It is a wonderful funding opportunity and a great way to see and hear some of the best corps in the country.

If you are willing to help, please email us [pflynn@portageps.org](mailto:pflynn@portageps.org) [rflynn@portageps.org](mailto:rflynn@portageps.org)

Here's a link to the full DCI schedule that was released this past week:

<http://www.dci.org/schedule/>

Major Event Dates:

[http://www.dci.org/news/view.cfm?news\\_id=6d49cc57-89ae-489c-92c1-acf80402f048](http://www.dci.org/news/view.cfm?news_id=6d49cc57-89ae-489c-92c1-acf80402f048)

**Tuners:** We have a lot of interest in these mini tuners. We have 6-8 that we use at the high school and they are phenomenal. **Korg CA-30 Tuner (about \$20 @ Marshall Music)**. They fit in the student case and are the best! It will be a great help to all the kids if they have one, because it helps the students to be more accurate with their notes. **Mic pick-up** for these tuners are also available that attach to your instrument....very cool and usable during rehearsals. Peterson TP2  
<http://www.petersontuners.com/index.cfm?category=12>

**Private Lesson Teacher Scheduling:** Due to popular parent and student demand, we are attempting to broaden our **in-class** Private Lesson program. After-school lessons may also be available. **We highly encourage having your own “personal trainer” working with you on an individual basis once per week during part of your band class.**

*Teachers are looking at starting new students this month!*

*These are the teachers we recommend for the CMS & PCHS bands.*

**Flute:** Ms. Allison Patrick [allison.b.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:allison.b.patrick@gmail.com) 269-370-6420

**Clarinet :** Mrs. Dawn Garrett 649-0497 (Teaches at home just south of Portage...fantastic!)

**Oboe:** Mrs. Bev Guthrie [bguthrie@pctimpani.com](mailto:bguthrie@pctimpani.com) 327-4018

**Trumpet:** Bryan Plunkett (WMU Grad Assistant) [bryan\\_plunkett529@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan_plunkett529@yahoo.com)  
Jeremy Wissner 269-998-3742. As of this date, his schedule is full.

**Horn:** Jack Levoska [jack.m.levoska@wmich.edu](mailto:jack.m.levoska@wmich.edu)

**Low Brass:** Mr. Scott Hanson [sfhanson@excite.com](mailto:sfhanson@excite.com) or 480-200-9765.

**Percussion:** Mike Shimmin 269-873-1300 or [Ralphykins@aol.com](mailto:Ralphykins@aol.com)

**Saxophone teacher:** Kaethe Durham [kate@webfarm.com](mailto:kate@webfarm.com) or Reserve a time thru Mrs. Flynn.

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**Band Website:** [www.portagecentralhsband.org](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org)

**WMU School of Music- Info & Calendar of Events**

<http://www.wmich.edu/music/calendar/index.html>

**General Info:**

<http://www.wmich.edu/music/>