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November 30 Update & Collage Concert Info!

PPS Funding Cuts- Community Survey results: www.portageps.org The results will be updates and posted on the site after November 30. If you have not completed the survey, it will close tonight. **Critical that you give your input on this survey by tonight so the data can be shared at the next Board of Education Meetings on December 7th & 14th.** The main page www.portageps.org also contains the specific funding information that has been shared with all staff at building meetings.

State of Michigan Education Funding/PPS Cuts: Portage will be forced to cut \$2.5-\$3 million by second semester (lost of 53 staff positions) and \$5.6-\$6 million for 2010-11. This is a **devastating scenario** that we all must take seriously and realize that it will dramatically affect all academic areas, co-curricular and extra-curricular offerings as well as the loss of many, many teaching positions. More specific information to follow.

Did You Know? 45% of the CMS student body is in band this year? The CMS bands now enroll 313 students with a projected increase to 345 students (49% of the student body) next year? **70% of the student body at CMS is enrolled in Band/Choir/Orchestra.....**very impressive statistics especially for a large middle school. We also have the highest enrollment of all Portage Middle Schools. **If you would like a copy of this intriguing document, please send us an email and we will send it to you!**

PNHS Holiday Collage: Wednesday, December 9 @ 7pm @ PNHS!

- *Features: Freshman, Concert & Symphonic Bands, (new) combined Symphonic/Concert Bands, Jazz Band, 9-12th woodwind & brass/percussion ensembles, Choral & Orchestra ensembles.*
- **Tickets are \$3 per person or \$10 per family.** The proceeds are split between the bands, choirs & orchestra to purchase essential classroom needs not covered by our school budget (which has actually disappeared due to the State funding cuts).
- Tickets are all available at the door beginning at 6:30pm.
- The concert duration is approximately 90 minutes.

Concert Dress Code: *This is the same dress code that is used by all High School Bands.*

- **Girls 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 shoes, black nylons/socks.
- **Boys 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.

All State Band- Over 1100 high school players auditioned for just a few positions and Dillon Bailly was awarded 5th chair Clarinet 1! Joe LeFevre was 1st chair Honorable Mention in the Tuba section. Congratulations!

Holiday Shopping & Individual Accounts- SCRIP! SCRIP rebates are 50% of the profit to your individual Family Accounts! Scrip info <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/scrip.html> A great savings account to pay for fees, supplies, field trips, Lawrence Central festival in Indianapolis. Order form is also on band website <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/scrip/scrip.pdf> .

Last chance to win \$50 in scrip cards of your choice! Drawing to be held 12/11/2009. For every \$100 increment in scrip that you purchase, your name will be entered into the drawing. Scrip available in the lobby before and after concerts, or by contacting Jenny Ford at 324-5225 / jroe_14@hotmail.com OR Maureen Porter at 329-6008 / MaureenPorter@yahoo.com.

MB Overhead Pictures: Check these out at <http://tinyurl.com/yzd2a93>. We will use two of these for the big signature picture and for the senior plaque. Jim Swoboda is a great friend and professional photographer and the E.K. Booster president.

Jazz Band! The big band will be rehearsing again Monday, November 30 & Monday, December 7 from 3-4pm in the Bandnasium. Still could use another Trumpet and a few more saxophones.

Main Street Portraits- Pictures are online @ <http://www.mainstportraits.com/> Go to the left column and click on Session Proofing and click on PC Marching Band 2009. No ID number is needed. ***We will have many of these pictures on display at the Wrap-Up night on the 5th! Main Street will donate 10% back to the band.***



Legends- Check out the new website www.legendspaa.org All registration for the Indoor Winter Ensemble will be done online. More details on the next page of this newsletter.

Open House Rehearsals

Monday, November 30 - (brass and percussion)
Wednesday, December 16 - (brass and percussion)

Retiring “Big Blue”- Starting the search for a replacement. Narrowing our search to 1995-97 trailers from Florida. Our semi trailer has been officially retired due to excessive structural corrosion and would not pass a federal/state inspection after this fall. Big Blue was manufactured in 1978 and was a moving semi, and has been a great addition to the PC Bands...we were one of the first in State to have a semi trailer, now it seems like most large bands have one! Of course this is the worst time with regards to the economy to look at funding a new project, but looks like have no choice. More at a later date.....

Window Clings- \$6 each or 2/\$10 We will also have these at the Wrap-up Night.

WMU School of Music- Info & Calendar of Events

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

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

December Calendar-Check them out the website: <http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/calendar.html>

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Central Site Performance Calendar 2009-2010 (11.30.09)

December 2, 2009 – CMS 7th/8th Grade Band Concert @ PN

December 3, 2009 – CMS 6th Grade Band Concert @ PN

December 9, 2009 – CHS Music Department Holiday Collage Concert @ PN

February 6, 2010 – MSBOA HS District Solo & Ensemble @ Schoolcraft

March 3, 2010 – Freshman Band/Varsity Band Pre-Festival Concert @ PN

March 10, 2010 – Indianapolis Preview Concert – Symphonic & Concert Bands @ PN

March 11, 2010– 6th/7th Grade Band Concert @ PN

March 12, 2010 – Big Band Bash (Jazz & MS Jazz Bands) 7pm PC gym

March 16-17, 2010 – Lawrence Central Band Symposium (Indianapolis)

March 27, 2010 – MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble

April 17, 2010 – MSBOA 7-9th grade Solo & Ensemble @ WMS

May 12, 2010 – Spring HS Band Concert – Freshman, SB & CB @ PN or WMU

May 26, 2010 – Grades 6th & 7th “Parade of Bands” Concert @ PN 7pm

May 27, 2010 – Varsity Band “Parade of Bands” Concert @ PN 7pm

May TBA, 2010 – Band Banquet

May 31, 2010 – Memorial Day Parade 10am

June 3, 2010 - CHS Graduation (all 9-11th Band students) Wings Stadium 7pm



Open House Rehearsals

Monday, November 16 - (percussion only)

Wednesday, November 18 - (percussion only)

Monday, November 30 - (brass and percussion)

Wednesday, December 16 - (brass and percussion)

If you are interested in participating, please take a moment to do the following:

1. **Fill out an Indoor member application on the Legends website at www.legendspaa.org**
2. Review the schedule on the schedule page on the Legends website and be prepared to share your conflicts at the Open House Rehearsals
3. Review the tuition/fees section on the Legends website
4. Attend the Open House Rehearsals

The **Legends Indoor Ensemble is in its 10th season**. This program is for brass and percussion students and is designed to give 8th through 12th grade students the opportunity to perform challenging and exciting, original arrangements, and to receive top level instruction from some of the areas finest brass and percussion instructors.