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## Week of January 21, 2008 Update!

**Exam Week:** Freshman Band- Tuesday 9:50-11:40am  
Symphonic & Concert Bands- Wednesday 7:50-9:40am

**Blue Man Group!** April 16 in Chicago!..... spots are filling up quickly. Info was emailed home last Thursday morning. Info also available in the band room. 32/53 spots reserved as of Friday night.  
[http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chsfresh/chsfresh\\_012008.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chsfresh/chsfresh_012008.pdf)

**Jazz Band Returns:** 6:45-7:30am “zzzzzz” on Tuesday/Thursday starting January 29<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup> ending at the Big Band Bash! Please pass the caffeine!!!!

**HGTV?: What do you do with an huge old gong (purchased prior to 1981) that doesn't “gong” anymore?** How about making it a huge wall clock! Check it out on the band room east wall!

**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)

**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 57<sup>th</sup> Summer Music Seminar:** Deadline for application is February 1<sup>st</sup>. All information can be found at <http://www.wmich.edu/music-camp/>. It's one of the best camps in the country!!!!

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

Important Information: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_112607.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_112607.pdf)

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)

Travel Protection Info: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_012008.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_012008.pdf)

Travel Protection Form: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii\\_012008\\_2.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/hawaii/Hawaii_012008_2.pdf)

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

**Summer Legends Drum & Bugle Corps:** Just finished the second camp weekend hosted at Parchment M.S. Looking and sounding great! Info: <http://www.legendspaa.org/>

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

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

**Construction Timeline:** <http://www.portageps.org/information/bondprojectupdates/Timeline2.pdf>

**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.

**Dance Revolution DVD: Have a few left \$10 or 2/\$15.**

**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>

**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)

### **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**.

**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/som\\_calendar\\_jan.html](http://www.wmich.edu/music/calendar/som_calendar_jan.html)

**WMU General Info:**

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