



February 25, 2008 Update!

Parent Teacher Conferences: Tuesday (12:30-3:30/5:30-8:30) & Wednesday (5:30-8:30pm)

Mrs. Flynn will be at all CMS conferences (band room #48); Mr. Flynn will be at CHS in the gym.

Freshman Band: Will now perform at the Preview Concert on March 12. The FB will be performing at the **Michigan Wind & Percussion Festival** hosted by PN on **Tuesday, March 25 @ 7pm**. The band will perform on-stage and then will have a 30-minute clinic session with one of the adjudicators in the band room.

Preview Concert: Wednesday, March 12 @ 7pm

Groups performing: **Freshman, Concert & Symphonic Bands and Legends!**

Reminder of the Concert/Performance 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**.

Zap-A-Snack is Back! The band program annually supports one large fundraising project which over the past years has been Zap-A-Snack. We have supported this project due to the high quality of the product (French bread pizza, cookie dough, cheesecake, cinnamon rolls.....) and the value for the money. Extra color brochures are available to the students and are in the band room.

We had the kick off this past Wednesday with all orders turned in with money on Tuesday, February 26. The products will be delivered on Thursday, March 20!

Cash for sales of 12 items and the band (Freshman, Symphonic or Concert) that brings in the most money.....will win an All-U-Can-Eat Papa Johns in-class pizza party with soft drinks and snacks just prior to Spring Break.

Lawrence Central 2008: Fee due Friday, March 7! The Lawrence Central (Indianapolis) Band & Orchestra Festival has become a traditional trip for the Symphonic Band the last six years, and the past three years the Concert Band was invited as well. They have offered us two performance slots to this great festival on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

We will be traveling to Indianapolis on Tuesday, March 18 (departure time TBD) and returning the evening of the 19th at approximately 9pm. This non-competitive event will feature some of the finest ensembles in Indiana and will allow us to perform for a very distinguished panel of college level clinicians. Past clinicians have traveled from the New Jersey Symphony, Indiana University, Butler, Michigan State, Ithaca College, Indianapolis Symphony, Michigan, Purdue, Baylor and Northwestern.

The costs associated with the trip will be 1 night SpringHill Suites (quad occupancy) & Charter motor coach costs. Final pricing will be available in a separate email by Friday. Please feel free to use your Scrip and Meijer Rewards monies to help pay for the fee. We are also looking for some chaperones as well. If you are interested, please contact me via email as soon as possible.

MSBOA Host Site: Need Cafeteria Volunteers!

Once again, we are hosting the MSBOA Middle School band festival on February 29 & Saturday, March 1. This is a **HUGE funding project** for us, just by selling food in the cafeteria.

We are in desperate need of **adult help!** Please email me pflynn@portageps.org if you can volunteer for 1 or more of these shifts (students will be working as guides, sight reading and back stage crew.)

Adult Help Needed: **Friday, February 29** 4-6:30pm; 6:30-9pm
 Saturday, March 1 8-10am; 10am-Noon; Noon-2pm; 2-5pm

Hawaii '09 Info: Looking at collecting registrations & deposits through **February!**

Important Information: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_112607.pdf

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

Hawaii/Oahu site links: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_102007_3.pdf

Revised Itinerary Draft: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_2.pdf

Student Registration: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_4.pdf

Adult Registration: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_112607_3.pdf

Travel Protection Info: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_012008.pdf

Travel Protection Form: http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/hawaii/Hawaii_012008_2.pdf

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

Band Boosters Search: The band booster executive board is looking for **new members** to replace members whose term has expired. We have many issues to tackle and ideas to build upon to help the band program survive and grow stronger. Contact any Board Member or Mr. or Mrs. Flynn. rflynn@portageps.org pflynn@portageps.org

DCI Kalamazoo Ticket Info: Saturday, July 5

<http://www.dci.org/schedule/detail.cfm?event=cf92d784-aaff-47f6-b107-0cc4a4b3ab03>

Blue Man Group! April 16 in Chicago!.....all 53 spots are filled with paid deposits! Remaining \$65 is due by Friday, March 14!

Jazz Band Has Returned: 6:45-7:30am "zzzzzz" on Tuesday/Thursday thru March 14th ending at the Big Band Bash! Glad Biggby's Coffee opens at 6am. The band will host it's **Big Band Bash** with the PPS Middle School Jazz Band on **Friday, March 14** at 7pm in the gym!

Winter Legends: Underway.....sample performance at the Indy Preview Concert in March!

Legends Indoor rehearsal and performance dates:

http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/chslegends/chs_legends_122607.pdf

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/>

PCHS Website: <http://www.portageps.org/schools/high/chs/default.aspx>

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

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 5th @ 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 rlynn@portageps.org

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>

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Band Website: www.portagecentralhsband.org

WMU School of Music- Info & Calendar of Events

http://www.wmich.edu/music/calendar/som_calendar_feb.html

WMU School of Music General Info:

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

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!

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

Flute: Ms. Allison Patrick 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 327-4018

Trumpet: Bryan Plunkett (WMU Grad Assistant) 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

Low Brass: Mr. Scott Hanson sfhanson@excite.com or 480-200-9765.

Percussion: Mike Shimmin 269-873-1300 or Ralphykins@aol.com

Saxophone teacher: Kaethe Durham kate@webfarm.com or Reserve a time thru Mrs. Flynn.