



## March 24<sup>th</sup>/Spring Break Update!

**All State!** Congrats to **Mike Jensen, Taryn McComb, Jud Gilbert & Ann Goodyear** for being accepted to the WMU Spring Conference All State Band on Thursday, April 3! Final Concert at Miller Auditorium at 7:30pm. Our **Symphonic Band Brass Quintet** was nominated by their judge at State S&E to record and apply for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival...this represents the "best of the best" from throughout the entire state! They recorded on Friday and we will wait and see if they are selected.

**Senior Info:** All seniors received an information sheet to be returned ASAP along with a baby picture and a current photo for the **Senior Class DVD!** The photos will be returned at the May 22 Band Banquet. Any questions, contact Deb Karnemaat [dkar@charter.net](mailto:dkar@charter.net). The DVD will be available to order at the Banquet as well. More later.....

**Preview Concert/Lawrence Central:** What a fantastic Concert on the 12<sup>th</sup> and all of those ensembles in under 90 minutes....and I even talked more than I should have!

What a great trip to Indy for all involved! Besides Indianapolis being a great city to visit, this trip always comes at a time when we all need to escape the daily routine. The Concert & Symphonic Bands peaked at this performance and received rave reviews for the performance level and literature chosen for this event. Even though the individual clinicians for each group were not the most exciting personalities, we all learned a lot! What a great experience to play for a panel of College directors! Once we build the new facility here at PCHS, we will also look into acquiring some Grant monies to start this type of experience, but with a different twist.

**Freshman Band:** Performing at the Michigan Wind Festival sponsored by PN & Battle Creek Lakeview on **Tuesday night at 7pm** at the PN auditorium. Admission is free and open to all!  
[http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/chsfresh/chsfresh\\_031708.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdf/files/chsfresh/chsfresh_031708.pdf)

**Jazz Band/Big Band Bash:** They have been amazing rehearsing on T/Th at 6:45am...they rehearsed 10 mornings to get ready for the BBash that was a rousing success! We are gearing towards this event as a **major funding project for 2009**.....twice the crowd, prizes, drawings and maybe a special guest soloist (former student intern who plays a pretty good jazz trumpet).

**Marching Band '08 Info:** A few dates to pass along. It is on the website in Calendar form.  
<http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/calendar.html>

Pre Camp (@PC)      T-W-TH      August 12-14

Band Camp (@PC)      M-S      August 18-23 (Monday aft.- Saturday early evening)

We will be talking to the Freshman students after Festival about marching band and all the offerings that they have to look forward to during their Sophomore, Junior & Senior years!

**Collage Monies:** As an update, we just received our new 34" Wu Han gong thanks to the donations from the December Collage Concert! The old gong you might remember stopped "gonging" after 30 years and is now a "one-of-a-kind" wall clock!

### **KRESA Renewal Millage:** May 6

Important information: <http://www.portageps.org/information/news/default.aspx>  
<http://www.portageps.org/information/bondprojectupdates/Millage%20charts.pdf>

### **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**
- (No Jeans), dark colored shoes (no tennis shoes), Dark colored belt and **black socks**.

**CMS Band Update:** Wow, look at all the kids we have in band.....finally! We have 58 enrolled in Freshman Band next fall. **We have 94+ enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> grade band next year** and are looking at increased staffing to help support this ensemble. We will maintain 52 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade band. The incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders (Goal is 125) will be fit after Spring Break and we expect another record number! The "band machine" is "cranking up" at CMS!

**Blue Man Group!** April 16 in Chicago!.....all 53 spots are filled with paid deposits! Final payment is overdue!!!! Itinerary: [http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chsfresh/chsfresh\\_012008\\_2.pdf](http://www.portagecentralhsband.org/pdffiles/chsfresh/chsfresh_012008_2.pdf)

### **Hawaii '09 Info:** Looking at collecting registrations & deposits through **Spring Break!**

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)

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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](mailto:rflynn@portageps.org) [pflynn@portageps.org](mailto:pflynn@portageps.org)

### **DCI Kalamazoo Ticket Info:** Saturday, July 5

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

**Winter Legends: Underway.....**sample performance at the Indy Preview Concert in March!  
**Legends Indoor rehearsal and performance dates:**

**Summer Legends Drum & Bugle Corps:** Info: <http://www.legendspaa.org/> Congratulations to lbe for receiving an \$8000.00 grant from the Gilmore Foundation in support of Legends!

**Texas Hold Em Madness!** [http://www.legendspaa.org/documents/Texas%20Hold%20'Em%20-%20\(March%2027-29\)%20-%20Legends.pdf](http://www.legendspaa.org/documents/Texas%20Hold%20'Em%20-%20(March%2027-29)%20-%20Legends.pdf)

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

### **Bond Info:**

**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>

**Latest PN Sketch:** <http://www.portageps.org/information/bondprojectupdates/NHSdesigns.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.

**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)

**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)

**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>

**Communication:** [pflynn@portageps.org](mailto:pflynn@portageps.org) and [rflynn@portageps.org](mailto:rflynn@portageps.org) Office Phone 323-5331.

**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\\_march.html](http://www.wmich.edu/music/calendar/som_calendar_march.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](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.

**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.