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April 21 Newsletter Update

Newspaper Recycling Truck: The PC Band **Newspaper Recycling Truck** has returned for the season. It is again located in the back parking lot by the Waylee exit/entrance. It will be open **8am-6pm daily** and we can only accept Newspapers (including advertisement inserts) either tied or bagged.

With construction starting after this Fall for the new PCHS and finding help to run this project, this will be the final year for the truck! **We have offered newspaper recycling here at PCHS for over 30 years.....quite a tradition coming to an end!**

Opus 21 Clinic/Masterclass: The music students here at CHS and CMS will be in the audience on Thursday during 4th hour for a special concert by this outstanding **WMU Faculty ensemble**. Check out the website: <http://opus21.org/>

CMS Band Update: Wow, look at all the kids we have in band.....finally! We have **62** enrolled in Freshman Band next fall. **We have 94+ enrolled in 7th grade band next year** and are looking at increased staffing to help support this ensemble. We will maintain 52 in 8th grade band. The incoming 6th graders (Goal is 125) will be fit after Spring Break and we expect another record number! The “band machine” is “cranking up” at CMS!

Music Staffing: Yep, believe it or not (and we were surprised by the latest developments), we are still fighting for a reasonable teaching schedule in band here at Central site.....one that is fair to the program, supports the growth and development of the kids and the program, and one that doesn't burn us out. We do have the support of the building principals, but they don't make the final decisions. More to come.....budget cuts.

New CHS: It is exciting to see the initial design of the new PCHS....very innovative and will be a major “wow” factor for this piece of property here on Westedge....but also very cost effective and energy savvy! We are squeezing out every dollar and square foot we can possible obtain. The new Band room and totally renovated Music Suite will be beautiful and very practical. Much more later.

KRESA Renewal Millage: May 6 Vote is approaching!

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

Color Guard Clinic/Rehearsals: For new & returning members!

Thursday May 1, 8 & 15 6-8:30pm

Final Concert: Wednesday, May 14 7pm

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**.

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!

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>

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 dskar@charter.net. The DVD will be available to order at the Banquet as well. More later.....

Blue Man Group! It was a fantastic day in Chicago.....67 degrees and sunshine! The Blue Man Group was fun for all!

Hawaii '09 Info: Last Call!

We are only at 50 deposits as of today. We'd like to give it until May 1 and see if we have any further interest before we make a final decision. Please email me pflynn@portageps.org if you are interested in traveling and have not sent in a deposit.

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!

All State! Congrats to **Mike Jensen, Taryn McComb, Jud Gilbert & Ann Goodyear** for being accepted to the WMU Spring Conference All State Band. They performed at Miller Auditorium just prior to break!

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>

Winter Legends: Car Wash & the Romence D&W Saturday, May 3 & 17 9am-3pm

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!

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

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

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 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>

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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_april.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.

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.