



## Happy Holidays! December 17th Update!

**Winter Legends Percussion: Rehearsal/open house night is Wednesday, December 19 6-9pm.** This will be the opportunity for percussion staff to see and hear the members and begin part & section placement. This is an important evening!

**TUBA NEW YEAR!** No, not a bad joke. Downtown **Kalamazoo News Year Fest** is looking for all **Euphonium/Tuba** players from all over the greater Kalamazoo area to participate in a huge Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble under the direction of Professor Deanna Swoboda from WMU! For general New Years Fest info: [www.newyearsfest.com](http://www.newyearsfest.com)

**Registration:** 3:30-4 Monday, December 31  
First Presbyterian Church- 321 W. South (adjacent to the Civic Theater).

**Rehearsal:** 4-5:15pm at First Presbyterian (Prof. Deanna Swoboda conducting)

**Performance:** 5:30pm on the stage at Bronson Park!

\*All performers will receive an admission button to ALL the New Years Fest activities.

Email Bob Dlouhy: [Robert.dloughy@wmich.edu](mailto:Robert.dloughy@wmich.edu) to reserve a spot and guarantee music copies! Tell him your name, school, instrument (Euph TC or BC).

**Full 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)

**Holiday Collage Overview:** A rousing success and a great crowd! 1hr 50 minutes of great Band, Choral & Orchestral Music! Next year, the 9-12<sup>th</sup> woodwinds will premier a new work written exclusively for them by the title of **“You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch!”** What a way to open the 2008 Collage! Of course, **“Christmas Eve Sarajevo”** will always close the concert. ☺

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

**WMU Horn Day:** Saturday, January 19, 2008  
Registration is \$15. Covers clinics, massed Horn Choir Music.  
11:30am Registration 6:30 Final Concert  
Flyers from Mr. or Mrs. Flynn  
Contact Dr. Lin Foulk @ WMU with questions: [lin.foulk@wmich.edu](mailto:lin.foulk@wmich.edu)  
[http://homepages.wmich.edu/~lfoulk/horn\\_day.html](http://homepages.wmich.edu/~lfoulk/horn_day.html)

**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>

**Benje Daneman Group:** Performing at **The Union** in downtown Kalamazoo on Thursday, December 20 8-11pm. Benje's email: [benjedaneman@yahoo.com](mailto:benjedaneman@yahoo.com)

**CMS Concert Success Story!** I think we have finally turned the corner at CMS with regards to the band program....it has taken an immense amount of our time this fall but it was well worth the investment. Over 80 CMS parent teacher conference contacts was definitely a record! We had 128 6<sup>th</sup> grade students (Mrs. Flynn conducting) present their first Concert last Monday in front of an audience of close to 600! We also had the 64-7<sup>th</sup> & 55-8<sup>th</sup> grade bands perform on Tuesday with an audience of 500.... and both bands were outstanding! We have a renewed excitement in the program that we haven't seen in a long, long, long time. This is just the beginning!

### **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**.

**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!!!!

**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)

**Legends:** Final planning is underway...looking at an enrollment of 80 students! Starting date may be the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>. **All past band fees must be paid in full to participate.** Contact Ibe if you would like more info [ibe@thoughtsip.com](mailto:ibe@thoughtsip.com) & [www.thoughtsip.com](http://www.thoughtsip.com). Sign up on the registration wall in the front of the band room!

**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>

**PC Band on You Tube!** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ud95qChpM4> (Lakeshore)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aASQ0TNtVeg> (Grandville)

**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 in January!!!*

*These are the teachers we recommend here 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 teachers:** TBA when schedules are confirmed

**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/index.html>

**General Info:**

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

***Have a great Holiday Break!***