



# NOTES FROM THE PODIUM

## MARCH 2018

Please visit the band website for more info: [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH

- 19 Winds Leadership Workday #1
- 21 Marching Band Rehearsal Returning Members Only 3:30pm-5pm
- 21 Extravaganza Recruiting Event 6pm
- 23-24 P-CEP Musical "Curtains" 7pm
- 24 Winter Guard MidEast Regional
- 24 Winter Percussion Troy Athens
- 24 Winds Leadership Workday #2 10am-3pm
- 28 Pasta Fundraiser and Winter Guard and Winter Percussion Showcase 6:30pm
- 26 Marching Band Informational Meeting New Members
- 30 Spring Break Begins

#### APRIL

- 7 Winter Guard MCGC State Championship
- 8 Winter Percussion MCGC State Championship
- 12 Jazz at Cliff Bells
- 12-14 Winter Guard WGI Championship
- 19-21 Winter Percussion WGI Championship
- 26-27 TBD MSBOA State Band and Orchestra Festival Skyline H.S. Wind Ensemble Only
- 28 Band Performance in Detroit
- 29 Jazz at the Library
- 30 Band Banquet

#### MAY

- 9 Night of Percussion
- 10 Spring Concert
- 11-13 Chicago Band Trip
- 28 Memorial Day Parade

#### JUNE

- 7 Concert in Kellogg Park
- 10 Graduation Performance Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble
- 18-22 Marching Band June Camp



#### DEAR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS

The second semester is well underway with many achievements to celebrate. In January students from each class participated in over 100 events at the MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble festival with fifty-two of those events qualifying for MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble who represented themselves with professionalism and outstanding musicianship this past weekend. Our Winter Guard and Percussion students have been working very hard on their shows in rehearsal and have been very successful in performance/competition. All of our curricular bands performed at the MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival on March 9 at Redford Thurston; each ensemble performed with outstanding musicianship and earned superior division "I" ratings from all of the adjudicators. Our Jazz Ensembles

visited Western Michigan University Jazz Festival on March 10 and the P-CEP John Coltrane Jazz Ensemble was rated one of the top four performing ensembles at the festival. Lastly, many of our students are performing in the musical pit for this year's musical production of "Curtains". If you have not seen the musical yet you have one more chance to participate in the fun this weekend March 23-24. Please take the time to review the upcoming events on the left side of this page to familiarize your self with the many activities that will be taking place over the upcoming months. Please be sure to reference our band website [www.pcmb.net](http://www.pcmb.net) to stay updated with the most current information. If you have any questions after your review of this newsletter please send Mr. Thomann and Mr. Wells and email.

-Mr. Thomann and Mr. Wells

## BANQUET SENIOR PHOTO UPDATE

Senior Parents,  
Each year at the band banquet we do a tribute video to the all the graduating seniors! This video is also going to be available for purchase along with other videos that will be made this year. In the past, we have only done marching band seniors, but this year we are doing EVERY senior.

You have previously seen an email requesting you to send in baby pictures. Thank you to all families that have already sent them in!

With that said, WE NEED A RECENT PICTURE AS WELL!

I am asking everyone to please send TWO pictures of your senior. One picture should be when your child was younger (many of you have already done this). The second photo that we need should be a more current picture of your child. Please send all photos in JPEG format.

I am asking to receive all the pictures by April 2nd. All you need to do is send an email to [pcdlvideos@gmail.com](mailto:pcdlvideos@gmail.com) with the TWO pictures of your senior. If you have already sent a baby picture, we have it. We now just need a recent picture!

If you have any questions don't be afraid to ask!

Email Nathan Rodwell  
[pcdlvideos@gmail.com](mailto:pcdlvideos@gmail.com)

Thanks in advance,  
Nathan Rodwell

## 2018 P-CEP MARCHING BAND TO WATCH DRUM CORPS IN DETROIT ON JUNE 21

The 2018 Marching Band Students will be traveling to Downtown Detroit to watch the kickoff performance by Drum Corps International. Students will participate in a leadership workshop by Fran Kick and then be entertained by the following Drum Corps: Blue Stars, Bluecoats, Boston Crusaders, Carolina Crown, The Cavaliers, and The Phantom Regiment. 2018 Marching Band Members will have a ticket paid for them, and all other tickets purchased should use the offer code so that we can get money back towards our program. Anyone can use the following code when purchasing tickets: PHS2018 link for DCI: <https://www.dci.org/events/dci-tour-premiere>

## COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

All High School Band Students should have received cookie dough fundraiser information during school. Please do your best to participate in this fundraiser to raise much needed funds for our student's. All forms are due on March 16. Orders will arrive after Spring Break if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Teresa Eby [tmeby@aol.com](mailto:tmeby@aol.com).

## WIND ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT MSBOA STATE BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

The Wind Ensemble will be traveling to Skyline H.S. in Ann Arbor to perform and participate in the MSBOA State Band and Orchestra festival. This festival is a similar format to District Festival previously held at Redford Thurston H.S. on May 9th with a higher standard of musical excellence and challenging sight-reading music. The Wind Ensemble will also be performing new musical selections at this festival. More details will be sent regarding this event once MSBOA confirms our performance date and time.

## P-CEP BAND BANQUET

The P-CEP Bands will be expanding the Marching Band Banquet to an All-Inclusive Band Banquet where we will be celebrating all of our students and showcasing all of the ensembles Varsity Band Woodwinds, Concert Band Brass and Percussion, Symphony Band, Chamber Winds, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Jazz Bands, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion, Graduating Seniors, Band Awards, Year-End Videos and Senior Farewells. Please plan on attending this event on April 30 in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

## PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER AND PERFORMANCE

The Plymouth Canton Music Boosters presents the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm.

Serving starts at 6:30 pm in Cafeteria, the transition to the gymnasium at 7:20 for performances.

Featuring:  
Winterguard 7:30 pm & 8:30 pm  
Winter Perc. 7:45 pm & 8:45 pm  
JV Guard 8:00 pm  
JV Perc. 8:15 pm  
\$12 Adult at the door  
\$5 Student/Child  
Under 3 Free

Pre-Order Option – save \$2 per adult!  
\$10 for early RSVP – Before March 23  
- send checks made out to PCMB with a list of each name attending to:  
PCMB, PO Box 701135, Plymouth MI 48170 or place it in the White Mailbox

## SPRING BAND CONCERT

We are pleased to announce that this years spring concert will feature two alumni: Guest Conductor Professor Glen Adsit, Director of Bands at the Hartt Conservatory of Hartford University, and Guest Performer Dr. Joe Girard, Saxophone Professor Schwob School of Music of Columbus State University. The concert will begin at 7 pm at Salem H.S. in the Gloria Logan Auditorium. More details will be released in April.



## COMMENCEMENT

Students who are in Chamber Winds and Wind Ensemble grades 9-11 will perform for the Plymouth H.S, Canton H.S., and Salem H.S. graduation ceremonies held at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center on June 10th. A detailed itinerary will be sent out in May regarding this event.

## MARCHING BAND LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the 2018 Marching Band Drum Major and Wind Leadership Clinics. The leadership team was announced on Monday, March 12. Mr. Thomann and Mr. Wells are extremely proud of all of the students who attended the clinics and are very optimistic about the 2018 season. Family leaders will be announced at a later date.

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right thing." -- Peter F. Drucker

"Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another." --John C. Maxwell

## P-CCS BANDS INVITATION TO PERFORM FOR ROBOTICS IN DETROIT

Marching Band - Robotics F.I.R.S.T.  
We are very excited to share with you a unique performance opportunity that the students of the P-CEP Bands will have this spring!

The band program has been asked to perform as part of the "FIRST Robotics" National Competition held on Saturday, April 28th at Cobo Hall in Downtown Detroit. From their website, ([firstinspires.org](http://firstinspires.org)) the event is described as "a thrilling four-day competition and expo where more than 30,000 attendees will cheer on students ages 6-18 as they participate in game-format challenges with their custom-built robots." This large event is recognized as a remarkable opportunity for the city as well, and they add "Historically, FIRST Championship has made a \$30 million economic impact on its host city." Furthermore, this is the same National competition that our very own P-CEP Robotics team won last year!

The P-CEP Band students will be performing in front of approximately 25,000 people (yes you read that correctly!) at Cobo Hall as they kick off the final competition. Students will be performing top 40 charts (e.g., Justin Timberlake, Journey, and Bruno Mars) and participating in a fun pep-rally style performance.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students, and we are THRILLED to share it with them! ANY band student can participate, and it is not for strictly marching band students. We are encouraging all curriculum students grades 8-12 to join us on this date!

WIND Rehearsals for the event will be held on the following dates: (Please check the calendar for guard and percussion rehearsals <https://www.pcmb.net/calendar#year=2018&month=3&day=18&view=month>)

4/11 6:00-8:00 PM  
4/16 6:00-8:00 PM  
4/18 6:00-8:00 PM  
4/23 6:00-8:00 PM  
4/25 6:00-8:00 PM  
4/28 PERFORMANCE!

Please note that there is no experience required to join this event and there is no fee to join. Students will need to purchase a P-CEP Bands polo, but all other materials will be provided!

Our goal is to have over 350 students involved!

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wells ([michael.wells@pccsk12.com](mailto:michael.wells@pccsk12.com)) and Mr. Thomann ([george.thomann@pccsk12.com](mailto:george.thomann@pccsk12.com))

## BENEFITS OF MARCHING BAND

"Benefits of Marching Band  
It can be very intimidating walking in as a freshman, to a school that is massive. We are very fortunate to have a remarkable band program that is recognized throughout the country. I am now 33 and still remember all of my great times in the day band as well as marching band. If you play in day band you will hear about marching band. So just sign up now and you won't forget it. PCEP is a community of music, a family, a place you can call home when times are bad. The marching band will teach you many things about yourself, about how to deal with life. I learned that if you put in the hard work it will pay off whether it's days down the road or 5 years. The band teaches you about discipline, how to work together as one unit to accomplish whatever you want".

- Justin Paffenroth P-CEP Band Alumni

For more testimonials by alumni please click on the following link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9nciECsMygYREJRWTIKNDYtS1FFUmRtbUxnNmZUczlQR3Bj/view?usp=sharing>

For more information please contact Mrs. Sarah Rutman our New Member Representative as she is a great resource for new and interested families. Please feel free to email Mrs. Rutman ([skrtcz3@gmail.com](mailto:skrtcz3@gmail.com)) as well as Mr. Thomann and Mr. Wells for more information. If you are a student and would like to speak with another student about marching band please contact Erin who leads our student recruiting team ([ekboyle728@pccsk12.com](mailto:ekboyle728@pccsk12.com)). Our first rehearsal for new members is April 11 in the PHS band room between 6-8pm.

## P-CEP MARCHING BAND TO PERFORM IN ANN ARBOR AT

## THE BIG HOUSE

Mr. Wells and I are excited to announce that the 2018 Marching Band will have the opportunity to perform at the BIG HOUSE at U of M in Ann Arbor on August 24 at 3:30 pm for the Plymouth H.S. Varsity Football Game. Our students will share the field during halftime and get to perform in the largest stadium in the United States and second largest stadium in the world. More details will be released in June.

## Testimonials about Joining The Marching Band

**Jeanne Tetreau Snyder** - You have to belong to something smaller in the vastness of the Park. PCMB is that. Lifetime friends are made for both students and parents (and sometimes marriages ;) So so thankful our family's high school years (all 9) included the connection of marching band. So fun!

**Melissa Francis** - Marching band teaches time management, organization, and teamwork skills that I still use as a lawyer on a daily basis 24 years after graduating from PCEP. Music is a lifelong companion and is an excellent stress reliever in a fast paced world.

**Stephanie Ludwig Winiger** - I remember in 8th grade feeling anxious about going to the high school. It was huge and I was afraid of getting lost and not see any of my friends. When I joined marching band, we had rehearsals and camps while I was still in 8th grade. I was able to find my way around pretty well by the time the 1st day of 9th grade and I "hung out" before and after school at the band room which became my "home away from home" during my high school years. Marching band truly made starting high school much easier. Also, I loved being in the band and continued on with music in college and became an elementary music teacher in a neighboring school district.

**Jennifer Wynn Wilmarth As a parent**, I can not say enough about how much the, Plymouth Canton Marching Band has influenced my children. It took them from shy, anxious freshmen to seniors who are leaders that are strong and confident. Marching band gave them a sense of teamwork, responsibility, the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, perseverance, and enduring to the end to gain your reward. It taught them to be compassionate to others and understanding that each person has something to offer. It gave them life long friends and memories they will never forget. It taught them to set goals and to reach for the moon and stars.

## Youth Band Opportunities



Dear Music Students,

Applications for the 2018-19 Michigan Youth Ensembles season are now available! Please click on this link for more details. [http://smtd.umich.edu/special\\_programs/youth/mye/MYEauditiondates.htm](http://smtd.umich.edu/special_programs/youth/mye/MYEauditiondates.htm)

Audition dates are as follows:

- Sat. April 14, 2018 - Strings, Winds, Brass, Percussion, Choral, Jazz
- Sun. April 15, 2018 - Strings, Winds, Brass, Jazz
- Mon. April 16, 2018 - Strings Only

The Michigan Youth Ensembles (MYE) program brings together select high school students from music programs all across Michigan and Ohio for weekly rehearsals at the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance. Students chosen by audition have the opportunity to rehearse and perform challenging repertoire in a stimulating environment, while learning from U-M conductors, applied faculty, and graduate students. Designed as an enrichment opportunity for local music education programs, MYE allows students to work in a collegiate setting and minimizes barriers between high school and college music study.

MYE consists of four large ensembles: Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Women's Chorale, all of which are conducted by renowned U-M faculty. We also offer Musicianship Courses and small ensemble opportunities, such as the Jazz Improvisation, Youth Euphonium and Tuba Ensemble (YETE) and iImpact! Youth Percussion Ensemble. These courses are led by graduate students under the direction of a U-M faculty advisor.

Interested students must complete the MYE online application and pay the \$45 non-refundable application fee.

**Singers and Instrumentalists** should prepare one classical solo that demonstrates their best level of both technical and expressive abilities. This selection need not be more than 3 minutes in duration. Instrumentalists should include a second piece or additional movement if one piece does not demonstrate contrasting styles. A chromatic scale throughout the range of an instrument may also be asked. An accompanist will be provided for singers only. It is preferred that instrumentalists play without accompaniment.

**Percussionists** should prepare 3 solo pieces or etudes that show proficiency on snare drum, marimba, and timpani. Sticks/mallets are not provided; you must bring your own.

If you have questions about any of the ensembles, or about the program in general, please feel free to contact us at [smtd-youthandadult@umich.edu](mailto:smtd-youthandadult@umich.edu).

**Jazz applicants** will be asked to perform an audition including the following components:

Seven major scales of your choice (seven different keys), Three harmonic and/or melodic minor scales of your choice using eighth notes (quarter = 120), a melody (head) and improvised solo to either a blues, rhythm changes, or standard jazz tune, either with a combo or play-a-long recording.

Piano, Guitar, and Bass: Walk a bass line or comp chords for an F or Bb blues, either with a combo or play-a-long recording. Improvise a solo if possible.

Drums: Demonstrate playing the following styles: Swing (sticks and brushes), Bossa nova, Samba, Ballad

Sight reading/sight singing will be required of all applicants.

We look forward to receiving your students applications!

All the best,

Youth & Adult Community Programs Staff  
University of Michigan  
School of Music, Theatre & Dance



# YOUTH BAND OPPORTUNITIES



## **SPARTAN YOUTH WIND SYMPHONY FOR OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTALISTS**

The Spartan Youth Wind Symphony (SYWS) is an honors wind ensemble for high school students. SYWS is co-directed by Drs. David Thornton and Dustin Barr, both of whom are Assistant Director of Bands in the MSU College of Music. Open to the most outstanding Michigan high school instrumentalists (woodwind, brass, and percussion), the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony provides an opportunity to rehearse in a university setting. Students will perform and interact with peers from around the state and receive instruction from College of Music faculty and students. They will enhance their skills as musicians and ensemble performers through the exploration of advanced-level repertoire in an inspired rehearsal atmosphere. Each semester culminates in combined performances with the MSU Wind Symphony and Symphony Band.

In addition to the Wind Symphony, the extensive SYWS Chamber Music Program provides the most outstanding musicians the opportunity to perform with one of nine Honors Chamber Ensembles, including brass and woodwind quintets, saxophone and tuba/euphonium quartets, chamber wind ensemble, flute choir, clarinet choir, brass choir, and percussion ensemble. The chamber ensembles are coached by MSU College of Music graduate students and faculty, and perform on a chamber recital at the end of each semester.

- See more at: <http://music.msu.edu/syws>