

Festival Season Notes

Charlotte Bands to Host M.S.B.O.A.

District Band Festival again at CPAC!

Again this year the Charlotte Bands will be performing at the M.S.B.O.A. District Band Festival. Much like Solo and Ensemble Festival, Band Festival provides our students the opportunity to be evaluated in their musical growth by a panel of music educators. The Charlotte bands will be hosting a site with numerous bands that represent high levels of music achievement—in short we will

be with many very good bands. Parents, help us to prepare each band by making sure that your student is practicing at home—help us maintain our Charlotte tradition. Please review all of the information in this newsletter and if you have any questions please contact one of the directors. Thank you for your support and encouragement, we look forward to an exciting festival season.

Pre-Festival Concert Thursday, March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Traditionally we present this program to help our Bands prepare for the adjudication process. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. It is very important that each band has the opportunity to perform in front of an audience to help solidify their musical presentation. In the school days that follow, each group will work on polishing up the music for their festival performance. All band members (grades 7-8) should report for warm up at 6:15 p.m. Cadet Band I students need to bring 2 dozen cookies.

Hosting Festival Parents Needed

As in past years Charlotte will be hosting the MSBOA District Band Festival at our Performing Arts Center on March 18 and 19. This festival cannot run without your help and support! We will need volunteers including: ushers, hall monitors, tear down crew, and key-holders.

To sign-up contact:

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Students can sign up at school to assist with guiding bands, working in sight reading, and working in the percussion loading dock area. (This is an opportunity for students to earn extra credit.)

Pre-Festival Concert

7-8th Grade Band, Cadet Band I

Thursday, March 10

6:15 p.m. Students Report

7:00 CONCERT

8:15 Reception

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18

7th-8th Grade Band

5:30 p.m. Arrive at CPAC

6:00 In Warm-Up Room

6:25 CONCERT PERFORMANCE

6:50 Sight Reading

Friday, March 18

Cadet Band I

6:40 p.m. Arrive at CPAC

7:10 In Warm-Up Room

7:35 CONCERT PERFORMANCE

8:00 Sight Reading

Sixth Grade Band Concert Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

The Sixth Grade Band will present their second evening concert on Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. at CPAC. The students have been working very hard this winter and we are excited for you to hear their progress. Brass and percussion students need to bring 2 dozen cookies.

Calendar

MS Pre-Festival Concert (All Band students, grades 7-8)	Thursday, March 10	7:00 p.m.
	Student report time	6:15 p.m.
Sixth Grade Band Concert	Tuesday, March 15	7:00 p.m.
	Student report time	6:15 p.m.
Middle School Band Festival	Friday, March 18	
	7-8th Grade Band	6:25 p.m.
	Cadet Band I	7:35 p.m.
High School Band Festival Pre-Festival Concert	Thursday, March 17	7:30 p.m.
District Festival	Saturday, March 19	

Next in Line, time to step into the Charlotte High School Band

Parents of 8th grade band students, this is an exciting time as our 8th graders approach the time when they will step into their position in the Charlotte High School Bands. Planning for the 2011-2012 school year is already under way and current 8th grade band students will receive detailed information regarding high school band during the spring. Included will be information about Band Camp, structure of the Charlotte High School Bands, auditions, scheduling, and an overview of the upcoming year. As orientation to Charlotte HS proceeds, you will hear about the state mandated high school curriculum and we want to assure you that the academic program at CHS maintains the opportunities for students to participate in band and still fulfill **ALL** graduation requirements. Participation in arts activities and instrumental music in particular provides students numerous benefits beyond the music classroom and is looked upon quite favorably by college admissions departments.

There are also many school activities and new opportunities for students as they enter Charlotte High School and band students have traditionally participated in many of these. Further, the directors and the high school athletic director, work diligently to coordinate band and athletic schedules. In short, it is absolutely possible for students to participate in band and any sport at CHS.

Quick Notes:

- Band placement will be based upon audition, students will be given specific audition information in class as it becomes available.
- Marching band is a *season* of the high school band not a distinct band. The performance year moves from a short marching season in the fall to the concert season which includes a holiday concert, MSBOA festivals, Band Bounce, and in some years, national festival tours.
- Students are expected to participate in band camp and pre-camp. The ANTICIPATED cost of camp is \$295.00 per student. This is quite a value considering the high quality camp facility, extended instructional staff, and meals provided. Parents may begin sending in payments now—please include your student's name. **Charlotte Band Boosters, PO Box 496, Charlotte, MI 48813**
- Many more extension opportunities for students: Jazz Band, Band Bounce Variety Show, State Solo and Ensemble, collegiate honors bands, instrument workshops.
- Pre-band camp, Aug. 1-4, 6:00 p.m. Marching Band Camp, Aug. 7-12

Fifth graders, band information is coming...

Future Sixth Grade Band members and parents take note, in the next few weeks you will begin the journey that is membership in the Charlotte Bands. The first step will be the music listening survey which will help to determine your areas of musical ability. Later you will also get the opportunity to try out all of the instruments. This is a very fun experience that produces some pretty interesting sounds. During the spring, families of fifth grade students will receive quite a bit of information about the Charlotte Bands, band in 6th grade, and most importantly, information about how to get an instrument. This is always one of the most exciting times of the band year and Mr. Gronda and Ms. Detgen are eager to meet with you. The big information packets will go in the mail in mid April and this should answer most questions, however if you still have a specific question please call, e-mail, or stop in to the Middle School Band Office to speak with one of the directors.

Welcome Ms. Viventi

We would like to extend a warm welcome to ms. Mickenzie Viventi, who is currently student teaching with us during the winter semester. She is completing her undergraduate music education degree at Michigan State University. Ms. Viventi is a percussionist who has played in numerous ensembles at MSU including the Symphony Band, the Spartan Marching Band, and the Spartan Brass. Originally a native of Foxborough, MA she has many stories about Plymouth Rock, snow, and the New England Patriots. She has been diligently working with all of the middle school band classes plus working with several high school percussion events. We are very pleased to have her with us during this semester.

Congratulations Ms. Detgen M.S.B.O.A. Band Teacher of the Year

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Detgen was elected by the member directors of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association as the 2011 Teacher of the Year in Band. This is the highest honor MSBOA bestows upon a member and is a reflection of the high regard for Ms. Detgen's work as an educator and her service on behalf of MSBOA. She will guest conduct the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Band this May in Kalama-

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