

The Colt Chronicle

The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

January 2016

Saturday, January 16	MSBOA District Chamber Ensemble Festival
Saturday, January 23	San Antonio Spring Trip Payment Due
Wednesday, January 27	Band Booster Meeting, 7pm, THS Band Room
Thursday, January 28	Bounce For the Band, 4-8pm, Airtime Trampoline & Game Park
Saturday, January 30	MSBOA District Solo and Ensemble Festival

Key Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We look forward to a musically prosperous 2016! Thank you for your continued support of excellence in our band program.

(A WORD FROM MR. NUTTING) THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING: Each year I am asked by parents what they can do to most effectively support their student's musical growth. The answer is simple – private lessons. If your student is not already enrolled in private lessons, please consider this most influential gift. Although we boast an exemplary music program, individual student musicians require individual attention by specialists on each respective instrument. With our ever-expanding enrollment, this cannot be realized during band class. This opportunity will greatly enhance your child's musical development, promote greater reward and satisfaction, and enhance the overall quality of their experience.

BOUNCE FOR THE BAND! Put a spring in your step and jump on over to Airtime Trampoline and Game Park on Thursday, January 28th from 4pm – 8pm, for an exhilarating fundraising event. You'll flip over the fun you and your friends are having while bouncing away your stress. Help the Troy Colt Bands' fundraising reach new heights as Airtime will donate a portion of every guest's entrance fee to the band program. Airtime Trampoline and Game Park is located at 662 East Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI. The event is open to all who wish to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2016 MSBOA All-State High School Honors Band Members: Ben Gregory, Tim Grieme, Lucy Li, Ken Lu, Krystal Qin, Elayna Sabelhaus; Honors Orchestra Members Liam Clancy and Robby Kohring; and to Honorable Mention Emily Schram! MSBOA All-State High School Honors Performers will be featured this month at the 2016 Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR TREASURES, TALENT, and TRAVEL: Do you have tickets to a professional/collegiate sporting event? Do you have a talent such as teaching voice lessons? Do you have a place Up North? The Colt Celebration, featuring the amazing Troy High Jazz Ensemble, also includes an exciting silent auction to raise money for the Troy High band program. We have already secured generous donations from places like Walt Disney World Resorts, The Melting Pot, Granite City Brewery, Purple Rose Theatre, Culver's, The Henry Ford, The Detroit Pistons, Somerset Inn, and Michigan State football tickets, but we are looking for more. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate or a connection to a business that may want to donate, please contact Tina Battle at thbb_fundraising@troycoltbands.org. All auction items need to be received by Tina no later than Friday, February 26th. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Festival Concert will take place at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Tuesday, February 23 at 7pm. Students will be leaving directly from school by bus to eat dinner then arrive early for a dress rehearsal/sound check. Details and ticket order form to follow.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS: Thank you to all the students who have signed up for volunteer hours so far. You have all helped tremendously with our marching band production, music inventory, band room cleaning and organizing, and holiday concert events. As we enter into a busy concert season, please remember to check on the [Student Sign Up Genius](#) for new opportunities to become available. Each student is required, as part of their grade, to fulfill 2 volunteer hours between now and the end of the school year.

PRIMETIME PERFORMANCE AT THE PISTONS! On **Monday, February 8, 2016**, the Troy Colt Bands' Color Guard and Drumline will be performing during the pregame show at the Detroit Pistons v. Toronto Raptors basketball game at the Palace of Auburn Hills. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the amazing talents of the Color Guard and Drumline, and will also serve as a fundraiser since the Troy Colt Bands will receive \$5.00 back from every ticket purchased by our group. The Pistons have reserved blocks of seats for us in the \$17 and \$37 price ranges for tickets. Whether or not your student is in Color Guard or Drumline, we hope that many Troy Colt Band families and friends will come to watch this exciting event. See this [flyer](#) for more information on how to order tickets.

JAZZ IT UP! Beat the winter blues by attending the annual Jazz Ensemble Dinner Dance on Friday, March 11 at the Marriott Centerpoint for a fabulous evening of dinner, dining, silent auction, and of course your own Troy High School Jazz Ensemble. This is a sophisticated (and very fun!) evening you will not want to miss. It is not necessary to have a student in the Jazz Ensemble to enjoy this wonderful getaway. For your dining pleasure, we've secured three exceptional meal options. Finally, there will be a silent auction with a wide array of prizes. Mark your calendars now and join us in March for an evening to remember. Tickets are on sale now. Click here: [Colt Celebration order form](#) for ordering information. Purchase tickets [online](#) prior to January 1st for early bird prices!

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS: Our next Band Booster meetings are scheduled for January 27 and April 13 (Board Elections meeting) at 7pm. You can stay informed between meetings via our electronic newsletters, mass emails, [band website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). As always, if you have ideas, questions, concerns, or want to become involved, please feel free to contact Director [Brian Nutting](#), Band Booster President [Sue Balamucki](#), or any Band Booster officer. An officer listing is available on the website. The Executive Board will continue to meet monthly to assist in band operations.

Please visit www.troycoltbands.org for pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities.

Worthy of Note

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| February 8 | Troy Colt Colorguard and Drumline performance at Detroit Pistons game |
| February 23 | Festival Concert (CA, CB, SB) |
| TBD | University of Michigan Jazz Festival (JE) |