



The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

What's On:

April 2018

(Thursday, March 29)	MSBOA State Jazz Festival , Royal Oak High School Performance Times: Jazz Ensemble, 4:30pm Jazz Combo, 7:30pm
Monday, April 9, 16	TCMB Rehearsals , 2:30-4pm
Tuesday, April 10	Troy High Band Boosters Meeting (Officer Elections)
Tuesday & Wednesday April 10-11	Colorguard Clinics , 3:30-5:30pm
Thursday, April 12	Colorguard Auditions , 3:30-6pm
Monday, April 16	Pre-Trip Dinner , 5pm, THS Cafeteria
?	Uniform Collection, (CB, SB, JE) 6:15-7am
Thursday-Saturday April 19-22	Spring Trip to Disney World, Orlando (SB, CB, JE, TCMB)
Thursday, April 26	All-City Band Concert , 6 & 7:30pm (SB) Report in concert attire <i>by</i> 5:30pm
Friday, April 27	MSBOA State Band Festival (SB)
Monday, April 30	TCMB Drum Major Auditions

Current News:

CONGRATULATIONS to all Campus, Concert and Symphonic band musicians on outstanding performances at MSBOA District Band Festival! All bands received first division ratings. One judge, in her closing comments remarked, “This was an outstanding performance by a wonderful band under a phenomenal teacher. Mr. Nutting is inspiring you to play great band literature and to commit to doing it well. Don’t take the Troy Music Department for granted. You are receiving an extraordinary music education so continue to enjoy and appreciate your high school band experience.”

Stellar job students!

MYAF (MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL) HONORS

Sixty-one small ensemble and solo performers represented Troy High School at MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble festival on Saturday, March 17th. All solo performers and ensembles received first (superior) and second (excellent) division ratings!

As a result of outstanding scores in the state, the following students were selected to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival honors ensembles in May:

Michelle Baek	Marvin Jiang	Elayna Sabelhaus
Euni Baik	Adam Karas	Olivia Simone
Scott Carlin	Stephan Lemke	Howie Wang
Liam Clancy	Kelley Liu	Emily Wu
John Dannug	Raghav Maini	Lillian Xiao
Aaron Feng	Gina Moy	Jessica You
Natalie Fisher	Jacquelyn Myers	Jenna Youness
Jesse Hsu	Max Peters	Alisa Young
Sara Huang	Kaleigh Pikulas	Michael Young

Kudos to all participants!!

OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Elayna Sabelhaus placed 1st in the Royal Oak Symphony Concerto Competition and will be the featured soloist on their Spring program Friday, May 11!

Karthik Ganapathy placed 2nd in the America Protégé International Concerto Competition earning the right to perform as a soloist at Carnegie Hall!

THE BLUECOATS ARE COMING! THE BLUECOATS ARE COMING!

The Troy Colt Bands are honored and proud to host the world-renowned drum and bugle corps, The Bluecoats, on Thursday, June 21, 2018. This is a unique and wonderful opportunity to witness the best of the best in action “behind the scenes” as they rehearse at the THS Stadium.

All TCMB members are expected to be in attendance to learn, grow and receive unmeasurable inspiration from this rare experience.

COLT CELEBRATION THANK YOUS!

A giant “thank you” to all parents and supporters who attended our yearly Colt Celebration! “Blues in the Night” was a tremendous success thanks to:

- * Our banquet organizer, Mary Gregory, and her large team of parent volunteers.
- * The Oak family for loaning their exceptional sound system.
- * Joe Anderson and helpers for collecting donated items for a silent auction earning over \$3000.
- * THS Band students for creating gift baskets earning a total of \$620.
- * THS Jazz Ensemble students (and featured dinner music performers) for providing high energy, quality entertainment.

Be sure to join us next year for what is sure to be another phenomenal Colt Celebration!

PRE-ORLANDO DINNER: Join us on **Monday, April 16th** for a special dinner to get us into a Disney state of mind. We will NOT be having a pre-trip meeting for the spring trip. Instead, we will email a thoroughly informative FAQ (frequently asked questions) sheet in early April. Having this information early will aid in planning and packing. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions, and meet your child’s chaperone at the Pre-trip dinner. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The date to turn in order forms has been extended. Please turn in the order form below with payment to the black box by **Wednesday, March 28th**. We will also need a few parents to assist with dinner. Please check this [link](#) to sign up.

SPRING TRIP GROUPIES: If you plan to travel to Orlando to support the Concert, Symphonic, and Jazz Bands in their performances, band parents Diane and John Mayernik are organizing a “Groupie” communication contact list. They will communicate pertinent information (such as performance schedule changes), and share parent contact information with all groupies (for those interested in sharing rides, dinner plans, etc). If you would like to be included or have further questions, please email your name, email address, and cell phone number to johnmayernik@gmail.com.

CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER on **Wednesday, April 25th** during all lunches. Band students will be selling cupcakes for only \$1.00 each. Parents are needed to bake cupcakes and drop off at the band room. Please sign up [here](#) to donate a couple dozen. All proceeds benefit Troy Colt Bands. Thank you for your support!

THE BANQUET IS COMING! Please reserve Monday, June 4th for the annual Band Banquet. All band students will be presented multiple awards and are encouraged to attend.

SPRING CONCERT PERSONAL ADS: Congratulate your band student(s) by purchasing a personal "ad" in the Spring Concert program. Be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity to recognize your band student(s) for their wonderful musical accomplishments with the THS Bands!

- Senior Parents – Honor and congratulate your graduating senior
- Band Students – Congratulate your friends, senior band members, and squad or section leaders
- Freshmen Parents – Recognize your freshman for an outstanding first year with the THS Bands

- All Family Members and Friends – Show your support and appreciation for all of our talented THS Band members

Everyone is welcome to submit ads. Last year over 40 families placed ads in the Spring Concert program. Please see the ad form at the bottom of this newsletter and posted on the band website for details, and place your order today.

REMINDER: Board nominations and elections will be held at the April 10th THBB Elections Meeting. An officer listing is available on the website, as well as job descriptions for each. Anyone interested in running for office should contact band booster Vice President at THBB_VicePresident@troycoltbands.org.

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS – Our next Band Booster meeting is scheduled for April 10 (Board Elections meeting) at 7pm. Please come to hear important updates from Mr. Nutting and the Booster Board, meet fellow band parents, and enjoy refreshments. 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 [Denice Schomer](#), 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.

Coming Next:

May 11	Paper Plate Awards/Dance (All Bands)
May 16	Dress Rehearsal, Spring Concert (CA, CB, SB)
May 17	Spring Concert (All Bands)
May 24	MB Orientation Meeting

A Look Ahead:

June 2	Music Marathon
June 4	Band Banquet
June 21	Drum Corps International at Ford Field
June 25-28	Troy High Summer Jazz Institute (mandatory for all 2018-19 Jazz Ensemble members – also open to new Jazz Explorations students)

Please keep the following dates free on your calendar, as attendance is mandatory for all 2018-2019

TCMB Members.

August 6-9, 2018	2018 Pre-Camp Week
August 10-17, 2018	2018 Band Camp
August 20, 27, 2018	Marching Band Practices, 2:30-5pm

