

# The Harmonious Herald

## The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

### ~ Prelude ~

#### May 2019

Thursday, May 2	<b>MSBOA State Festival</b> , Troy HS Auditorium (SB)
Friday, May 10	<b>Paper Plate Awards &amp; Dance</b> (All Bands) Troy First United Methodist Church, 7-9:30pm
Saturday, May 11	<b>Jazz Ensemble Performance, Shine@MotownMansion2019</b>
Wednesday, May 15	<b>Dress Rehearsal, Spring Concert</b> (CA, CD, CO, SB, JE) Troy HS Auditorium 5:30-6:15      Campus Band 6:15-7:00      Cadet Band 7-7:30          Combined Bands (CA, CD, CO, SB, JE) 7:30-8:15      Concert Band 8:15-9:00      Symphonic Band
Thursday, May 16	<b>Spring Concert</b> , (CA, CD, CO, SB, JE), 7pm
Thursday, May 23	<b>2019-20 Marching Band Orientation Meeting</b> (mandatory), 7pm
Saturday, May 25	<b>Music Marathon</b> , Troy HS, 8:00am-8:00pm <b>Colorguard Can &amp; Bottle Drive</b> , auditorium loop drop-off, 9am-4pm

### ~ Intermezzo ~

**INTERNATIONAL FAME!** Congratulations to all musicians on phenomenal performances in Toronto. All five ensembles (Cadet Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and Marching Band) received Superior ratings. In addition, Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble placed “Best in Category”. The Jazz Ensemble received the highest overall score of all performing groups.

A very special thank you to our MASTERFUL Trip Coordinators, Julie Sasaki-Hom and Jeanette Tanafranca – the two of you are second to none...stupendous, exceptional, rare geniuses in action. An additional gesture of gratitude is extended to Art Moy, Equipment Coordinator, who

oversaw the transport of 1449 uniform components, 360 instruments, 180 hat boxes, 2 bags of flags and 20 boxes of gear! Finally, thank you to all parent chaperones including Mehrunnisa Ahmad, Amy Bouque, Retika Lakshminarayanan, Heather McGinn, Neda Saker, Denice Schomer, Christine Whiting, Rahul Baweja, Mike McGahey, Chris DeNeen, Kevin Peters, Nathan Ritter, Steve Schomer, Bing Xiao, and Asheque Yusuf. We are SO fortunate to have caring, supportive and proficient parents working beside the students.

**THANK YOU** to all parents and students who came to the pancake dinner to support the band in preparation for our spring trip to Toronto. A special shout out (from our chairperson, Kathleen Strong) goes out to all the parents that helped plan, shop, set-up, check in, flip pancakes, serve, referee, and clean up. This event would not have been a success without your help! You are greatly appreciated!!

**MSBOA STATE BAND FESTIVAL:** We will be hosting the festival next **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the bands as we operate concessions. Several volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering or donating items at [MSBOA](#).

**OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT:** John Dannug is one of two winners of the Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition and will be performing a solo concerto at the finale concert on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Royal Oak Middle School, 8pm.

#### **MYAF (MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL) HONORS**

Jenna Youness was nominated for the MYAF Honors Jazz Ensemble (Alto 2) and the following students received Honorable Mentions: Max Peters, Andrew Varghese, Ben Buia, Will Smalley and Draven Tanafranca.

**SPRING CONCERT MATTERS:** The annual Spring Band Concert is just around the corner on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The THS Bands will present highly entertaining and inspiring music to appeal to all patrons. This concert is celebration of the animal kingdom titled “All Creatures Great & Small.” It’s bound to be a spectacular program. Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments. Please sign up at [spring concert](#).

**“APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS:”** A variety of ~~WHITE~~ Spring Concert flowers will adorn the stage during the May concert. Please support the THS Bands by purchasing the beautiful plants at the conclusion of the concert for \$20.

**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 place your order today.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Paper Plate Awards Dance** - Parents are needed to purchase food, set up/decorate and chaperone this event. For more information and to help, sign up at [paper plate awards](#).
- **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Senior Band Picnic** – Parent help is needed to purchase and prepare food, set up and serve. If you are able to help with this fun event, please sign up at [senior picnic](#).

**THE MAIN EVENT:** We are hosting our Ninth Annual Music Marathon on Saturday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>, 8am-8pm!** Our Troy High Band musicians will perform a variety of music during the 12-hour event, in full band, small ensemble, and solo settings. Several dining options will be available during the event including a pancake breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Please bring your cans and bottles to donate to the Color Guard Can & Bottle Drive too! **Students will be bringing home pledge sheets so that family and friends can make a pledge of money for the 12-hours of music being played. Each student is encouraged to obtain at least \$50 in pledges. Please help our students meet this goal so that the Music Marathon, a major fundraiser for our bands, is a success.** Invite family and friends and join us *for this spectacular event!* Questions? Please contact THBB President at [THBB\\_President@troycoltbands.org](mailto:THBB_President@troycoltbands.org). More information and opportunities to volunteer will be coming soon.

**“YOU’VE GOT MAIL!”** Watch your mail for invitations for the **Monday, June 3rd** annual Band Banquet. All band students will be presented multiple awards and are encouraged to attend with their families.

**STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Don’t forget to complete your two-hour volunteer requirement. Check the band room for new opportunities that are posted.

**TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTERS ELECTION RESULTS:** Our 2019-20 Band Boosters Executive Board was unanimously elected at the April 16, 2019 General Meeting. Elected officers include:

President: Denice Schomer  
 Vice President: Carol Jean  
 Secretary: Kathleen Strong  
 Treasurer: Donyel Renaud

Production Chairperson: Sarah Leight  
Social Events Chairperson: Melissa Evans  
Fundraising Chairperson: **VACANCY**  
Public Relations Chairperson: Josephine Dannug  
Uniform Chairperson: Sarah McGahey

We also need *your* support and assistance! Please contact these officers to volunteer and keep an eye out for additional volunteer opportunities coming year-round.

As you can see, we have a vacancy on the board for a Fundraising Chairperson. Anyone interested in finding out more information about what this position entails, please contact Denice Schomer at [THBB\\_President@troycoltbands.org](mailto:THBB_President@troycoltbands.org).

Many 2019-2020 band dates are already posted on the band calendar. To view them and receive pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities, visit our website at [www.TroyColtBands.org](http://www.TroyColtBands.org).

## ~ Postlude ~

June 3	Band Banquet
June 19-20	BLUECOATS Drum Corps in residence at THS
June 20	Drum Corps International (DCI) Show at Ford Field
July 22-25	Troy High Summer Jazz Institute (for all 2019-20 auditioned members)

***Please keep the following dates free on your calendar, as attendance is mandatory for all 2019-2020 TCMB Members:***

August 5-8	2019 Pre-Camp Week
August 9-16	2019 Band Camp
August 19 & 26	Marching Band Rehearsals, 2:30-5pm

