

The Harmonious Herald

The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

~ Prelude ~

April 2019

Monday, March 25 and April 8	TCMB Rehearsals, 2:30-4pm
Monday, April 8	Pre-Trip Dinner, 5pm, THS Cafeteria
Thursday-Saturday April 11-14	Spring Trip to Toronto, Canada (SB, CB, CD, JE, TCMB)
Tuesday, April 16	Troy High Band Boosters Meeting (Officer Elections), 7pm
Thursday, April 16, 17 and 18	Colorguard Clinics & Auditions, 3:30-6pm
Thursday, April 25	Showcase of Bands Concert, 6 & 7:30pm (SB only) Report in concert attire <i>by</i> 5:30pm

~ Intermezzo ~

CONGRATULATIONS to all Campus, Cadet, Concert and Symphonic band musicians on outstanding performances at MSBOA District Band Festival!

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 16th. 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 audition for or participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival honors ensembles in May:

OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE – THS Clarinet Choir, Trumpet Octet

OUTSTANDING SOLOIST – Sara Huang, Adam Karas, Gina Moy

MYAF HONORS BAND – Adam Karas, Gina Moy

MYAF HONORS ORCHESTRA – Scott Carlin, Sara Huang

OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Gina Moy** was selected to participate in the Julliard summer percussion program. She was one of only 16 selected across the country.
- **Britta Pingree** was chosen to participate in the Blue Lake Masterworks Orchestra and was one of only four french horn musicians selected.
- **Stefan Lemke** was selected to attend the Interlochen Advanced Oboe Institute, which accepts 12 students. He will be working with oboe teachers from Interlochen, Julliard, and Arizona State University.

THE BLUECOATS ARE COMING (AGAIN)! THE BLUECOATS ARE COMING (AGAIN)!

The Troy Colt Bands are honored and proud to host the world-renowned drum and bugle corps, The Bluecoats, on Wednesday and Thursday, June 19-20, 2019. 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.

SPRING TRIP UNIFORM COLLECTION: Uniforms will be collected on **Wednesday, March 27th during classes**. Students must bring all components of their concert and marching uniforms to the band room at that time so they may be checked and collected in preparation for the spring trip. We still need parents to help with collection. More hands will help us get this job done quickly. Please sign up at [uniforms](#).

COME DINE THE CANADIAN WAY, EH?... Join us on **Monday, April 8th** for the Pre-Toronto dinner as we set the tone for our international travels. Please see the flyer for details ([return the form to the black box by March 27th](#)). 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. Parent volunteers are still needed to assist with the dinner. Please sign up at [spring trip dinner](#).

MSBOA STATE BAND FESTIVAL: We will be hosting the festival on Thursday, May 2nd. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the bands as we operate concessions. Several volunteers will be required. More information will be coming.

THE BANQUET IS COMING! Please reserve Monday, June 3rd 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.

LOOKING AHEAD: We are hosting our Eighth Annual Music Marathon on Saturday, May 25th, 8am-8pm! Our Troy High Band musicians (along with additional guest 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. This is a unique, fun event and is a major fundraiser for our bands. *Please plan on joining us for this spectacular event!*

REMINDER: Board nominations and elections will be held at the April 16th THBB Elections Meeting. An officer listing is available on the website, as well as job descriptions for each position. Several Booster Board positions will be open for the upcoming 2019-20 school year: **Public Relations Chairperson, Treasurer, Fundraising Chairperson and Production Chairperson.** These roles are essential to the success of the Troy High Bands, and we ask that you consider serving in one of these capacities. Contact THBB President, [Denice Schomer](#), to learn more about what each position entails.

~ Postlude ~

May 2	MSBOA State Band Festival (SB)
May 10	Paper Plate Awards/Dance (All Bands)
May 15	Dress Rehearsal, Spring Concert (CA, CD, CB, SB)
May 16	Spring Concert (All Bands)
May 23	MB Orientation Meeting (mandatory)
May 25	Music Marathon
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

Toronto Pre-Trip Dinner Fundraiser



Oh, Canada...the Troy Colt Bands look forward to sharing our music with you!!

Let's get excited for our Spring trip to Toronto!

WHEN: *April 8th*

WHERE: *Troy High Cafeteria*

TIME: *5:00-6:30*

PRICE: *\$10 per person*

QUESTIONS: *Email thbb_secretary@troycoltbands.org*

- *Enjoy a pancake dinner!*
(pancakes, sausage, Canadian bacon, maple syrup, fruit, juice & more)
- *Play a game of floor hockey!*
(sign up to play upon arrival)
- *Meet the parent chaperones!*
- *Exchange your currency!*
(American Money Exchange will be on hand, free of charge)

To book your reservation, please complete the form below with payment (cash or check payable to "THBB"), and return it to the black box by March 27.

YES! I will attend the pancake dinner to support the Troy Colt Bands as they prepare to head to Toronto!

Student name _____

Number of attendees at \$10 each _____

Total included \$ _____