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**A source of encouragement, enthusiasm, and support  
for the instrumental music programs in Mt. Pleasant Public Schools**

November, 2005  
**The Newsletter**  
Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Instrumental Music Boosters

**Music should go right through you,  
leave some of itself inside you,  
and take some of you with it when it leaves.**  
*- Henry Threadgill*

Dear Parents,

This quote especially describes my feelings about the end of our 2005 Marching Band season. It was a very, very good fall season. I am still humming the tunes and missing all the activity. While I do enjoy having a more relaxed weekend schedule for a while, I miss all the kids and our wonderful 'roadie' parents. Our parent support was phenomenal this year! To our many retiring senior parents who have been so supportive over the years, you all will be dearly missed come next fall. Thank you so very much for all you have done to help make the program what it is today!

I hope you all had an opportunity to attend a recent concert and enjoy the performances. Wow! Are our kids great or what! And, they look so nice too when they get all dressed up! Please check out the upcoming concert schedule for December that is included in this letter.

Your IMB board is now busy planning for many winter activities that will include our major fundraising event (poinsettias/wreath sales), concerts, solo and ensemble events, Jazz Band, Jazz Night, Winter Guard, Winter Drumline, and more. Your financial support through purchases, donations, and participation fees is key to making all our programs possible. The school music budget has taken significant cuts over the last few years. IMB funding provides additional support for music program related purchases intended to enhance all our students' musical experience here at MPPS.

Finally, as the year is coming to an end, I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,  
Jan Ball, IMB President

## Marching Band Receives Awards and Recognition



The Mt. Pleasant High School Marching Band concluded the 2005 competitive season with their final performance of "HAIR - the Tribal Love-Rock-Musical" at the Huron Valley Invitational. The band placed 5th overall in Flight III competition and were awarded the prestigious Ruth Hughes Memorial Trophy - Esprit deCorps. This traveling trophy is awarded each year to the band who distinguishes itself by best exemplifying a positive attitude, respect for the activity, support for its members, pride in their own performance, an appreciation for the performance of others, good sportsmanship and outstanding conduct of the band as a whole.

Out of the 20 Flight III bands competing in MCBA competition, the Marching Oilers finished 11th in the state. Their trophy count was impressive for the season with 1 fifth place finish, 3 third place finishes and an outstanding first place finish at the Madison Heights Lamphere show where they also captured the awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect.

The 2005 Marching Oilers were led on the field by senior Drum Major Heather DeWitt and junior Drum Manor Monisha Nadarajah.

Thanks to all the parents for their help this season; too numerous to mention. The band has made tremendous strides this season. Growing from 28 members in 2002 to 85 in 2005 is remarkable. We look for even more growth next year and look forward to another exciting up-beat show!

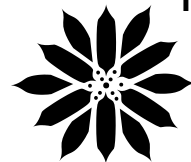
Congratulations to the senior members of the marching band. You are all commended for helping bring the marching band back! Class of 2006 members are: Heather DeWitt, drum major; Tim Lukens, snare drum; Tim Castillo, snare drum; Nicole Shackelford, snare drum; Stephanie Keske, bass drum; Michael Lee, tenor drums; Rebecca Neeland, trumpet; Jimmy Scheide, trumpet; and Molly Pittsley, pit percussion.

## Fund Raiser News

### Pop Can Update

Here's an update on the Marching Band pop can drive: the *Sectional Wars* brought in \$1,458.75 with the Rockin' Battery finishing on top at \$364.25 for their section. In the *Gender Wars*, the Boys brought in \$467.85 and the Girls \$324.95 for a total of \$792.80. Our can and bottle drive efforts brought in \$2,251.55 for the marching band. That's a lotta bottles and cans!!! The Winter Guard and Drum Line will continue the collections, so keep on saving cans and bottles.

### IMB Annual Poinsettia, Wreath and Garland Sale



**This fundraiser is for ALL High School and West Intermediate students enrolled in instrumental music classes.** The money raised by your child will

go towards equipment needs in their program: West Strings, West Bands, MPHS Orchestra, or MPHS Bands.

Packets of information were given to all students on November 11.

### **Dates and Details to Remember:**

- Sale dates: Friday November 11 to Monday November 21
- Return order forms WITH PAYMENTS to your instructor by: Monday, November 21
- Pick up date: Thursday December 1
- Pick up location: West Intermediate Band Room
- Pick up times: after school until 6:00pm at the West Intermediate Band Room
- Please remember that you are responsible for delivering all the items you sell

### **Are you available to help on delivery day, Thursday December 1?**

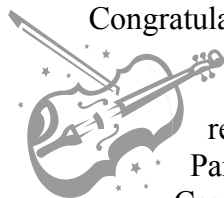
Unloading the truck and sorting the orders may begin at 10am. Delivery occurs 2:30-6:00.

Contact Linda Lukens @ 775-2406 or l\_lukens@hotmail.com

### **Questions?**

Contact John Scheide @ 773-3659 or ScheideJohn@aol.com

## Orchestra News



Congratulations to our high school orchestra students who participated in the CMU Honors Chamber Orchestra. They were at CMU on October 20 rehearsing and preparing for a 5:00pm concert. Participants were Andrew Frame, Maria Unzueta, Carolyn Whale, Chelsea Whale, violin; Leslie Fox, viola; and Whitney Aultman, cello.

## Jazz Bands



Currently the **High School** jazz band will have rehearsals after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The rehearsals will start at 3:30 and end at 5:00. The MPHS Jazz Band will be participating in the MPHS Sports Booster Auction on January 21st and CMU's Jazz Weekend Competition on February 17th. More performances will be announced as they are scheduled.

**West Intermediate** will be fielding a jazz band again this fall. The band will be spearheaded by Dr. George Hess and the CMU chapter of the International Association of Jazz Educators. Mr. Taton will oversee the band and schedule performances. Stay tuned for upcoming appearances by this terrific group of young musicians.

## Staying in Touch

Not only can you find schedules and itineraries regarding instrumental music events on our web site, but there are links to photo albums maintained on Shutterfly. Photos from concerts and marching band events are posted. You may purchase individual photos at very reasonable costs. Check it out:  
<http://mountpleasantmusic.org/bands/Pictures.htm>

Consider attending the next Instrumental Music Booster meeting on December 13 at 7:00pm in the MPHS band room or choir room. IMB meetings are open to any persons interested in the purpose of this organization. Parents and/or guardians of students enrolled in the MPPS instrumental music programs are considered as active members.



## Dates of Note

(remember, sometimes plans change)



### West Strings

Friday December 2

Dickens Christmas, downtown  
Times and places TBD

Saturday December 3

Solo and Ensemble Festival, Perry, MI

Thursday December 8

Winter Strings Concert

MPHS Auditorium, 7pm

Saturday April 8

Solo and Ensemble Festival

Thursday April 20

Stringtacular Concert

MPHS Auditorium, 7pm

### West Bands

Saturday December 3

Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Perry, MI

Tuesday December 13

7:00pm Concert at MPHS Auditorium

Saturday April 8

Solo and Ensemble Festival

### MPHS Bands and Orchestra

Friday December 2

Dickens Christmas, downtown  
Times and places TBD

Thursday December 15

Holiday Collage Concert

7:00pm, MPHS Auditorium

Performance will feature the MPHS Bands, Choirs and Orchestra

Saturday January 21

Jazz Band at the Sports Booster Auction

Friday February 17

Jazz Band at CMU's Jazz Weekend

Saturday February 18

Solo and Ensemble, St. John's

Watch for March date

Pre-Festival Concert

March 17 or 18

District Band & Orchestra Festival

**All concerts are at 7:00pm  
in the MPHS Performing Arts Center**

Please post the enclosed December Concert Series flyer so others may consider attending the concerts too. Take it to work, church, your favorite store...spread the word about our children's performances.