

# The Colt Chronicle

*The Troy Colt Bands Information Source*

**November 2015**

Thursday, November 5	<b>Laser Tag, ZapZone</b> , 6-9pm (MB only, see <a href="#">Laser Tag Flyer</a> )
Monday, November 16	<b>Colorguard Fundraiser at Noodles &amp; Co.</b> , 4-9pm
Thursday, November 19	<b>Zumba/Yoga/Massage Fitness FUNdraiser</b> , 6:45-9pm (see <a href="#">flyer</a> )
Monday, November 23	<b>Trip Payment #2 Due</b> (paid online directly to WorldStrides OnStage)

## Key Notes

Dear Band Parents,

**MSBOA TAKEN BY STORM!** The Troy Colt Marching Band hosted and performed at the MSBOA District XVI Marching Band Festival. The band once again received an overall Division I rating. Scores from three judges included a predominance of A+'s in areas of marching, music and general effect/showmanship. Comments included, "Great energy and spirit", "Excellent coordination of all show elements," "Outstanding job tonight," "Fantastic use of emotional content and dynamics," "Great show design, musical selections and performance," "Great use of colorguard," "Beautiful work." Our shining stars ruling supreme! Way to go TCMB!

And a special thank you to the countless parent volunteers and supporters who fueled our success!

**DANCE TIME CHANGE!** The end of Season Marching Band Dance time has been moved up an hour to 8-10:30pm. We hope this is more convenient for all.

**AN "OUT OF THIS WORLD" EXPERIENCE.** To celebrate the end of a stellar season, marching band students are invited to an evening of outlandish fun at ZapZone in Utica on Thursday, November 5th. The only charge to students is \$8. Please complete this [Laser Tag Flyer](#) and place it along with your payment in an envelope marked with your student's name and "ZapZone" in the black filing cabinet in the band room, by October 29th.

**CONCERT SEASON PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS** are due from ALL Marching Band (Concert and Symphonic band members and Colorguard) by November 7. The form is available on the website: [Concert Season Contract](#).



**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**, so with 268 band students enrolled in the program this year, we have instituted a new program for Student Volunteer Hours. Each student will be required, as part of their grade, to fulfill 2 volunteer hours between now and the end of the school year. Signing up is easy with our [Student Sign Up Genius](#). New volunteer opportunities will be added as they become available. Don't wait until the end of the year to get your volunteer hours in.

**FITNESS "FUN" DRAISER** - Join us on Thursday, November 19 at 6:45 pm for a night of fitness, fun, and relaxation - Zumba and Yoga classes plus chair massages! Combat the post-marching band season blues by participating in this fun, social evening appropriate for all fitness levels, and help support the band at the same time. Healthy refreshments will be served. See the attached flyer for additional details. You can sign up to participate in the fitness activities and to donate a healthy snack by clicking on this ["Fitness Fun"](#) link.

**CONCERT UNIFORM FITTINGS** will take place in class on Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Girls are to bring their closed toe black heels to school so that their dresses can be hemmed to the proper length. Additional detailed information to follow. For uniform questions, please contact Vicki Schram at [thbb\\_uniforms@troycoltbands.org](mailto:thbb_uniforms@troycoltbands.org).

**TEXAS HERE WE COME!** Spring Trip Brochures went home with your student last week. All students in Concert, Symphonic, Marching Bands (including Color Guard), and the Jazz Ensemble are eligible to attend MusicFest Texas. The deadline for registration and the deposit is this Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope everyone can attend this much anticipated trip! Please contact the Trip Coordinator, Sue Balamucki, with any trip questions at [thbb\\_president@troycoltbands.org](mailto:thbb_president@troycoltbands.org).

**PRIMETIME PERFORMANCE AT THE PISTONS!** The THBB has an exciting new fundraising opportunity for the Troy Colt Bands. 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 the attached [flyer](#) for more information. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Detroit Pistons by contacting Rachel Maki at (248) 377-8608 or [RMAKI@PALACENET.COM](mailto:RMAKI@PALACENET.COM). If you have any questions, please contact Tina Battle at [thbb\\_fundraising@troycoltbands.org](mailto:thbb_fundraising@troycoltbands.org).

**BOWLING FOR THE BAND** - "The Jake Effect" was established by the Love family in memory of their son (former band student) Jacob Love (1991-2009). Jake exemplified a lifestyle of "quiet courage, inspiration, and the need to live, laugh and love every day." The Jacob Love band scholarship is given to a deserving band student at the yearly band banquet. Watch for further information on how you can support this most worthwhile cause by attending the annual "Bowling for the Band" fundraiser on Saturday, December 19, 2015.



**JAZZ IT UP! (Early Bird Special)** The 2016 Colt Celebration is approaching soon! Join us for 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 will be on sale in the lobby at the Winter Concert on December 3<sup>rd</sup> or by completing and returning the attached Colt Celebration order form. Purchase tickets prior to January 1st for early bird prices!

**EAT OUT WITH THE COLOR GUARD!** On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the colorguard will be at Noodles & Company from 4-9pm. Please come and support the colorguard, and a local business by eating in or getting carry out. Simply mention that you are supporting the Troy Colt Colorguard. Noodles will donate 25% of sales that evening to Troy Bands. The restaurant is located at 3119 Crooks Rd., just north of Big Beaver.

**AND THE WINNER IS...**The top sellers of the fall fundraiser, as well as the final numbers will be announced at the Colt Spectacular. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fall fundraiser by either selling items or making a donation. We appreciate your support.

**LAST CHANCE** to get your *Written in the Stars* t-shirt. Some are still available in various sizes for purchase at \$15 each. We also have a limited number of *Written in the Stars* fleece stadium blankets available for purchase at \$20 each. If you are interested in a t-shirt or blanket contact Tina Battle at [thbb\\_fundraising@troycoltbands.org](mailto:thbb_fundraising@troycoltbands.org).

**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](http://www.troycoltbands.org) for pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities.

### *Worthy of Note*

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| December 2  | Winter Concert Rehearsal, 6pm              |
| December 3  | Winter Concert, 7pm                        |
| December 4  | Brass Band of Battle Creek, 7pm            |
| December 19 | “Bowling for the Band” Fundraiser, 12:30pm |