

The Colt Chronicle

The Troy Colt Bands Information Source

February 2016

- Friday, February 5 **MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Registration Forms Due**
- Monday, February 8 **Colorguard and Drumline Pistons Pregame Performance, 7pm**
The Palace of Auburn Hills
- Tuesday, February 23 **Festival Concert, 7pm, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts**
San Antonio Spring Trip Payment Due

Key Notes

A FESTIVAL CONCERT: Our annual Festival Concert will take place at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Tuesday, February 23rd at 7pm, and will feature the Campus, Concert, and Symphonic Bands. *Love Speaks*, a symphony for band written by student Tyler Bouque, will be premiered in a performance dedicated to the Love family. Students will leave directly from school by bus, stop en route to purchase dinner, and arrive early at Macomb Center for a sound check/dress rehearsal. Students will need to check-in their complete concert band uniform before school on Monday, February 22nd, between 6:15 and 7am.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 each and may be ordered by returning this completed [Festival Concert Ticket Order Form](#) (checks payable to THBB) in an envelope marked "Festival Concert" to the black box in the band room by Wednesday, February 17th. Tickets will be sent home with students by Friday, February 19th. Tickets may also be purchased at the door of the Macomb Center on the evening of the performance.

Chaperones Needed: Please consider volunteering to serve as a chaperone for our Tuesday, February 23rd Festival Concert. TSD requires ten parents to ride on the bus from Troy High School to Macomb Center for Performing Arts. Two parents are also needed to stay at Macomb Center after the concert to ensure all students depart. (Students and chaperones must arrange their own return transportation.) To sign-up to chaperone for the Festival Concert and other events, please click on this link for [Chaperones](#) and enter the password: ths-chap. Click [Chaperone Job Description](#) for volunteer details. If you have questions, please contact Jill Thompson, THBB Chaperone Coordinator at THBB_Chaperones@troycoltbands.org. Thank you for your support!

ANONYMOUS DONOR UPDATE: We are thrilled to report that due to the generosity of our anonymous donor and our wonderful community of band parents, we raised over \$6,300 in the month of December! Thank you for your ongoing support.

JAZZED UP! Beat the winter blues by attending the annual Jazz Ensemble Dinner Dance on Friday, March 11th 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 are on sale now. Click here: [Colt Celebration order form](#) for ordering information.

WE ARE ON THE HUNT FOR TREASURES, TALENT, and TRAVEL: Do you have tickets to a professional/collegiate sporting event? Do you have a talent such as teaching voice lessons? Do you have a place Up North? The Colt Celebration, featuring the amazing Troy High Jazz Ensemble, also includes an exciting silent auction to raise money for the Troy High band program. We have already secured generous donations from places like Walt Disney World Resorts (4 One-Day Park Hopper Passes), The Melting Pot, Granite City Brewery, Purple Rose Theatre, Culver's, The Henry Ford, The Detroit Pistons, Somerset Inn, Michigan State football tickets, and University of Michigan football tickets, but we are looking for more. If you have an item(s) you would like to donate or a connection to a business that may want to donate, please contact Tina Battle at thbb_fundraising@troycoltbands.org. All auction items need to be received by Tina no later than Friday, February 26th. Thank you for your support!

BOUNCE FOR THE BAND! Put a spring in your step and jump on over to Airtime Trampoline and Game Park on Thursday, January 28th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm, for an exhilarating fundraising event. You'll flip over the fun you and your friends are having while bouncing away your stress. Help the Troy Colt Bands' fundraising reach new heights as Airtime will donate a portion of every guest's entrance fee to the band program. Airtime Trampoline and Game Park is located at 662 East Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI. The event is open to all who wish to attend. See [flyer](#) for details.

PRIMETIME PERFORMANCE AT THE PISTONS! If you plan on attending the Detroit Pistons game on Monday, February 8th to watch the Troy Colt Bands' Color Guard and Drumline perform, please note that the performance will be *before* the game at approximately 7pm. If you have not gotten tickets yet, but are still interested in attending, please contact Rachel Maki at (248) 377-8608 or RMAKI@PALACENET.COM to purchase your tickets. The Troy Colt Bands will receive \$5 back from every ticket purchased by our group. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Battle at thbb_fundraising@troycoltbands.org.

IS DE-CLUTTERING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? The band is looking for old piano sheet music and miscellaneous 33 1/3" record albums for a craft project. Any donations can be dropped off in the band room.

EXCITING NEW RAFFLE AT THE FESTIVAL CONCERT: We will be holding a fun and exciting raffle at the festival concert on February 23rd with prizes that are sure to entertain:

- **1st Prize** – Jazz Ensemble Performance at Your Event (*restrictions apply**)
- **2nd Prize** – Conduct a Composition at the Spring Concert
- **3rd Prize** – Composition of Choice at the Spring Concert

Tickets will be \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Each student is encouraged/expected to sell 5 tickets, which will be distributed in class in early February.

** Performance must occur prior to June 5, 2016.*

TROY HIGH BAND BOOSTER MEETINGS: Our next Band Booster meetings are scheduled for January 27th and April 13th (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 P. 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.

REMINDER: Board nominations and elections will be held at the April 15th THBB Elections Meeting. Anyone interested in running for office should contact band booster Vice President, Amy McKaig, at THBB_VicePresident@troycoltbands.org.

Please visit www.troycoltbands.org for pertinent, up-to-date information on all band activities.

Worthy of Note

March 11	JAZZED UP! Colt Celebration Dinner Dance
March 12	MSBOA District Band Festival (CA, CB, SB)
March 23	Final Payment Due, San Antonio Spring Trip
March 14 and 15	Troy High School Band Auditions
March 19	MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival
March 21 and 28	Marching Band Rehearsals for San Antonio Trip
March 31	MSBOA State Jazz Band Festival
August 13-19	2016 Band Camp