

ZBOP News

Zionsville Band Orchestra and Guard Parent Organization

November 2006

Gala '06 was a Swingsational Evening!

There was lots of toe tapping and even dancing in the aisles, as the Performing Arts Center came alive with the exciting music of the Capitol Quartet and the Orkestra Projekt (which included some very familiar faces – thank you Mr. Landrum, Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Graef, and

Mrs. Swayze, among others).

Attendees were treated to wonderful variety of music from swing-era tunes such as Swing, Swing, Swing and It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got that

Swing to an amazing rendition of Rhapsody in Blue (what a piano solo!), and an interesting piece featuring Orkestra Projekt – The Creation of the World.

The evening included a silent auction with over 30 items, wonderful refreshments at intermission, music by the Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra, a slide show of our band, orchestra and guard students, a patron party in six restaurants on the brick street and a diamond auction.

Whew! What an evening! And the best part is that ZBOP netted



The Capitol Quartet, shown above during the clinic on Saturday morning, gave a dazzling performance at the Gala.

over \$20,000 for our band, orchestra and guard program.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless work of over 40 volunteers who have been planning this event for the past year! Thank you to everyone who helped in any small way! With everyone contributing even a little we can accomplish great things!

*Carrie Dimiceli
Cindy Grimm*
Co-chairs,
Gala '06

*See pages 8,9 and
10 for more Gala
and Patron
Party
photos.*



A Note from Mrs. Lyons

A big Thank YOU to everyone who assisted with all the fall orchestra activities! The concert at Carmel High School was a great success, and the guys looked great in their new tuxes. The crossover picnic and concert were also successful, and I have received positive feedback from prospective incoming freshman for next school year. Maple Trio was a great workshop that gave all students who attended an opportunity to experiment with some improvisation skills. Gala was outstanding!!! The Capitol Quartet and Orkestra Projekt made for a wonderful evening of entertainment. A big thanks to the students who performed at intermission and at the patron party after the concert.

With these big events behind us, we look forward to upcoming projects. The pit orchestra is rehearsing daily and is looking forward to the musical performances on November 16, 17, and 18. The High School Orchestra students will not be having a Christmas Concert, but there is a possibility of a performance at the Arts Garden so I will keep you posted. Zionsville West Middle School will have concerts on December 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. at Zionsville West in case you would like to hear our upcoming young stars! The High School Chamber strings performed for the Veteran's Day convocation on November 10, and will perform again for the elementary school on December 8.

ATTENTION all Band Parents!!!! The Zionsville Community High School Symphony Orchestra is getting under way. Please encourage your student to get involved with this exciting opportunity. There are few schools that support string programs and even fewer that have symphony orchestras! The inclusion of winds, brass and percussion provides us all the opportunity to play some of the world's most beautiful music! Symphony music is used in public performance, in movie scores, television, and even in music videos by pop artists! Winds are given the chance to play more difficult music as well as develop solo skills as there are fewer students on a part! I have conducted full orchestra for 15 years and have always found the winds, brass and percussion to enjoy their experience. We will be meeting after school as the top band and the top orchestra are not scheduled at the same time during the school day. Please look over the schedule and have your student contact me immediately if interested!

Orchestra strings are encouraged to participate in the ISSMA solo/ensemble competition that will be held at Avon High School on January 27, 2007. Solos, trios, quartets and large ensembles should be forming and



getting music ready to play at this event. The deadline for entries is November 27, 2006!!! Do not delay! Get your entry form and money turned in right away!

As of this writing we have several students auditioning for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Side-by-Side competition. String and wind players from all over the state will be auditioning for a chance to perform side-by-side with a member of the ISO for the March concert. We wish them luck, and I will let you know the results!!

Parents, I need your help!!! We seem to have trouble getting fees and fund raiser money turned in on time! Our first trip fund raiser began the first part of September with product delivered in mid-October. It is now mid-November, and some student still have not turned in money! If you know that your student participated in the fund raiser and has not turned in money, please contact me right away. Timely return of any forms, money or fees is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for all your help and support for the string program. I hope everyone has a great holiday season!!

Mrs. Lyons
873-3355 ext. 62119

Note from the Director:

First of all, thank you for checking out the ZBOP Newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed the Gala as much as I did. This was a great event for us. The concert was wonderful, I was able to perform along with professional musicians. The student performers for the patron parties did a great job and are better musicians as a result, and the clinic was very, very good.

Following our marching band season and the Gala, one would think that things slow down in the band department. I do have a few more evenings to spend at home now, but the truth is that the band department only becomes more active now. Here is a brief update of all band department groups.

The Wind Ensemble performed for our Veteran's Day program and is rehearsing for the Holiday Concert. The Symphonic and Concert Bands are preparing for the Holiday Concert, the Jazz Band is always preparing for upcoming performances, and the Winter Guard is off and running. Our first winter percussion ensemble has begun rehearsing regularly, several band and orchestra students are very busy currently with the pit orchestra, our first rehearsals for the ZCHS Symphony Orchestra are coming up soon. Solo and ensemble season is quickly approaching and entries are due soon (November 27, 2006). The Marching Eagles have a parade coming up on December 3, and all band department students will be performing in the Screamin' Eagles Pep Band over the next four months.

For pep band, the students are split into four groups (A,B,C,D). The first performance will be the AB group, followed by the BC group, etc. This way, students get the opportunity to perform with a variety of other band musicians. Pep band performances are required events, but each student may take two excused absences. For valid reasons, students can miss more than two. This is a fun experience and doesn't end up being much of a major time commitment. The students must wear their black pep band T-shirts for all pep band performances. (The pep band schedule is available on page 7.)

For any students looking to add \$ to their student accounts, we will be holding a Butter Braid and Cheese Cake sale soon. This will begin right before Thanksgiving Break, and run for about a week and a half. All profits will go into the participant's student account. Several jazz band and orchestra members are preparing for a trip to New York, but any band or orchestra student can use



student account money for future ZBOP fees and future trip expenses. Butter Braids are very tasty, and we all want cheese cake, so this fund raiser has good potential.

All the bands are doing well, and I hope to see you all at the December 6 concert. Thanks for your support and thanks for reading!

Sincerely,

Tom Landrum
Director of Bands

Help Wanted: Volunteer Positions

1. **ZHS Concert Band Tuxedo Coordinator**
Duties: Fittings in July and August.
Arrange for pickup by dry cleaner in June.
2. **ZHS Concert Band Dress Coordinator**
Duties: Fittings in July and August
Arrange for laundering in June.

Please call Cathy Robertson at 733-0725

President's Letter

Greetings,

I don't know about you, but for me the first nine weeks passed in a blink of an eye. The Marching Eagles have completed another successful season. The Orchestra ensembles performed several concerts including a performance at Carmel High School. All of our instrumental groups are currently working hard to prepare for the holiday season. We have holiday concerts, Pep Band at the home basketball games and the Christmas Parade in the Village to look forward to over the next couple months.

The 2006 Gala was a fantastic event.



I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. The ZBOP Gala Chairpersons Carrie Dimiceli and Cindy Grimm, along with a very enthusiastic group of volunteers, did an amazing job planning, organizing, staging and

hosting this year's Gala. Please join me in extending a heart felt thank you to Carrie, Cindy and all those who helped them, for all their hard work and a job well done. The best news is, that now its time to start thinking about the 2007 Gala. If you're interested, let me know and I'll put you in touch with the committee.

I've only hit the highlights, please take time to read through the Newsletter for more details and if you have questions or need more information there is contact information throughout. Please feel free to contact me at 769-4572 or via e-mail at tblagsvedt@indy.rr.com. Thanks for all you do.

Regards,

Tim Blagsvedt,
ZBOP President

Thanks to Marching Band Parent Volunteers

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped to make the Marching Eagles 2006 season enjoyable for all. There are too many names to list individually, but know your help was greatly appreciated.

First, and foremost, thank you to the box moms and the pit crew who worked hard at every competition and every Friday night game (and times in between!) to make things go smoothly. Thanks also to our nurse, Marilynn Berry-Stamm for being there every time as well.

Thanks to the committee (Roberta Martin, Lynn O'Brien, Sarah Tokar, and Mary Beth McCurren) who planned and shopped for the Summer Band Camp lunches. Also, to the moms who prepared, served, and cleaned up the entire week. The students and staff really enjoyed the food this year!

Thank you to Ginny Kundrat for your planning and help with the band camp picnic and evening activities.

To Tracy Bonam for making the great locker signs for our students and to she and Christine Brown for the time it took to hang them.

Thanks to the moms and dads who walked the Fall Festival Parade route with the students and provided water and heat relief.

Also, thanks to the moms who helped serve lunch on Saturdays to the hungry students between rehearsal and competition time.

Finally, thank you to Patty Blagsvedt, Hong Zeng, and Carol Marquiss for your help with the awards night to cap off our season.

I hope I didn't forget anyone; if I did, well, Thank You too!

Lori Byrum,
ZBOP Band VP

2006 Marching Eagles Performance DVD Sale Announced

The Marching Eagles 2006 performance season DVD is now in production, according to its producer, Dave Crockett. The DVD will feature this year's Marching Eagles competition performances as well as home football games.

This year, two cameras were used at many of the events to capture differing points of view of the Marching Eagles in action.

A second disc, to be released in Spring 2007, will feature footage from the Marching Eagles band camp, and other related events.

To reserve your copy of the 2006 performance season DVD, contact ZBOP member Dave Crockett via e-mail crocddave@sbcglobal.net, or by telephone 317-873-3037. Please include your e-mail address and telephone number(s) in your correspondence.

Disc orders may be placed beginning November 6, with distribution to begin after December 4. The cost of the disc is \$15, payable upon receipt. A



limited number of DVDs from the 2005 marching band season are still available. For pricing information and to purchase the 2005 DVD, contact Dave Crockett.

First Annual Marching Eagles Awards Night

Due to the growth in numbers of students in all band and orchestra programs, the marching band and color guard had their own stand-alone awards night on Thursday, November 2 in the Freshmen Center cafeteria. Approximately 250 students and family members were in attendance. After a slide presentation of the Marching Eagles season, awards were presented by Mr. Landrum. Then a final video presentation of Celebrations: Life, Love, and Spirit was shown. The evening was capped off with cake, coffee, and lemonade.



The following awards were presented:

- Freshmen and other first year marchers received their class numerals and a chevron.
- Sophomores and second year marchers received their letter and a chevron.
- Juniors and third year marching band members received a chevron.
- Seniors received their last chevron. Seniors were also honored with remarks about their life in the marching band including how long they had marched, honors received, future "plans" and their favorite marching band memories.
- Drum majors Ted Schnittgen, Laura Crockett, and Vincent Nierste received plaques.
- Two special awards were also given. The Outstanding Freshman award was presented to Joey Frechin. The Most Improved award was given to sophomore to Brandon Bender.
- The Marching Eagle Awards Night was considered very successful and well attended, and the Second Annual Awards night is planned for next year.

Concert Dress and Tuxedo Instructions

Concert Dress

The students are fitted for dresses in July/August and dresses are sent home with each girl assuming her band fees have been paid. Dresses are returned to school after the last concert in the spring.

What to do when the dress comes home:

- Hem dress if needed
- See that your daughter hangs the dress correctly
- Black dress shoes are to be worn with the concert dress
- Over winter break, check dress and launder if needed

Hemming Instructions:

- Have your daughter try on the dress in her black shoes. **DO NOT CUT THE EXCESS LENGTH!!**
- Please use a press cloth between iron and dress when pressing.

Tuxedo

The students are fitted for tuxedos in July/August and tuxedos are sent home with each boy assuming his band fees have been paid. The tuxedo includes pants, jacket, cummerbund, and tie. Tuxedos are returned to school after the last concert in the spring.

What to do when the tuxedo comes home:

- Hem pants if needed
- See that your son hangs the pants correctly on hanger, with creases aligned
- Hang tuxedo in closet, out of garment bag
- Black shoes and socks are to be worn with the tuxedo. Inexpensive ones are fine. Marching band students may wear their marching shoes
- Over winter break, check the tuxedo and send to the dry cleaner if needed
- Shirts may be machine-washed

Replacement cost for lost or damaged tuxedo items is as follows:

- Jacket - \$65
- Pants - \$27.50
- Shirt - \$13.50
- Cummerbund/tie - \$2.50 each
- Bag - \$4.00

Hemming Instructions:

Have your son try on the pants while wearing his black dress shoes. **DO NOT CUT THE EXCESS LENGTH!** Simply turn up the pants to the correct length and use a large stitch to sew the hem. No glue or “stitch-witchery.” Use a press cloth between the iron and the pants. Never use an iron directly; the pants fabric will melt! Thank you!

If you have never seen your son in a tuxedo, you are in for a treat!

Cathy Robertson
733-0725

PEP BAND SCHEDULE – 2006/2007

<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Call Time</u>	<u>Band</u>
Saturday	Nov. 11	Girls vs. Lebanon	6pm	A B
Wednesday	Nov. 29	Girls vs. Lafayette Jeff	6pm	B C
Saturday	Dec. 2	Boys vs. Western Boone	6pm	D A
Friday	Dec. 8	Girls vs. Westfield	6pm	A B
Friday	Dec. 15	Boys vs. HSE	6pm	B C
Tuesday	Dec. 19	Girls vs. Pike	6pm	C D
Thursday	Jan. 11	Wrestling Senior Night	6pm	Volunteer
Friday	Jan. 12	Boys vs. Harrison	6pm	D A
Wednesday	Jan. 17	Girls vs. Brownsburg	6pm	A B
Saturday	Jan. 20	Girls vs. Noblesville	6pm	B C
Tuesday	Jan. 23	Girls vs. Monrovia	6pm	C D
Tuesday	Jan 30	Boys vs. Noblesville	6pm	D A
Thursday	Feb. 8	Boys vs. Lebanon	6pm	A B
Tuesday	Feb. 13	Boys vs. Kokomo	6pm	B C
Friday	Feb. 23	Boys vs. Senior Night	6pm	C A

On your assigned pep band performance, report to the band room at the call time listed above. All pep band members must be wearing the black pep band T-shirts. Be seated with your instrument, and pep band binder no later than 5 minutes following the call time. Prior to each performance, the pep band will warm up and rehearse two or three tunes in the band room.

Pep band members are required to sit in the Screamin' Eagle Section within your section of the band from the conclusion of the JV game until dismissed by the director during or after halftime. Students are to remain in the Varsity Gym during this time, and are not permitted in the band room. Students will not be permitted in the auxiliary gym during any basketball game. Band members must return to their seats before the end of the 3rd quarter. This will allow the band to perform between the 3rd and 4th quarters. Win or lose, we will always perform the school song after each event.

The attendance policy will allow up to a maximum of two absences throughout the season. When a conflict arises, students must make an attempt to switch with another student in the same section from another pep band group. This must be documented when informing Mr. Landrum of an upcoming absence. See Mr. Landrum if more than two absences throughout the season could occur. Students may participate in more than their assigned performances. Pep band should be a fun activity for everyone, but students will always be expected to be disciplined and be respectful.

See you at the games,

Mr. Landrum

Miss Leatherberry

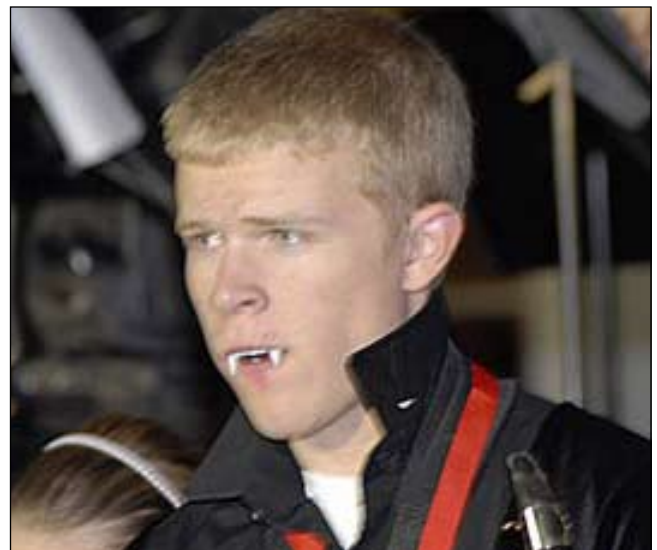
ZCHS Pep Band Directors

Photo Gallery

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Band director Tom Landrum (upper left photo) presents plaques to the drum major at the first March Band Awards night. Other photos: Ballerinas, ghouls, pirates, vampires and miscellaneous other questionable characters displayed their musical abilities at Boone Village for the annual Halloween party. Directed by Tom Landrum, the Jazz Band performed such numbers as "Saxolantern" and "Supersition" for the crowd's enjoyment.





Student involvement was a key component of the Gala, and began in the morning with the clinic, above photo. It continued with students greeting, ushering and performing before the Gala, at intermission and at the Patron Party afterwards.





Music department students stand ready to work at the Gala (top left) while the Jazz Band performs before the show (top right) and the Orchestra performs during intermission (second from top right). Various student groups performed at Zionsville restaurants afterwards, and members of the Capitol Quartet joined in the activities (bottom right). Color Guard members, the owners of Patora Jewlery store and the raffle winner of the \$1000 diamond necklace are all smiles (bottom right).

