

ZBOP News

Zionsville Band Orchestra and Guard Parent Organization

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ZCHS Begins First Winter Percussion Ensemble

This year the Zionsville Bands have embarked on another competitive activity, Winter Percussion, otherwise known as ZVI (Zionsville Indoor). Winter Percussion is a relatively new, yet fast growing activity that much resembles the Winter Guard activity. They perform a show on a gym floor using the front ensemble (much like the marching band "pit") and the battery (essentially the drum line).

This year's show is a military-esque performance that has the battery imitating a special operations type unit. In the center of the floor will be a helo-pad. They will use this to mimic being deployed into some type of enemy territory. This will be displayed using the music and movement as they try to convey their show theme to the judges and audience.

Directors of the Winter Percussion ensemble are Kyle Griffith and Matt Snyder. Come see one of their shows if you get the chance. It should be very exciting!



Winter Percussion Ensemble schedule:

February 24	Norwell HS Invitational
March 3	Franklin Central HS Invitational
March 17	State Prelims at Avon
March 25	State Finals at Ben Davis HS

Winterguard Preparing for Upcoming Season

The ZCHS Winterguard is preparing for its up coming competition season starting on January 20. The Winterguard will be performing to "The Moment I Said It" by Imogen Heap. The song details the trials and tribulations of growing up and losing people you love. The song deals with the reality of saying or doing things that one doesn't intend.

The show is an amazing contrast to the 2006 Winterguard season "Til We Find Our Place" with music from the Broadway version of "The Lion King." This year, the show generates a wide variety of emotions from the performers. This is detailed in the amazing vocal quality and talent of Imogen Heap.

The ZCHS Winterguard is looking forward to a very competitive season in the AA Class and will be performing eight straight weekends.

Come see the girls perform!



Winterguard 2007 Competition Season

January 20:	Franklin Central HS (Indianapolis)
January 27	Danville HS (Danville)
February 3	Pike HS (Indianapolis)
February 10	Eastern HS (Kokomo)
February 17	Lafayette Jefferson HS (Lafayette)
February 24	Ben Davis HS or Brownsburg HS
March 3	Northview HS (Brazil)
March 10	Divisional Finals at Center Grove HS (Greenwood)

Orchestra Director Comments

Hello! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and was able to spend time with family and friends! The orchestra is back in full swing and we really have a busy second semester! Please see below all the things we will be doing from now until spring break. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!!

Cathy Morris Concert

On January 25, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Zionsville Community High School PAC, the Zionsville High School Symphony Orchestra will host a concert featuring Cathy Morris and her band. The students of the ZCHS orchestra will perform with Cathy on several pieces written by Cathy Morris and Royce Campbell.

Electric violinist, Cathy Morris has a passion for sharing music with audiences of all ages and everyone can tell! Her infectious enthusiasm and light hearted approach prevails in all of her musical endeavors; performances, recordings and educational programming alike. She has four recordings of original music and a holiday CD all of which exhibit the variety of styles and endless boundaries of musical adventures one can take with Cathy.

A regular on concert stages, at clubs and summer festivals it is her educational commitment that puts her in front of thousands of children each year performing convocations, conducting workshops, residencies and clinics and guest appearing with student and community orchestras playing her arranged originals.

Currently, after over a decade of focusing on all original music, Cathy is adding to her expertise (and library of recordings) her interpretation of the Latin jazz of Tania Maria, Airto, Djavan and others.

Please plan to attend this unique opportunity and watch the members of the ZCHS Orchestra play in a whole new style with Cathy and her band!

If you have any additional questions please contact me or check out Cathy's web site at www.cathymorris.com

Rehearsals for this concert!!

All String and Full Orchestra members are required to attend rehearsals on Jan. 24 from 3-5 and Jan. 25 from 3-4:30 p.m. A dinner will be provided after the Jan. 25th rehearsal by the ZMS parents!! Thank you Zionsville Middle!!!!

Solo/Ensemble

Solo/Ensemble Contest will be held



Orchestra Director Suzanne Lyons

at Avon HS on Jan. 27. This year we have 26 Group I entries!!! Wow!! Good Luck to all!

New York Trip

The orchestra and jazz band are getting ready for their trip to New York on March 12-19. We will be performing at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital and seeing Beauty and the Beast as well as STOMP. What a trip!!

Honduras

As some of you may know Lindsay Alessandrini and I will be traveling to Honduras on Feb. 25, 2007 with HETO (Heart in Education Teacher Outreach). This will be a teaching brigade that will travel to the very rural schools in Honduras around the Tegucigalpa area. We will travel with teachers from The Orchard School and Bishop Chatard and take supplies and lessons plans to teachers in these areas. We will teach our lessons to the students and leave behind class and teachers supplies as well as a complete binder of lesson plan ideas.

Last year I was fortunate enough to participate in this event and I am looking forward to going again. After having been there I can tell you that many, many supplies are needed. The students have barely the supplies for simple lessons and the teachers themselves have even less. If you would like to donate supplies, lesson plans, or any

Project!!

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Band Director Notes

Happy New Year! The New Year has just begun, but it already feels like there is not enough time to get everything done before graduation! There are many things going on this winter in the band department. Our jazz band is competing at Purdue University on January 20, and our winter guard begins their competition season on the same day. Solo and ensemble contest is the following weekend on January 27, with State solo and ensemble soon to follow on February 17. Our after-school jazz band is under way now rehearsing every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 4:30. We also have several musicians playing in the Symphony Orchestra. This ensemble has its first concert on January 25 and will be featuring Cathy Morris. Mrs. Lyons and I are hoping for a large turn out for this concert.

Congratulations are in order for Ted Schnittgen. Ted will be a member of the Indiana All-State Jazz Band, which performs at the IMEA convention on January 20. This is a great accomplishment for Ted. He will represent the ZCHS band program well. This is the second year in a row that Zionsville students were members of the All-State Jazz Band.

The Brass Eagle Jazz Ensemble will be traveling with the string students to New York City in March. The strings and the jazz band will be performing at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, sight seeing, and enjoying a couple of Broadway shows on the trip. Both of the HS jazz bands are planning to participate in the Ball State Jazz Festival.

The pep band season is beginning to wind down. It is amazing how fast the basketball season flies by. Our assistant director of pep band, Miss Liz Leatherberry, has done a great job at the games.

As if this wasn't enough, the band department has added one more winter activity. For the first time, ZCHS



Band Director Tom Landrum

will have a competing indoor percussion ensemble. Kyle Griffith and Mat Snyder are the directors of this group and are doing a great job. The percussion ensemble (ZV1) will be competing in two invitationals beginning on February 24, and will also participate in the State Prelims and hopefully State finals later in March. The indoor percussion season is very similar to our winter guard season.

There will always be a performing ensemble from the band department to watch every Saturday for the next several weeks. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band students are doing a lot of sight-reading and music theory during this time of year. Soon, each of those ensembles will begin preparing for concerts and competitions coming up in the spring.

The recent big news about the Marching Eagles is the announcement that the trip next school year will be to Universal Studios including a visit to the Kennedy Space Center during Spring break of 2008. This should be about a four-day trip. More information will be available later this school year.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the instrumental music programs here in Zionsville. Without your support, many of the wonderful opportunities for our students would not be possible. Enjoy the winter.

I'll see you at the next concert,

Mr. Landrum

Orchestra Director Notes

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other items we would be happy to personally see that they get to the students and teachers in need. If you are not certain of what to donate, please contact me and I will give you some ideas. You may also visit the HETO for more information on this organization and to see pictures of last year's trip.

www.heartineducation.org

Thank you for continuing to support your student's participation in the arts!!

Susan Lyons

President's Letter

Greetings,
 Welcome back. The second semester is upon us and the days are flying by. Our Band and Orchestra programs continue to thrive. Full Orchestra has begun rehearsals, Winter Guard is competing, the Orchestra Ensembles, the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band are all preparing for spring competitions, the Jazz Band is preparing to compete at Purdue, and our newest group, Winter Percussion Ensemble, is also competing. Our Pep Band continues to play at basketball games. Yes, it truly is going to be a busy winter and spring.



Tim Blagsvedt

The ZBOP Board is looking toward next year with budget planning and preparation for GALA 2007. We are committed to having the budget completed by the end of March, this will allow us to communicate the results and fee structure to you prior to our parents meeting in May. The Gala Committee has begun to meet and form subcommittees.

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

Help Wanted: Volunteer Positions

1. **ZHS Concert Band Tuxedo Coordinator:**
 Duties include fittings in July and August, and arranging for pickup by dry cleaner in June.
2. **ZHS Concert Band Dress Coordinator:**
 Duties include fittings in July and August, and arranging for laundering in June.

Please call Cathy Robertson at 733-0725

Jazz Band Performs at Purdue

Shown performing at the 17th Annual Purdue Jazz Festival on January 20 are members of the ZCHS Brass Eagles Jazz Band.





The **ENTIRE MONTH of FEBRUARY** will be your opportunity to add to your student account by selling Mike's Express Carwash coupons. Just follow these simple steps:

- ❖ Sign-out a packet of 10 coupons. *More coupons are available upon request!* (Contact info below)
- ❖ Contact **family, friends, neighbors, anyone with a dirty car!**
- ❖ Sell each carwash coupon for \$7.00.
- ❖ Return cash and unsold coupons to school by February 28, 2007.
- ❖ Receive \$3.20, in your student account for each coupon sold. ***If your parents fund your music related school trips and like to have a clean car, buying coupons from you, is like getting Mike's \$7 car wash for \$3.80!!!!!!***

PLEASE REMEMBER

You are encouraged to sell as many coupons as you can. Just remember that each of these coupons is worth \$7.00. You are **responsible** for turning in \$70.00 in cash and/or unsold coupons for each packet of ten you sign-out.

If you have *any* **questions** or need **more coupons** contact:

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