

Armada Schools Music Department

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Welcome

Our mission is to promote the excellence and importance of musical education in our community. This website will be the primary method to communicate Armada's instrumental and vocal programs, fundraising opportunities, musical events, and a pictorial of students in action. Please continue to visit our website often for updated information and enhancements.

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Marching Band Camp Information

Marching band camp is quickly approaching. There is a mandatory meeting on Sunday, 7/28/13 at 2:30 pm in the bandroom for all staff, chaperones, and students. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Band Camp: Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2:
CYO Boys Camp, 7303 Walker Rd., Carsonville, MI 48419, (810) 622-8744

Camp Schedule:

Meet at 7:00 am on Monday, July 29, 2013 at the high school to check in and load the buses. We will depart for camp at 7:30 am sharp.

We are still in need of chaperones for camp. Without the appropriate amount of chaperones, we will have to cancel camp. This is not an option, as we are expected by administration to have a show on the field for the first football game. We put almost our entire summer into writing the show, hiring and working with staff, and planning camp. We can't do it without the support of parents!

The following documents have been added to the Information Tab for easy accessibility.

1. Band Camp Letter / Important Dates for the year (rehearsals, performances, football games, special events)
2. Marching Band Handbook 2013 - 2014
3. HS Instrumental Department Chaperone Guidelines

UPCOMING EVENTS.....Updated 7/10/13

07/28/13: Pre-Band Camp Meeting. 2:30pm to 5:30pm. HS Band Room/Football Field.
 07/29/13 - 08/02/13: Marching Band Camp. CYO Boys Camp, 7303 Walker, Rd., Carsville MI 48419
 08/06/13: Marching Band Rehearsal, 6pm to 8:30pm @ HS Football Field
 08/12/13: Armada Fair Opening Ceremony @ 6pm. Meet at HS at 4:30pm.
 08/20/13: Marching Band Rehearsal, 6pm to 8:30pm @ HS Football Field
 08/27/13: Marching Band Rehearsal, 6pm to 8:30pm @ HS Football Field
 09/03/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/05/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/05/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/06/13: Home Varsity Football Game, 7pm. Meet at HS band room at 6pm
 09/08/13: Richmond Good Old Days Parade, 1:30pm. Meet at HS band room at 11:30am
 09/10/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/12/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/12/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/13/13: Home Varsity Football Game, 7pm. Meet at HS band room at 6pm
 09/14/13 - 09/15/13: GVSU Band Day. Depart 6:30am on 9/14/13. Return following day at approx 12pm
 09/17/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/19/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/19/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/24/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/26/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 09/27/13: Home Varsity Football Game, 7pm. Meet at HS band room at 6pm
 10/26/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 10/01/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field
 10/01/13: BWAC Marching Extravaganza, Port Huron Memorial Stadium, 3pm to 10pm (no rain date)
 10/03/13: Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field

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10/08/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/08//13 or 10/09/13: **MSBOA Festival. Evening event, time and place TBD**
10/10/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/10/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/15/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/17/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/17/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/18/13: **Home Varsity Football Game, 7pm. Meet at HS band room at 6pm**
10/22/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/24/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 6:40am to 7:25am @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/24/13: **Marching Band Rehearsal 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ HS band room, football field or designated field**
10/25/13: **Homecoming Parade at 5pm. Meet at HS band room at 3pm**
10/25/13: **Varsity Football Game, 7pm. Meet at HS band room at 6pm**

Successful Music Department / Parent Meeting

The music directors and booster members were so excited to see so many families attend the Parent Meeting held on April 25th. We have some initial feedback to share:

Booster Meeting Date: Some parents commented that Tuesday's are not a good day to attend the meeting. In addition the choir director, Rachel Ulinski is unable to attend on that day. The booster team will look at other alternatives for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Booster Meeting Entrance Point: Please note that the MS keeps all entrances locked after school hours. Those wishing to attend the booster meeting (5/07/13) and beyond should go to the MS Band Room Door 20 and knock on the door. The band room is on the west side of the school by the driveway.

Information Tab of Website: Some parents commented that they couldn't download some of the files from the Information Tab. We have updated all 2012 - 2013 files to .PDF format. The forms under the Booster tab have also been modified to .PDF format.

Volunteers: Thank you to the parents who have already expressed their desire to assist with booster duties and volunteer activities. We are so excited to pass along our knowledge of the programs to new individuals. Having new faces also adds a new level of creativity and ideas. The boosters will be seeking plenty of help for the summer fair fundraisers. Please sign up during the spring concerts.

Also review the Volunteer Opportunities located on the Information Tab and contact the booster members with any questions.

Middle School Cedar Point Trip 2013

Mr. Thomason has prepared an informational letter regarding the Cedar Point Trip 2013. It can be accessed on the Information Tab.

Music Department - Parent Meeting - April 25, 2013

The Music Department is hosting a Parent Meeting on April 25, 2013 in the Ruth Isaacson Auditorium to discuss the music program and the need for parent volunteers to assist with booster duties and general volunteer duties.

The current booster group consists of two parents with no children in the music program and two parents whose kids will graduate in 2014. In order for the booster group to continue there is a dire need for volunteers. The need for volunteers is now in order to ensure a smooth transition.

The booster group has been highly successful with a few key fundraisers such as the annual fair parking and barn

work. This fundraiser generated \$15,000 in 2012. This money is shared with participating students. The majority of the funds support band camp instructors and drills, is used to purchase sheet music throughout the year, and is used for festival fees to name a few.

Other successful fundraisers are the annual Bleed for the Band Blood Drive, the annual dinner dance, and the Florida Orange/Grapefruit sale and pizza kit sales. This was the first year the pizza kit fundraiser was cancelled due to a lack of a coordinator.

Only with the support and dedication of parents/students will the booster group prevail.

The Music Directors will communicate the time of the meeting as it approaches. It will also be posted on the website shortly.

NEW DATE SET FOR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Please be advised the annual music department dinner dance scheduled for April 12, 2013 has been changed to Friday, April 19, 2013. This change will accommodate many of the musicians who are also involved in robotics and HOSA state competitions.

Tickets are on sale between March 4th and April 9th. If you purchase tickets after 4/09/13 up to the night of the event there is an additional \$5.00 fee per ticket.

An updated Ticket Form can be printed from the *Information Tab* if desired.

We will certainly accept the ticket form that was distributed to the students with the 4/12/13 date.

Turn your forms and payment to your music director.

AHS Musicians Selected for GVSU Honors Band 2013

Grand Valley State University and the Department of Music hosted the 22nd Annual Grand Valley State University High School Honors Band the weekend of February 16, 2013. This ensemble boasts some of the best musical talents from across the state of Michigan!

A total of 80 musicians were selected to perform at this event. Armada High School was pleased to have three musicians audition and selected for the band. Ryan Schmidt - Bb Clarinet, Sarah Sheridan - baritone sax, and Rosie Cunningham - trumpet.

To learn more about GVSU's honors program, please visit their website at: www.gvsu.edu/bands



Grand Valley State University Honors Band 2013



Ryan Schmidt, Sarah Sheridan, Rosie Cunningham. GVSU Honors Band 2013

Monthly MS Band/Orchestra Newsletter

Mr. Thomason is publishing a monthly Middle School newsletter to keep parents and community members informed of events pertaining to the band and orchestra. It will be sent via email directly from Mr. Thomason. You can also find copies on the website by going to the *Information Tab*.

High School Solo & Ensemble Results

Armada High School students performed well at the annual Solo & Ensemble Festival held at Rochester High School on January 26, 2013. Blow are the performances earning a Rating of I and II.

Annie Cunningham - District Solo - Trp I

Rosie Cunningham - District Solo - Trp I

Ryan Schmidt - District Solo - Bb Clarinet I

Lauren Goedel - District Solo - Viola II

Sarah Sheridan - District Solo - Baritone Sax I

Anna Dillingham - District Solo - Bb Clarinet II

Karalee Jerse - District Solo - Violin II
 Rosie Cunningham, Annie Cunningham - Ensemble-Duet – Trp I
 Autumn Killop, Ashley Cefali, Ryan Schmidt, Bailey Ernst - Ensemble-Quartet - Woodwind Ens I
 Kylee Pepples - Ensemble-Duet - Brass Ens II
 Renae Greenia - Ensemble-Duet – Trp II
 Ashley Cefali, Autumn Killop - Ensemble-Duet - Tenor Sax I
 Elizabeth Polzin, Kaele Polzin - Ensemble-Duet - Flute II

Congratulations to all the performers.

Middle School Band & Orchestra Handbook 2012-2013

The music department has created a band and orchestra handbook for this 2012-2013 school year. All students received a copy along with an acknowledgement page that was to be returned to the school. A copy of the handbook has been added to the Information Tab.

Marching Uniforms Dry Clean & Return

As the marching season has come to a successful end, it is now time to get the uniforms dry cleaned and inventoried for next year. Each student is responsible to take their uniform to a reputable dry cleaning establishment and return to the band room by October 30th at the latest. Uniforms need to be returned in the dry cleaning bag and placed within the marching band garment bag.

As a courtesy for past business, Dan from Diamond Laundry & Cleaners is offering to clean Armada's uniforms for \$10.95.

Diamond Laundry & Cleaners
 36130 Priestap St
 Richmond MI 48062
 586.727.5795

Music Booster Quilt Raffle

The Music Boosters held a quilt raffle at the final home varsity football game on 10/05/12. Cheri Benoit and Roberta Schmidt created two beautiful Tiger-themed quilts. Also on sale was the final inventory of Tiger Paw scarves.

The luck winners of the quilts were Brian Cunningham and Lynn LaCavera.

We'd like to thank Cheri and Roberta for donating their time and talents to the Music Booster Program. We'd also like to thank Laura Korte of Cake, Bake & Balloons for donating the balloons for the display table. And last but certainly not least Kelsey Motoligin for creating the display board.

 [Picture](#)

"Growing OUR Band.....Together"

The Armada Marching Band would like to thank the Armada School District and the entire community for supporting the marching band uniform fundraiser. We will wear them proudly for years to come!

Thank you to everyone who supported the quilt raffles, tiger stripe/tiger paw scarf sales, and the tag day event at the four corners. A special thank you to everyone who offered their time, talents, and words of encouragement throughout the fundraising process.



Uniform Donation List
[Download File](#)

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our fundraising efforts. Attached is a list of all donors.

 [Picture](#)

Check out more pics of the new uniforms under the
Picture Tab.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TUXEDO SHIRT & BOW TIE

All incoming 6th grade students will need to purchase a tuxedo shirt and bow tie for concert season. Parents, please stop by the band room during Open House on Tuesday, 9/18/12 between 6 pm and 6:45 pm. 7th & 8th grade students needing a size change can also stop by. The cost for both items is very reasonable at \$20.00. Shirts/ties can also be purchased individually at Hobby Lobby.

Mission Statement

"Enriching students lives one beat at a time"

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Annual Pizza Kit Fundraiser - In Need of a Coordinator

The Booster Group is in need of a parent to volunteer to coordinate the pizza kit fundraiser. The fundraiser typically runs from mid-late January with distribution in mid February. This is a fun event and very popular with the community.

If you would like more information on the job duties, please contact Maria Cefali at rockenria@gmail.com

Annual Fruit Sale Results

The Florida Indian River Fruit Sale held in October 2012 was a success. A total of 197 cases of fruit were sold for a total profit received of \$2,338.70. Selling students will receive \$4.00 per case of fruit sold into their music accounts. We'd like to thank Maria Cefali for coordinating and administering the entire fruit sale. Many hours of work goes into this fundraiser and Maria graciously volunteered to take it on. We'd like to thank Sharon Knust, Treasurer for handling all of the payments and distributing money into the student accounts.

SIGN UP FOR KROGER REWARDS

The Armada Music Boosters has enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Every dollar you spend at Krogers can help support our program. **ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY.** This is a requirement of the Community Rewards Program.

It is easy to enroll:

- Simply encourage your members to register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Kroger Rewards Pay Off

The Music Boosters received its quarterly reward from Kroger Community Rewards program.

11/01/11 - 01/31/12 = \$293.86. A total of 19 families are currently participating

05/01/11 - 07/30/11 = \$168.85. A total of 10 families are currently participating.

02/01/11 - 04/30/11 = \$134.93. A total of 20 families are currently participating.

Please sign up for Kroger Rewards and tell your friends!

Behind the Scenes Expenses

Did you know it takes approximately \$10,000 to 15,000 per year to subsidize the music department school budget to support the various music program at Armada Schools? Did you ever wonder where the funds are allocated from the Music Boosters? Well, there are many behind the scene expenses required to run these wonderful music programs. For example there are instructor fees for marching band camp, MSBOA marching festival fees, solo & ensemble fees, choir festival fees, pre-festival judge fees, musical score payments, musical instrument repair fees, special rewards for the students, cleaning fees for uniforms, replacement costs for concert uniforms, miscellaneous expenses associated with instructors and fundraisers to name a few.

We encourage all parents/students to participate in the monthly Booster Meetings and/or contact any Booster Member to become better acquainted with the inner workings of the music department.

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