

Armada Music Department

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Upcoming Events:

- 03/25/11—03/27/11: Spring Play "Alice in Wonderland"
03/26/11: State Solo & Ensemble for Qualifying Students at Lapeer East HS, Lapeer
04/15/11: Annual Music Dept. Dinner Dance, Creek Center Banquet Hall, Armada at 6:00 pm
04/28/11—05/01/11: Music Department Chicago Trip
05/10/11: Music Boosters AMS Band Room, 7:30 pm

Annual Dinner Dance

The Annual Music Department Dinner Dance will be held at Creek Center Banquet Hall on 4/15/11 at 6 pm. This event showcases performances by the AHS Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Chorale. Please join us for a great evening of music, food, raffles, and friendly conversations. \$20.00 per ticket. Performing students ticket price is \$13.00.

If you would like to make a cash or gift donation to our basket raffles, please contact Maria Cefali@810-798-2823.

For ticket sales contact: Steve Loveday@586-784-2460, or Chris Hess@586-419-0433, or Debbie Sheridan@810-841-4954.

MSBOA Honor's Band Recipients

Congratulations to the following AHS students for their acceptance to the MSBOA District XVI Honors Band:

David Bishop—Percussion
Ashley Cefali—Tenor Saxophone
Sarah Sheridan—Baritone Saxophone

In order to be eligible for the Honors Band, students are nominated by their band directors. The MSBOA District XVI Honors Band Selection Committee then reviews all nominations and selects the final recipients. A total of 35 band directors nominated over 300 students for the two bands (9th/10th grade band and 11th/12th grade band). Rehearsals and a final concert on 3/22/11 at 7:00 pm take place at Dakota High School.

AHS Strings Orchestra Makes History

The Armada High School String Orchestra made school history at the MSBOA District XVI District Orchestra Festival on March 4, 2011 by achieving a 1st Division Rating. This is a first in the history of the Armada Orchestra program.

The orchestra had to compete with larger schools with more established programs such as that of Utica and Troy.

The orchestra received an A performance grade in sight reading to receive a 1st division rating. The group also received two A's and one B+ in the concert performance portion. The string orchestra will proudly represent Armada High School at the State Festival level in May 2011.

Congratulations to our wonderful string musicians and our outstanding director, Steve Loveday!

AMS Festival Results

The Armada Middle School 7th/8th Grade Concert Band had a solid performance at the MSBOA District XVI District Band Festival on March 4, 2011 by achieving an overall 2nd Division Rating. The concert band received a 1st division rating for sight reading and three 2nd division ratings for their concert performance portion.

The Armada Middle School 7th/8th Grade Orchestra had a terrific performance at the MSBOA District XVI District Orchestra Festival on March 5, 2011 by achieving an overall 2nd Division Rating. The orchestra received a 2nd division rating for sight reading and one 1st division and two 2nd division ratings for their concert performance portion.

As an added incentive, Mr. Thomason agreed to let the kids shave his head if they achieved an overall rating of 1st division. While he narrowly missed a bald head this year, he better watch out next year!

Congratulations to all musicians for their outstanding performances and to our fantastic director, Keenan Thomason!

Kroger's Rewards: The Armada Music Boosters is pleased to announce the creation of a Kroger's Rewards Account. Please go to the Home Page of the music department website for enrollment instructions.