

# Armada Music Department

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## Upcoming Events:

- 01/29/11: Middle School Solo & Ensemble
- 02/05/11: High School Solo & Ensemble
- 02/08/11: Music Booster Meeting 7:30 pm HS Band Room
- 02/11/11—02/12/11: CMU Jazz Event
- 02/15/11: Band Pre-festival Concert, both MS/HS bands at HS auditorium 7 pm.
- 02/17/11: Orchestra Pre-Festival concert, both MS/HS orchestra at HS auditorium 7 pm.
- 03/04/11: Middle School Band Festival, Time/Place TBD
- 3/05/11: Middle School Orchestra Festival, Time/Place TBD
- 03/11/11: High School Band Festival, Time/Place TBD
- 03/12/11: High School Orchestra Festival, Time/Place TBD
- 03/26/11: State Solo & Ensemble for Qualifying Students.
- 04/15/11: Annual Music Dept. Dinner Dance, 6:00 pm

## Honors Band Recipient

Armada High School Freshman, Sarah Sheridan has been accepted into the Grand Valley State University Honors Band Program to be held February 18-20, 2011. Sarah applied for the program by submitting an audio audition playing the baritone sax. She is only 1 of 80 students accepted into the program. Congratulations Sarah!

## Little Ceasars Kit on Sale

The popular Little Ceasars Pizza Kit Fundraiser will run from 1/24/11—2/14/11. Instructors will distribute order forms on 1/18/11. Pick Up Date for the kits is 3/08/11 at the high school from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

All middle school and high school students are eligible to participate in the fundraiser. As an incentive to participate, students will receive \$3.00 into their personal music account for each kit sold.

## Later Elementary School Orchestra

Did you know Armada's Later Elementary School Orchestra is made up of 58 wonderful musicians? Led by Keenan Thomason this group of dedicated musicians come to school during zero hour, which is 7:30 am to 8:30 am. First year students meet Monday through Wednesday. Second year students meet Tuesday through Friday.

Our youngest musicians were recently treated to a photo opportunity from the Music Boosters. Each musician also received a special chocolate treat and a music department magnet. Please check out these great musicians on the music department website under the picture tab.

## 2011 Music Department Events

The music department would like to highlight a few events scheduled for 2011.

The Annual Music Department Dinner Dance will be held at Creek Center Banquet Hall on 4/15/11. This event showcases performances by the AHS Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Chorale. Enjoy a stress-free tax season by filing early and joining us for some great food, terrific music, and friendly conversation.

The Music Department will sponsor an American Red Cross "Bleed for the Band" blood drive on 6/03/11 at the high school auxiliary gym from 1:00pm to 7:00pm. The award level for this event is \$500 to \$1,750 based on useable units of blood received. Minimum collection requirement is 50 useable units. Our goal is to collect 150 useable units of blood. Please come out to support two great organizations.

## Armada Music Website:

We are always looking to add new pictures to our website. If you have pictures from current field trips, classrooms, or take any at the upcoming concerts please send a copy to chess@gapllc.bz (Subject: Music Pics) and they will be added.