

# Armada Music Program

FALL EDITION

SEPTEMBER, 2010

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"Enriching student's lives one beat at a time"*

## MEET THE ARMADA MUSIC INSTRUCTOR'S

### Steven Loveday

#### 2010-2011 Classes:

6th Grade Band  
6th- 8th Grade Choir  
High School Jazz Band  
High School Orchestra  
High School Concert Band  
High School Marching Band

#### Bio:

Steven Loveday is entering his seventh year of teaching in Armada. He earned a bachelor's degree of music in Music Education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in Music Education from VanderCook College of Music located in Chicago. Prior to coming to Armada, Steve taught four years in Mt. Clemens. He also worked in the Grosse Pointe School district summer programs for many years in high school and college.

### Keenan Thomason

#### 2010-2011 Classes:

4th & 5th Grade Orchestra  
6th Grade Orchestra  
7th & 8th Grade Orchestra  
7th & 8th Grade Band  
High School Chorale  
High School Concert Choir

#### Bio:

Keenan Thomason is entering his fifth year of teaching in Armada. He earned a bachelor's degree of music in Music Education from Oakland University and is currently spending his summer months earning his master's degree in Music Education from VanderCook College of Music located in Chicago. For the past seven years he has held the position of music director for St. Mary's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Lake Orion, MI.

## CREATION OF ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS MUSIC DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

[www.armadaschoolsmusic.com](http://www.armadaschoolsmusic.com)

The Armada Music Department is pleased to announce the creation of a new website dedicated entirely to the Music Program. The website will focus on the variety of programs offered at Armada Schools, a calendar of events, fund raising opportunities, and booster news. This website will bridge the communication gap between periodic booster meetings and student take home material. The Music Boosters would like to thank George Nelson, Armada student, for using his technical skills to create and maintain our website. Continue to check in often for updates.

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### **ARMADA MUSIC EVENTS**

The Music Program completed its first blood drive on August 13th. The American Red Cross created a new program entitled, "Bleed for the Band" as a means to reach out to local music programs as a fund raising initiative. The program is a win-win for everyone through the gift of life saving blood and the joy of music. To be eligible for the Red Cross donation we needed to receive a minimum of 31 usable pints of blood. Our ultimate goal was to receive 250 pints for a total donation to the music program of \$1,750. The Red Cross donation is made directly to a designated vendor of the music program for items such as musical scores, instruments, or supplies.

Armada Fairgrounds Pre & Post Fair Set-Up 7/31/10 - 8/23/10. Landis Wise, Armada Fair Coordinator brought this great fund raiser to the music department in 2009. Landis presents the music boosters with a list of behind-the-scenes tasks that need to be completed to barns 1 & 2 each year for the one-week fair events. Duties include setting up the barns, checking in entries, reconciling entries, assisting with judging, arranging entries for display, and checking out entries at the end of the fair. Parents and music students had a few opportunities to sign up for assignments at the spring concerts.

Fair Parking at The Macomb Academy of Arts and Science 8/17/10 - 8/22/10. The Music Department has one of the best locations for parking during the fair. This is a very a popular spot for local fair-goers and visitors to our community. The parking area is well lit to ensure the safety of our patrons. This program requires the support of parents and students alike. Sign-up sheets were displayed at the spring concerts and at marching band camp.

Annual Fruit Sale: It's never too early to start thinking about juicy oranges and grapefruit from sunny Florida. The music department will conduct this popular fundraiser effective 10/01/10. Delivery of the fruit will take place between 11/14/10 - 11/20/10. What a great gift just in time for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Coming Soon: Kroger Community Rewards for Armada Music Program.

Keep checking our new website for event updates as well as materials going home with the music students.

### **MUSIC BOOSTERS**

The music boosters consist of the music instructor's, parents of music students in the choral and instrumental music programs offered through the Armada Area School District, and any other interested adult. The boosters are looking for choir representation from all school levels. If you would like more information about becoming a booster member, please contact any member of the current board.

### **MUSIC STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

Students/parents participating in designated music fund raisers such as fairground help, fair parking, fruit sale, and pizza kits can earn a portion of the proceeds directly into a personal music account.

Students can use account funds for music department trips, materials or supplies, instrument purchases and repairs, and music lessons.

Kids can start accumulating funds as soon as they enter the music program.

Volunteer often to reap the rewards to the music program and to your individual account balances.

### **MEET THE 2010-2011 MUSIC BOOSTER MEMBERS**

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