

# ALHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

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January 2014

## A Message from the Director...

Eighty-four of our students will be participating in the OMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma. Good luck to all of our soloists and ensembles!

Avon Lake High School will once again host the OMEA District IV Band Contest on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Just like last year, we will need help from every member of our band program and many of our parents. Our students and parents did a great job last year and the Band Aids did very well at the concession stand!

The deadline for your TAMPA OUTBACK BOWL deposit (\$100) is February 1<sup>st</sup>! Also, be sure to turn in your permission slip to Mr. Eddleman by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The trip, from December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, will include performances in the half-time show and parade and time for parasailing, jet skiing, Busch Gardens, and Disney World. Join us – this is going to be an exciting trip!

In this newsletter (see attachment titled SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION) you will find information on how to apply for scholarship money to attend summer music camps, perform in community and university ensembles, or attend music workshops and clinics. Read the instructions and requirements on how to apply for some of this scholarship money.

There are many events coming up in the next month or so, including solo and ensemble contest on February 1<sup>st</sup>, band concert and pancake breakfast on February 15<sup>th</sup>, band concert on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and district band contest on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to a busy and musical month ahead!

Mr. Eddleman

## 2014 BAND BANQUET

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The ALHS Band Banquet is coming up on May 9, 2014 at Wagner's Country Inn in Westlake, Ohio, and I will be needing some parent volunteers to help me pull this off. It would be ideal to have parents of underclassmen so someone with experience in organizing this event will be able to carry on this tradition the next year. It's not a difficult event in which to participate, and as of right now, I have no volunteers and I cannot do it alone. If you would be willing to help, please email me at [plbastulli@gmail.com](mailto:plbastulli@gmail.com). Thank you! Laura Bastulli

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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We have a couple busy months ahead for the band family. This weekend most of the kids will be performing at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble contest. If any of you are new to this adventure, parents are welcome to attend and it can be very fun to see how all of that practice pays off. Next month (March 7-8) we are happy to be hosting the OMEA full band contest at ALHS. For this 2-day event we will need lots of volunteers to make it run as smoothly as last year. Watch for the sign-up genius! Thank you to Doug Warnke and Fiona Walker for chairing this event again.

Our All District Band Festival and Pancake Breakfast is much earlier this year, on February 15<sup>th</sup>. What better way to spend your Saturday morning than catching your pancakes on a plate while listening to great music?

If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who plans to participate in high school band, and especially if they plan to go to Tampa in December, you may want to volunteer a shift for OMEA and/or the Pancake Breakfast. Any student who has a parent who meets the volunteer requirements for this year will get a portion of the 2013 concessions profit in their trip fund. Examples of ways to meet the volunteer requirements would be:

- working 2 concessions for football
- working an OMEA shift and chaperoning one football game
- serving on the uniform committee
- Chairing a major event or committee
- working one football concession and volunteering at the pancake breakfast

If you have questions about what does or does not qualify for your "fair share" please email me.

Anyone who wants to add to their trip fund will want to take part in our optional Malley's Easter chocolate sale which starts in February. Students will be given info about this fundraiser at school, so if you want them to participate, be sure to ask them about it.

Finally, there will be several important Band Aids positions open next year and anyone is welcome to volunteer. There are still ways to get involved THIS year, especially with DCI. For questions about DCI volunteering, contact Stacey Litzler. For questions about positions within Band Aids, contact me.

**Join us for the next Band Aids meeting at 7PM on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the band room. Even better, bring a friend! We are always open to new ideas.**

Go Band!

Jennifer Snyder

[jensnydermd@yahoo.com](mailto:jensnydermd@yahoo.com)

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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Don't forget the Avon Lake Bands have the honor of hosting the OMEA district contest March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All band students are required to participate and there are multiple slots that we need filled by adult volunteers. Be on the lookout for a signup genius in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>! Anyone with questions should contact Doug Warnke, event coordinator, at [albandfestival12@gmail.com](mailto:albandfestival12@gmail.com).

## LEARWOOD NEWS

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What a fantastic first half of the year! There is so much growth and real good music making going on at Learwood. The second half of the year has started off in full gear with the preparations for the Annual Avon Lake District Band Festival and Pancake Breakfast fast approaching. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Band will have two pieces to perform: *Little Overture* by Frank Erickson and *Dixie Rhapsody* by Tyler Clark. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band will have three selections: *As Winds Dance* by Samuel Hazo, *Country Wildflowers* by Larry Daehn, and *Trombones for President!* by Steve Frank.

There were 12 students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band selected to perform with the OMEA District 4 Middle School Honors Band in the 2014 Middle School Honors Fest. The OMEA Middle School Honors Fest is a concert featuring top middle school band, orchestra, and choral musicians from western Cuyahoga and Lorain counties. The concert will be held at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium at Lakewood High School on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 2:30 PM. The concert is free admission and is open to the public. Our student participants this year are Brianna Tomko, James Bair, Max Gruber, Mary Ross, Dylan Jenkins, Brandon Riley, Leo Zigmond, Noah Rish, Simon Kirksey, Chris Stepak, Casey Allemeier, and Deena Williams. Congratulations to these students!

## SPIRIT NEWS

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Keep warm and cozy in a brand new AL BAND hooded sweatshirt...order anytime at [randallsteamshop.com](http://randallsteamshop.com). MARCHING BAND magnets and BIRDLAND boas available...call Debbie at 930-5852 or email at [KIDebbie@oh.rr.com](mailto:KIDebbie@oh.rr.com).

## TROY NEWS

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On behalf of the Troy students, and in the name of good posture, I would like to express our appreciation to the Avon Lake Band Aids for their purchase of 120 Wenger chairs. The old chairs at Troy were hand-me-down, oak monsters that were too big for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They had a slant in the seat that caused everyone to slide backwards and made good posture impossible. I am sure that any student who started playing their instrument at Troy can remember my mantra of "sit on the edge, don't let the chair win!" Not only are the new chairs a boost to posture - which is essential for good tone production and hand/body positions - but they look great too! "Now," as one super excited student said to me, "it's like a professional band room". Thank you!

Ms. Bain



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are still a few volunteer opportunities available for the Pancake Breakfast on February 15. Use the link below to sign up!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A4AD2DAB9-band>

## PATRON DRIVE

The Patron Drive is underway! See the attached Patron Drive form (on page 8) for more information. Also, a copy of the Patron Drive form can be found on the Band Aids webpage. Click [here](#) to access the form.

## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5 THROUGH 12

Private lessons are offered by teachers using the Avon Lake High School music facilities. Lessons are once each week and will continue through the school year. The teachers are often available during the summer too. Contact them individually to set up a lesson time.

All lessons are weekly half hour lessons for \$15-18 per lesson unless you make other arrangements with the teacher. You will be charged for lessons that are missed without at least 24 hours' notice.

### Clarinet/Saxophone (and Flute)

Teacher: Tom Tweedle (440.465.4290)

Day: Wednesdays at the high school

### Trumpet

Teacher: Rich Pokrywka (440.823.0583)

Day: Tuesdays at the high school

### Trombone/Baritone

Teacher: Doug Day (440.666.7149)

Day: Tuesdays at the high school-Wednesdays from home

To sign up for lessons, students may contact the teachers directly or Mr. Eddleman at 933-6290, extension 1503 or e-mail at [david.eddleman@avonlakecityschools.org](mailto:david.eddleman@avonlakecityschools.org). Provide your name, instrument, grade, and phone number.

You can also find lesson teachers at the Avon School of Music, Rettig Music in Westlake, and at Skyline Music in North Olmsted.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship through the Band Aids, please download the attachment titled "Scholarship Application" included in the newsletter email.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February

1		OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest	Tri C Parma
15	9 am- Noon	Pancake Breakfast Concert	ALHS
19	7 pm	Band Aids Meeting	ALHS Band Room

## March

1	2:30 pm	Middle School Honors Band Concert	Lakewood Civic Auditorium
4	7:30 pm	Band Concert	ALHS PAC
7-8		OMEA District Band Contest	ALHS
15	7 pm	Band Aids Meeting	ALHS Band Room

## April

12		Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest	Tri C Parma
16	7 pm	Band Aids Meeting	ALHS Band Room
23	7:30 pm	Band Concert	ALHS PAC
25-26		OMEA State Finals	



# YOUR SOURCES FOR BAND INFORMATION

There are several sources of band information available. Mr. Eddleman has set up a Google calendar. Click [here](#) to access the ALHS Band calendar. The school has a calendar that has all upcoming activities for the school district. Click [here](#) to access the school's calendar. The Band Aids organization has a web page that gives you access to the newsletters and minutes of the monthly Band Aids meetings. Click [here](#) to access the Band Aids webpage. To access the Facebook page, ask your student, another parent, or Mr. Eddleman to invite you or go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and search Avon Lake Marching Shoremen '13-'14 and ask to join.

The Learwood Band also has a band page. Click [here](#) to access the Learwood Band page.

**2013-2014 ALHS Band Aids Inc. Officers & Trustees**

President	Jennifer Snyder	<a href="mailto:jensnydermd@yahoo.com">jensnydermd@yahoo.com</a>
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Student Band President	Doug Patrick	<a href="mailto:doug.patrick.96@gmail.com">doug.patrick.96@gmail.com</a>

**Non-Officer Volunteer Positions (\*denotes elected Trustee)**

Assistant VP/Concessions	Tim Shreve	<a href="mailto:tkshreve@ymail.com">tkshreve@ymail.com</a>
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Mini Marching Camp	OPEN	
Sr. Apprec. Liaison-Senior	Renee Wichman	<a href="mailto:wichmanr@yahoo.com">wichmanr@yahoo.com</a>
Sr. Apprec. Liaison-Junior	OPEN	
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Troy Liaison	OPEN	

# What is Band Aids?

Since 1964, the Avon Lake High School Band Aids has been in existence to provide financial support and assistance to Avon Lake City School's instrumental programs, including the middle school, jr. high, and the high school bands.

## **Guard and Majorettes), Jazz, Pep, Orchestra and Drama Pit Orchestra, Learwood and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands and Orchestras**

### **WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?**

#### What Does the Band Aids Help Provide to the Instrumental Program?

If you have bought an instrument or even an instrumental music lesson book, you understand how expensive these quality items can be. Think about all the things that you or your students participate in or partake of in the program that are **paid for in full or in part by money raised annually by the Band Aids Organization:**

- Uniforms (marching, concert, jazz & symphonic, guard, majorette)
- Auxiliary Equipment (flags, props, misc. repair or replacement)
- Equipment Trailer
- Concessions Equipment repair and/or replacement
- OMEA Contest Fees for Full Bands and Individuals
- Honors' Bands Fees (Bowling Green, CSU, Akron U, etc.)
- Full Band Event Participation fees
- Special Event Expenses
- Special Music
- Fall Athletic Programs; band section
- Director's Fund (ALHS, Learwood and Troy)
- Clinicians, Auxiliary Instructors
- Lesson Scholarship Assistance for unique instruments
- Special Student Educational Opportunities (camps or conferences)
- Full Band Meals for special events, water and snacks
- Annual Band Banquet honoring student accomplishments
- Holiday Concert Receptions
- Ice Cream Social
- Senior Flowers
- Insurance and Administrative expenses

*As parents we work to provide the best education possible for our children. We know the tremendous benefits that music brings to our lives; intellectually of course, but we also know the joy and satisfaction we gain from listening to and making music. You know how you feel when you live in the music. Music can make you feel alive, sooth a rotten day, fill your mind with memories, and say so much more than words ever could down deep in your soul.*



#### HOW IS THE MONEY RAISED?

Concessions (our main fundraiser)  
Fall Fundraiser  
Patron Drive

Band-a-Rama  
Band-on-Demand  
Tag Sale

Community and Business  
Concert Admissions  
Mini Fundraisers: pins, bags, CD sales

**If you have questions on how you can "Be the Difference," contact Jennifer Snyder at [jensnydermd@yahoo.com](mailto:jensnydermd@yahoo.com).**

Your volunteer support of these programs and activities is **essential** to the continued success of the instrumental program at all schools in the Avon Lake City School district. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the ALHS Band Room from 7-8pm, and are open to all band parents and alumni of the Avon Lake Bands.



## Avon Lake High School Band Aids, Inc. 2013-2014 Membership & Patron Drive

Since 1964, the Avon Lake High School Band Aids has been in existence to provide financial support and assistance to all of the Avon Lake High School bands. Money raised through the annual Patron Drive is used to supply uniforms, music, and instruments needed to present the annual concerts, football half-time shows, and pep band performances.

Please show your support of the band members by contributing to the Patron Drive and enjoying the 2013-2014 concert series. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated by the students of the Avon Lake High School Bands and the Band Aids!

**Reminder:** *The entire music department will be charging an admission fee for all concerts. Costs will be \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. Senior Citizens and preschoolers will be admitted free of charge.*



### ALHS Band Aids Patron Drive Form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name as you would like it to appear in program)

[Alumni-be recognized!! Indicate your alumni status in brackets, eg: (Joe) & Jan Jones; Joe & (Jan Smith) Jones]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 – Bronze

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 - Silver (Silver Patrons receive 2 season passes to all band concerts).

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 - Gold (Gold Patrons receive 4 season passes to all band concerts).

\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ over \$100 - Platinum (Platinum Patrons receive 6 season passes to all band concerts).

**\*\*As a thank you for your patronage, your name will be listed in the Concert programs.\*\***

*Check here if you wish not to be listed in the program: \_\_\_\_\_*

If you'd like to receive the Band's newsletter please include your email address below:

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All donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:  
ALHS Band Aids Inc.

Mail Patron Drive Forms to:

**Robin Shapiro**  
362 Williamsburg Drive  
Avon Lake, OH 44012





## Pancake Breakfast

**Concert enjoyment: FREE**

Breakfast ticket cost:

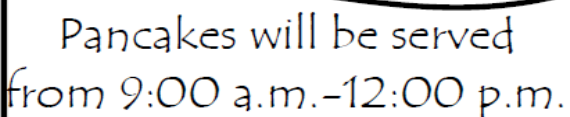
- \* Adults: \$8.00
- \* Junior 10-5: \$5.00
- \* Children 4 and under are FREE

# Avon Lake City Schools All District Band Festival

Come enjoy free performances by our concert and jazz bands from Troy, Learwood, and the High School.

**Breakfast includes all you  
can eat:**

- \* Pancakes
- \* Sausage
- \* Orange Drink
- \* Coffee



Pancakes will be served  
from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Date:** February 15, 2014

**Where:** High School Cafeteria

All proceeds go toward the Avon Lake Band Programs.

Questions?

Contact Ms. Bain at 933-2701 or e-mail at [Rebecca.Bain@avonlakecityschools.org](mailto:Rebecca.Bain@avonlakecityschools.org)