



January 2012

Dear Band Parents,

We are very excited to announce that the **17th Annual Pioneer High School Big Band Dance** will be held on **February 11, 2012 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm** in the Performing Arts Center. This is the biggest fund raising event for the Band and Orchestra program this year. It is a wonderful evening of music performed by Pioneer's Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band. Also, the evening includes ballroom dance lessons, dancing, mouth-watering appetizers and desserts, a Silent Auction, and a Raffle. In order for this to be a successful evening, it is imperative that each family volunteers in some manner.

Tickets - Tickets to the Big Band Dance are still just **\$20.00**. New this year, 25% of the Ticket pre-sale proceeds will go directly into your student's account towards any individual expenses, including travel. You can pre-order tickets by completing the order form and returning them to school by Wednesday, February 8th. You will have the choice to have pre-ordered tickets sent home with your student or held at the door. Also, you can purchase tickets at the door the night of the Big Band Dance. All proceeds from the ticket sales the night of the Big Band Dance go to the general band/orchestra fund.

Silent Auction - We can't have a successful Big Band Dance without your support of our Silent Auction. First, we need your donations of items such as gift certificates; movie, sports, or theatrical tickets; certificates to restaurants or hotels; favorite comfort items; etc. Another option is donating cash to the Silent Auction, to let us do the shopping. We are accepting items and money towards the Silent Auction up to Friday, February 3rd. Also, you can help the Silent Auction by working at their table for the portion of the evening. Please indicate whether you can donate items or money or work a shift at the Silent Auction on the order form. Of course, we want you to bid on Silent Auction items at the Big Band Dance, too! Money from the Silent Auction goes to the general band/orchestra fund.

Raffle - We are planning another exciting raffle this year. Also, we will be accepting donations of Raffle prizes immediately. Details about the raffle prizes and the pre-order sale will come separately, later in January. There will be a separate order form for this pre-sale with additional information. It is important to note that 80% of the Raffle pre-sale proceeds will go directly into your student's band account towards payment for the band trip in the spring. Raffle tickets sold at the door will go into the general band/orchestra fund.

Decorations - The Decorations Committee is seeking volunteers to help them on Friday, February 10th from 4-7 pm and Saturday, February 11th from 10 am-noon. Come when you can and work as long as you are able. Please indicate the day you can help decorate on the order form.

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Food - Again this year, we need each family to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. **We are asking those people with last names beginning with A-K to bring desserts and those with last names beginning with L-Z to bring finger food appetizers.** Also, the Food Committee is seeking volunteers to help at the Dessert Bar the night of the Dance. Please sign up to work on the order form.

CDs and DVDs – CDs and DVDs of the evening’s music will be available for purchase. The cost will be **\$10 for a CD, \$20 for a DVD, or \$25 for one of each.** You can pre-order by completing the order form and returning them to school by Wednesday, February 8th. Also, you can purchase CDs and DVDs at the door the night of the Big Band Dance. All proceeds will go to Ryan Roberts for making the recordings.

Order Form - Once again, we have consolidated our Big Band Dance order form, so people can write one check. However, it is fine to send in additional order forms. **Checks** can be made out to “**Pioneer Performing Arts**”.

We are all really looking forward to this fun event!! Thank you all so much for your support and help!!!! If you have any questions, please contact us.

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