

Skyline Band News

Skyline Band Boosters

Summer 2016 Edition



From Our Director...

Dear Skyline Band Families: It has been another great year for our Skyline Bands! Thank you so much for your continued support, both financially and through your countless hours spent assisting with band camp registration, Music and a Meal, Marching Band Banquet, Winter Concert, Tree Pickup, MSBOA State Festival, Brick Bash, Picnic Pops, and the band picnic. The Skyline Band program is what it is today because of the selfless help from both the students and their parents. I am looking forward to band camp this summer as well as planning for future band events next year. Thank you all again for making this a great place to work!

Band Award Winners!

Congratulations to our two band award winners this year:

Benjamin Zeffer earned the *John Philip Sousa Award*. This award, described as “the pinnacle of achievement in a high school band,” is given to the most outstanding band student each year in recognition of his or her superior musicianship, leadership, dependability, loyalty, and cooperation.

Kalana Athukorala earned the *Quincy Jones Musicianship Award*. This award honors outstanding students for their creativity and musicianship. In his long musical career, Quincy Jones has been a composer, arranger, performer, producer, and teacher. Students who share his boundless energy and musical versatility are given this award to encourage their pursuit of music.

GREAT JOB!!!

Important Dates

August

- 8 – Pre-Camp/Section Leaders (10am-12pm)
- 9 – Pre-Camp/Section Leaders and Freshmen (5:30-8pm)
- 10 – Pre-Camp/All (5:30-8pm)
- 15 – Band Registration/All* (9am-12pm)
- 16 – Leave for Interlochen
- 21 – Performance at Interlochen
- 22 – Return from Interlochen

** See Skyline Band website for grade-specific times*

September

- 6 – First Day of School
Skyline Football Home Games (details forthcoming):
- 16 – Marching Band Performs
- 23 – Marching Band Performs

October

- Skyline Football Home Games (details forthcoming):*
- 7 – Marching Band Performs
- 21 – Marching Band Performs

BAND REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH!

ALL band members should attend band registration on **Monday, August 15th**. This is a time for you to get measured for your concert uniform, pick up your marching band uniform and music, purchase spirit wear, and more! If you haven't received an email from Mr. Smith with registration details, volunteer opportunities, and the schedule for the day, please check the Skyline Band website or contact Mr. Smith at smithja@aaps.k12.mi.us.

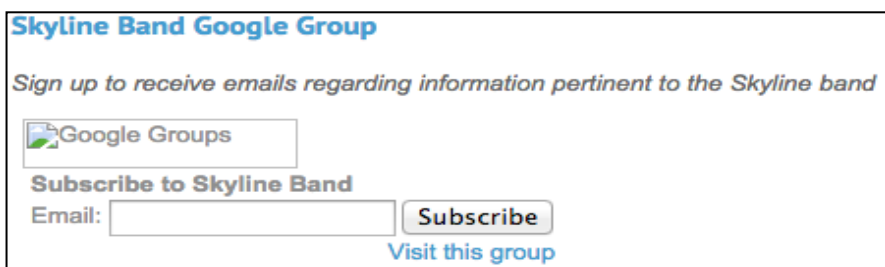
*** Welcome to New Band Members and Families ***

Congratulations to all of our incoming band members! No matter which band you belong to, you can feel confident that you will make good friends, create excellent music, learn new things, and have many rewarding experiences.

One of the **most important things to do right now** is to bookmark the Skyline Band website at <http://skylinehsband.weebly.com/>. Please take some time to review the information on this site, and **especially sign up for the Skyline Band Google Group**. This list-serve is intended to reach both students and parents/families with important, regular communications from the Band Director. Instructions for signing up are provided below; if you have difficulties with this process, please contact **Mr. Smith** at smithja@aaps.k12.mi.us.

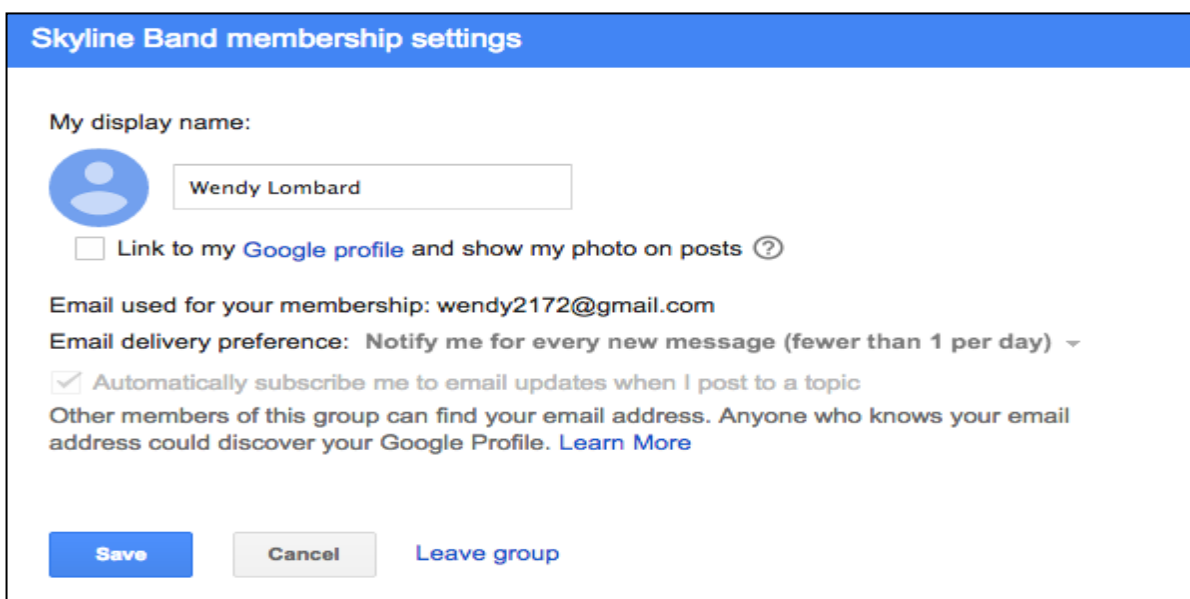
Step 1: Go to the Skyline Band website: <http://skylinehsband.weebly.com/>.

Step 2: Directly under the photo bar, you will see the text shown below. To subscribe to the list-serve, enter your email address in the box where indicated and click on the “subscribe” button.



The screenshot shows the 'Skyline Band Google Group' sign-up page. It includes the text 'Sign up to receive emails regarding information pertinent to the Skyline band', a 'Google Groups' logo, the text 'Subscribe to Skyline Band', an 'Email:' input field, a 'Subscribe' button, and a 'Visit this group' link.

Step 3: Clicking “subscribe” takes you to the screen shown below, which provides options for how you want to receive list-serve communications. It is **very important** to click on the “Email delivery preference” to select your email frequency. Because information changes frequently, it is recommended that you select “notify me for every new message,” or at least “send daily summaries.”



The screenshot shows the 'Skyline Band membership settings' page. It includes a 'My display name:' field with the name 'Wendy Lombard', a checkbox for 'Link to my Google profile and show my photo on posts', the email address 'wendy2172@gmail.com', and an 'Email delivery preference' dropdown menu set to 'Notify me for every new message (fewer than 1 per day)'. There is also a checkbox for 'Automatically subscribe me to email updates when I post to a topic' which is checked. At the bottom, there are 'Save', 'Cancel', and 'Leave group' buttons.

Step 4: If you want to change your email settings or leave the group after you have completed the sign-up process, enter the group by going to the Skyline Band website and entering the email address that you signed up with. Click on “visit this group” and you will taken to the main group page. Click on the My Settings icon (looks like a person’s head/shoulders with a gear to the right of it) and you can change your preferences by clicking the Membership and Email Settings link. Then follow the instructions for Step 3 above.



Band Camp

When: August 16 - 22
Where: Interlochen, MI
Who: All concert and marching band students!

More information can be found at
<http://skylinehsband.weebly.com/marching-band.html>



Congratulations to our SENIORS!



As we say "goodbye" to our senior class, we thank you for your contributions and wish you the very best in all your future endeavors. *Way to go Class of 2016!!*

Band Uniform Survey

Welcome new and returning students to Skyline Band! Parent volunteers are working throughout the summer to assign uniforms to all the band students. Please fill out this measurement form if you are new to Skyline Band or if your uniform from last year was too small. The sooner we have your measurements, the more likely you will have a uniform that fits. If you wait until Band Registration to be measured, you might not have much selection. Use this link to access the form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b3hUHjwBbnGcf9RP7tdFB_CrJqMINHDfn48nBVzqRZw/viewform?c=0&w=1

Please complete ASAP.

THANK YOU!

Band Boosters Open Positions

Skyline Band Boosters has just completed its third year! Since its inception in 2013-14, we have made great strides in supporting the Skyline Band program through providing volunteers and organizing fundraising efforts. As we look to 2016-17, there are several open positions on the booster board:

Historian – work with the director to maintain online archive of band activities.

Spirit Wear Coordinator – facilitate ordering, purchasing, organizing, and selling spirit items at band registration, home football games, winter concert, and other venues

Volunteer Coordinator – work with the director and booster leadership to determine volunteer needs and create sign ups throughout the year.

If you are interested in finding out more or in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact the Boosters at skylinebandboosters1@gmail.com.



Fundraising SUCCESS!

What a great year of fundraising for the Skyline Band program! Thanks to your efforts, time, and dedication to our students, we have raised over \$30,000 for the many items on the band wish list! See below for fundraising outcomes (rounded) and the items purchased so far.

Fundraising Outcomes:

\$18,000 *Brick Bash*
\$10,000 *Donation Drives & Contributions*
\$3,800 *Tree Pickup*
\$1,000 *Memory Page*
\$1,000 *Concessions*



How We Spent the Money:

Improved sound system
Scholarships
Instrument Rental/Purchase
Music for all bands
Drumline Instructor
Clinicians/Guest Conductor/Composer
Chair Racks
Mural

Thank you again for a very lucrative year for the Skyline Bands!! To learn more about Skyline Band Booster Fundraising, visit [our website!](#)



Speaking of Fundraisers...One important fundraiser that we have every year is monthly sales of gift cards through the Great Lakes Scrip program. If you aren't familiar with this program, the short explanation is that you pay face value for a gift card (there are MANY retailers that participate in this program) and the band receives a percentage of that cost from the retailer. So band families do not pay anything extra, but Skyline Band benefits from your use of the cards by receiving a percentage of the sales from companies that participate in the program.

We will take orders on a monthly basis. Orders are due the first Friday of the month and cards will be delivered one week later on the following Friday. Gift cards can be used to make regular purchases and cost families nothing extra while still earning funds for the band program, so please consider purchasing these gift cards. Any questions can be directed to **Jodi Mullet** at jamullet@ameritech.net.

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To submit an article or information of interest for our Skyline Band Families, please contact Wendy Lombard, Skyline Band Newsletter Editor, at welo127@sbcglobal.net.