



# The Raider Rhythm

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Flushing Raider Band and Orchestra News

## High School and Middle School Groups to Host Free Concerts

The high school and middle school bands and orchestras will host free concerts, open to the public.

The Middle School Concert Band and Orchestra pre-festival concert will be held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium. The High School Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Orchestra pre-festival concert will be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

The community is invited to come listen and appreciate the musical accomplishments and talents of these young ladies and gentlemen.

## Booster Banter

**Newspaper Recycling** – Care to help the environment and the band program at the same time? Donations of clean and bundled newspapers are accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Drop off bins are located on Seymour Road, directly across the street from the school district bus garage (1/4 mile north of Main Street). The proceeds are used to fund the various activities of these talented student groups. Stop by and be a “green band supporter” today!

**SCRIPT Sales** - The Flushing Band and Orchestra Boosters are proud to reintroduce SCRIPT sales for the general public. The Flushing music program has partnered with a wide variety of stores, gas stations, and restaurants to sell gift cards and certificates. The retailers then donate a portion of the profit with our local band program.

The process is simple and easy to use. Place your order on-line, bring the payment to the high school band room Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM and pick up your certificates one week later. It's that easy! For additional information, visit the band and orchestra website – [www.flushingmusic.org](http://www.flushingmusic.org).

**We can help you deal with “The Tax Man”** – Did you know that the Flushing Band and Orchestra Boosters are a 501 (c) (3) organization? This means that some donations or support to our group may be TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Support great music groups and get a potential tax write-off. Now that's COMMUNITY SERVICE!

## Flushing to Host Band and Orchestra Festivals

The Flushing School District's music programs are honored host the 2008 Middle School and High School Band and Orchestra Festivals. The middle school event will take place at the high school on Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The high school event will take place on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, also at the high school.

High school and middle school bands and orchestras from the mid-Michigan area will perform for judges who will rate the musical performances. The students perform various pre-selected musical numbers including marches and concert pieces. The groups are also required to "sight read," by playing a composition selected by the judges with no advanced practice or preparation. Judges issue final ratings based on the quality of the group's various performances.

The 2008 Festivals events are free and open to the public. The Middle School Orchestra will perform on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:45 PM followed by the Middle School Concert Band at 6:50 PM. The High School Orchestra will perform on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:40 PM. On March 8<sup>th</sup> the High School Concert Band will perform at 12:15 PM and the Wind Ensemble follows at 3:25 PM. The performances will be held in the William H. Tunnick Auditorium.

Volunteers are also needed to help run the events. For additional information visit the Flushing Band and Orchestra web site – [www.flushingmusic.org](http://www.flushingmusic.org).

### Band and Orchestra Calendar of Events

2/21	Middle School Band & Orchestra Concert*	7PM	FHS Auditorium
2/23	Winter Guard Competition		South Lyon, Michigan
2/26	High School Band & Orchestra Concert*	7PM	FHS Auditorium
2/29	Middle School Band & Orchestra Festival*	2P-10P	High School
3/1	Middle School Band & Orchestra Festival*	All Day	High School
3/1	Winter Guard Competition (Midwest Regional)		Dayton, Ohio
3/7	High School Band & Orchestra Festival*	All Day	High School
3/8	High School Band & Orchestra Festival*	All Day	High School

\* Denotes free public admission