



The Raider Rhythm

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Flushing Raider Band and Orchestra News

Spring Concerts to be in Full Bloom

As an appropriate end to the 2007-2008 academic year, all of Middle and High School student musical groups will perform their annual spring concerts. The Middle School and High School Orchestras begin the concert series on May 21st at 7:00 PM. The High School Wind Ensemble and Concert Band will perform on May 22nd at 7:00 PM. The conclusion of the series will feature the Middle School 7th and 8th grade bands on May 27th at 7:00 PM. All concerts will be held at the William Tunncliff Auditorium at the High School.

Congratulations and thanks to all of our talented musicians and the superior direction of Mr. Pat Ruddy, Mr. Matt Forsleff, and Mr. Eric Fontan. It was a melodically outstanding school year!

2008 Marching Band Orientation Meeting Scheduled

The Flushing Band Staff and Boosters will host an orientation meeting for the upcoming fall marching season on Tuesday May 27th. The meeting will be held from 7PM until 8PM in the High School Gymnasium.

The orientation presents information on the tentative summer and fall activities for the award winning Flushing Raider Marching Band, details on the 2008 band camp, the supplies and apparel needed for the student members, and an overview of the multitude of possible student fundraising opportunities available.

All parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. For additional information, please visit the Band and Orchestra website – www.flushingmusic.org.

Orchestra Earns Top Honors

The members of the High School Orchestra earned the highest honors possible at the 2008 State Orchestra Festival. The musicians earned a "One" rating during their April 25th performance at Walled Lake Northern High School.

According to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, "Ensembles are rated on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating possible. The overall score is computed using a formula which combines the ratings of each judge."

Congratulations to director Matthew Forsleff and all of the talented young ladies and gentlemen comprising the 2008 Flushing High School Orchestra.

FHS Winter Guard Earns 4th at State Finals

On April 4th the energetic and artistic members of the Flushing High School Winter Guard earned 4th place at the State Finals. The competition was held in the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University. The strong performance came in the "Scholastic A" Division of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC).

Congratulations to the Winter Guard and their dedicated instructors Ivan Manning, Brian Liwak, Melanie Scott, Annalee Wood, Greg Reblin, Jeff Wilkinson, and Dave Watt.