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# Crimson Page

Pike Performing Arts Newsletter

## FALL FUNDRAISER WINNERS

On Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, several students who took part in the fall fundraiser met in the band room after school hoping to hear their name announced as one of the grand prize winners for the raffle. Students received one raffle ticket for each 10 items they sold. All of the raffle tickets were then placed into a hat and those tickets were drawn at random for prizes. Mr. Marshall oversaw the drawing and distribution of prizes. Congratulations to the following prizewinners.

Sony PSP – Marcus EI

Ipod Nano – Antoinette Harrell

\$50.00 gas card – Austin Dean

\$25 iTunes card – Geneva Moore

\$25 Olive Garden gift card – Danielle Brady

Climb Time Indy pass – 1) Alexis Coleman      2) Sha Howard

\$5.00 Jimmy John's coupon – 1) Kayla Blaylock

Ryan Marich

Ashley Maxwell

In addition to the raffle winners, we would like to congratulate Antoinette Harrell for being the top seller. She received \$100 and a Climb Time Indy pass. Marcus EI was 2<sup>nd</sup> and received \$50 and a Climb Time Indy pass. Thanks to everyone who participated in the fundraiser.

## Event Calendar

Pike Music Fest, March 14, all day

Spring Play, March 18, 19 & 20, 7 p.m., PPAC

Performing Arts Winter Competition Showcase, March 23, 7 p.m., West Gym

Comedy Sportz meet, April 7, 7:00 p.m., at North Central H.S.

Jazz Dinner, April 9, 6 p.m., PFC Cafeteria

Booster Board Meeting, April 14, 7:00 p.m., PFC Principal's Conference Room

Band Contest Concert, April 21, 7:30 p.m., PPAC

Choir Contest Concert, April 22, 7:30 p.m., PPAC

Orchestra Contest Concert, April 23, 7:30 p.m., PPAC

ISSMA District Contest, April 24 & 25, Warren Central

Dancer Recital, April 28, 7:30 p.m., PPAC

Jazz Showcase, April 29, 7:30 p.m., PPAC

**MusicFest** is coming up on March 14th. We are needing volunteers for this fun event. If you are new to MusicFest, it is a show choir and concert choir competition that started at Pike in 1997. There are three divisions of competition: mixed show choir, unisex show choir, and concert choir.. There is also a solo division. The day is always fun and you get to meet great students and parents and other performing arts supporters. It takes about 300 volunteers to run MusicFest, so we could use your help!

If you are available on March 14th and would like to volunteer, please email Heather Hennen at [pikemusicfest@yahoo.com](mailto:pikemusicfest@yahoo.com). Heather will have a chairperson contact you and arrange a time and place for you to help out. There are many areas that we need help in (cafeteria, concessions, parking, stage crew, security, hospitality, etc.), if you have a preference, let us know. Also, if you are not available on the 14th, but could help out on Friday evening, March 13th, we could use help getting set up anytime after 3:00.

Thank you so much for your support so far this school year. Hope to see you at MusicFest!

The JV guard finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their class at the Color Guard competition recently hosted at Pike and the Varsity finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their class. Both guards did an outstanding job.

The ROTC was a tremendous help at this event. They did a fabulous job of helping guards off the floor and helping vendors set up.

There were numerous students who worked all day and quite a few adults who put in many hours of work also. A huge thank you to everyone who worked at the Pike Color Guard Competition.

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# Shout outs!!


After presenting two phenomenal productions of *North Star* on Jan.22 and Jan. 23, our amazingly talented PHS Theatre department submitted a 30 minute cutting of the show to be considered in the Thespian Conference Regionals. The show was awarded second place. In addition, several of our students were recognized individually. Specifically, Lorne Batman and Oscar Rivas were recognized for best technical use of light, first time actor, Brittany Burke was named Best Supporting Actress, and Allan Washington received the All Star Award. Congratulations all of our talented young thespians! Submitted by Sarah Dorsey

3PT is also beginning to work on the spring play *Almost, Maine* a romantic comedy set in a very small town in Maine. This show is still getting rave reviews Off-Broadway and is considered a real "gem of a show".

# Shout outs!!

Students in 3PT also received a wonderful opportunity to have Ms. Dianne Timmerman do a Link letter vocal technique workshop with them. She is a professor from Butler University and has written several adaptations of Shakespeare's plays which are produced internationally.

The Reader's Theatre class is developing their own version of students taking the right opportunities with their chance at choosing to get a good education like *Stand and Deliver* or *Freedom Writers*. They are developing the script and hope to produce it for our middle school students. The technical theatre students have been developing their team skills and expertise of the technical aspects of the theatre. This semester they have already assisted on three productions and will help with Lincoln Middle School's spring play with props. They also helped with the Black History Convocation on February 13<sup>th</sup>.



On Friday night, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, senior **Allan Washington** did something that had never before been done in the history of the Prelude Awards. He placed first in the Theatre Division for the third year in a row!! Allan competed against three other schools in the theatre division at the Children's Museum. This is an amazing accomplishment and all of us at Pike are so proud of him. He also received an \$8,000 scholarship to the Butler University Theatre program. Congratulations Allan!! Fantastic job!!

## Theatre Drum Roll

**Joshua Early**, theatre student, is the son of Robert Early of the "driving arts" and Sherri Earlbocnell, a talented figure in insurance administration. Joshua became a part of Pike's Theatre Department with a fire in his heart and a feather in his hat (which he later claimed was macaroni). Starting in Mr. Tapplar's Theatre Arts class, learning the ways of the actor that would provide a base for acting in the future, Joshua rose through the ranks of theatre into Advanced Acting his second semester of freshman year.

Sophomore year began Joshua's career in 3PT, walking alongside Ms. Stratton, as he was cast in William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet as Lord Capulet, a role of cruel parenting and occasional comic relief. There was not time for rest though as The World We Live In took off. Joshua began his start into the world of production. Taking the chance of assistant directing, Joshua worked on The World We Live In.

Though Theatre is important, Joshua has decided to pursue teaching as his real joy. As a senior, Joshua is a cadet teacher working at Guion Creek Middle School. Along with this, he occasionally works with Sierra Club and captains Pike's Comedy Sportz High School team leading them fearlessly into battle.

Joshua works at Wise Guys Pizza, sharing his time with after-school activities and his employment. Currently an assistant manager at his job, he enjoys working with his boss on screen plays, hoping to air sometime late 2012. Josh's awards are numerous, but his pride is the Freshman Male Actor of the Year which he still has displayed. As he heads off to Maryville University in Saint Louis, his memories of the Theatre Department will be with him for a long time to come. "Looking back," he says, "is like remembering a work of fiction. The entire thing seems like the most fun, surreal thing ever."

# More Pike Pride

## Jazz I at Purdue

Pike's Jazz I enjoyed a great time at Purdue University on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Treated to clinics by the Ryan Cohen Quintet, the Mingus Band rhythm section, Gary Smulyan on baritone saxophone, and Allen Vizzutti on trumpet, it was a great experience! In addition, the Pike Band performed very well placing near the top of the very large field of excellent bands. They received a Division I rating from all the judges and an excellent clinic from jazz great Larry McWilliams. Special recognition and congratulations go to Devon Moore on baritone, Taylor Wood on guitar and Quentin Jones on percussion who earned Outstanding Soloist awards.

## IMEA Honor Band

On Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Indiana Music Educator's Association featured an Honor Band as part of their annual convention. Representing Pike in a great performance were Caitlin Barringer on bassoon, Carol Mass on French horn, and Devon Moore on euphonium. Congratulations to these students!

## All-State Band Announced

On Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, over 1200 students auditioned for the All-State Band. This prestigious group has now been chosen and we are happy to announce that Pike has three members and one alternate chosen for the band. Congratulations go to Caroline Spinola on oboe, Caitlin Barringer on bassoon, and Andrew Wilkey on bassoon, who will be part of the All-State Band as they perform on March 15<sup>th</sup>, in Elliot Hall, on the campus of Purdue University, at 2:30 p.m. Devon Moore was named as an alternate and will get to perform if someone else has to back out on the euphonium part.

## Drum Roll

Brittany Davis is the band department's honoree for this issue of the Crimson Page. Brittany has been a valuable member of the Pike Crimson Rage for her entire high school career and has been involved in a rather impressive list of band opportunities. A very fine trumpet player, who plays 1<sup>st</sup> part, Brittany has performed with the Crimson Rage Competition Band, Concert White, Jazz I, II, and III, Pep Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Winter Drumline. She earned many marching awards and her band letter.

Outside of her band activities, Brittany was a member of the Pike Spell Bowl Team for one year and has played on the Pike softball team. She has worked with the Lincoln Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade band this year and also helped out with their Jazz Band.

Brittany is unsure of her future plans at this time and states that she has "enjoyed working with Mr. Marshall, Mr. Emmert, and Mr. Cunningham. It has been a privilege to play for you all, no matter what the activity."

Great Job Brittany!

**Marcus EI** is the orchestra department's honoree for this issue of the Crimson Page. Marcus has been a valuable member of the Pike Symphony for much of his high school career, serving as principal bassist for this year's Symphony. In addition to his role in Symphony, Marcus plays bass for the Jazz Band I, and has played bass for the Encores and Mystiques combos.

In addition to his participation in performing ensembles at Pike, Marcus is also active in his youth group at church. Marcus is a multiple varsity letter winner in golf at Pike and has assisted with junior golf camps. Marcus also participates in the intramural basketball program.

Marcus is still unsure about future plans regarding music, but is tentatively planning on attending Hanover College to pursue a collegiate golf career. Marcus says that the variety of performing experiences at Pike have "peaked my interest in how music can be expressed." He also says he has met many great people who he probably would not know without participating in performing arts.

Bravo!!!!

The **Pike Spectacular Dancers** are currently in the middle of their competition season. Their competition categories are in the following areas: Elite Lyrical, Advanced Jazz, and Advanced Hip Hop. The girls have been scoring well in all three categories; and they have noticed an increase in their scores since they began competition in January. Sophomores Jaclyn Lahr and Alex Rhodes have taken the floor in the small ensemble division. "It's good to get critique," said veteran, Jaclyn! Alex Rhodes stated that the small ensemble category is good because "It's more of an individual critique, so it helps us as dancers." Also, senior, Joelle Kouandi and freshman, Cozette Nicholson will compete in the Jr./Sr. solo division during the February 7<sup>th</sup> Crawfordsville High School Invitational.

The routines have been fresh and polished for each Saturday competition. Our choreographers, Lauren Beirne, Tamara Ammon –Jones, and Meredith Wilson have been working diligently with the girls in cleaning all aspects of their routines. "Cleaning is necessary to keep everyone in sync," said senior, Ty'rah Bell. Freshman, Ariel Cheatham replied, "I've noticed our scores going up each week and it's worth it." While the dancers agree this is not the most fun part of the season, they do understand that this is a necessary factor as we approach Regional competition and State Championship – they have a *will* and an *aim* to move in only one direction – **FORWARD!**

The team has done outstanding so far:

Tuttle MS Dance Invitational: 2nd place Elite Lyrical, 8th place Advanced Jazz, 3rd place Advanced Hip Hop.

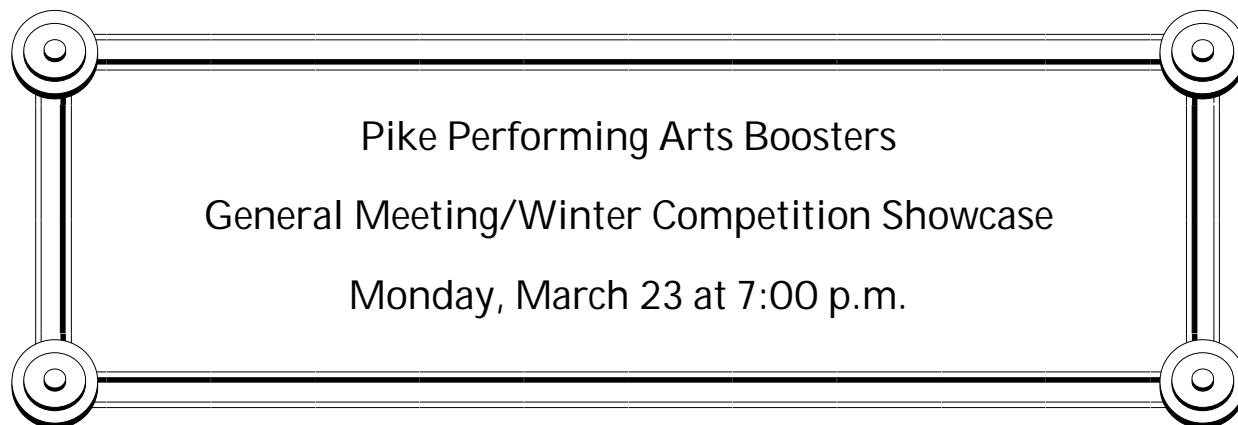
Lincoln HS Dance Invitational: 2nd place Elite Lyrical, 2nd place Advanced Jazz, 2nd place Advanced Hip Hop

Sarah Scott MS Dance Invitational: 2nd place Elite Lyrical, 4 place Advanced Jazz, 1st place Advanced Hip Hop, 2nd place Small Ensemble (Jaclyn Lahr and Alex Rhodes).

Bloomington South Dance Invitational: 5th place Advanced Jazz, 3rd place Elite Lyrical, 6th place Advanced Hip Hop, 12th place Small Ensemble.

Dance auditions for next year's team will be April 22nd and 23rd, 5pm-6:30pm. The Dance Clinic for grades K-8 will also be in April---watch for flyers.

The Dancer Recital is Tuesday, April 28th, at 7:30 p.m. Please come support our Pike Spectacular Dancers!



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