



# Bay City Central

## *Band Banquet*

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

6:30 pm

## **Year of Participation Awards**

Numerals  
Wolf Head  
Varsity Letter  
Chevron

## **District B&O Festival**

Symphony Band  
Wind Symphony

## **Jazz Lab**

## **Central Air**

## **Leadership Team**

## **Drum Majors**

# **Attention all seniors!**

## **Bay Concert Band Information**

Rehearsals are Tuesdays, beginning September 4, 2012, at 7:15 p.m. in the Bay City Central High School band room. All former high school and college musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join them. To participate you must be able to read music and demonstrate musical competency on your instrument. For information, call Mark Brissette at (989) 892-6551. Annual membership dues are \$20.

*Good Luck and  
Congratulations to  
all of our Seniors!*

## **Booster Officer Recognition**

### **Mock Senior Awards**

*Presented by the Junior Class*

### **Solo and Ensemble**

District

State

### **National Awards**

Senior Band Award (presented during Honors Assembly)

National Marching Band Award

Director's Award

Woody Herman

Louis Armstrong

Patrick Gilmore

John Phillips Sousa

## **Alyssa Cozad**

I became involved with Central's band program during my eighth grade year at Handy, when I was a member of the Bay City Steelers; now I am graduating as the last original member of the steel drum band. That first summer of steel band was by far the most fun I had in Central's Band Program. When I was a freshman I joined marching band, and since have played snare for four years in Central's drumline. The last four years in band have taught me plenty of lessons- beginning with learning to never listen to Xavier (when he told me there was no way I would even make it through pre-camp,) always listening to Evan (without it I would have never learned to march in a strait line,) and finally- never to underestimate the effort and determination it takes to make music (proven through spending over 1400 hours on drumline alone.) Participating in band was inevitably one of the most time consuming but well-worth-it experiences I had in high school. Of course there were several days I considered quitting but I am glad I didn't because I would have missed out on various valuable learning experiences such as the most effective means of advertising to gain customers (Kiefer standing in the middle of Columbus to attract customers to the drumline garage sale,) or the important fact that station wagons are indeed not made of wood, and the importance of knowing how to read music through tears when friends graduated as you played Pomp and Circumstance (all I can say is I'm glad I won't be in that position again.) In addition to playing in the Bay City Steelers, The Drumline, Wind and Symphony Bands, and Jazz Lab, I also had the privilege to play in Saginaw Valley State University's Percussion Ensemble for 2 years, and sing for four years in Varsity Choir. Next year, I will be attending Delta College on a full ride scholarship and plan to dual enroll and participate in SVSU's music program. In two years I will transfer to a university and major in Public Relations with an ultimate goal of working for a non-profit. Thank you for the lessons and best of luck next year!

## **Melinda Synder**

My freshman year in band was a lot of fun and every year after that was fun too. That's why I'm very glad that I decided to stay in band through highschool. Without it I don't know where I'd be. I was really shy back then and now because of band I'm not afraid to talk to and meet new people. I've made some great friends in band that I plan to stay in contact with after highschool. Every summer I would be super excited for band camp because I always had a great time there. I'm going to miss dancing in the stands at football games and concentration blocks (I always thought they were fun). I'm also going to miss my outstanding band teachers. There will never be anyone as awesome as they are. Band helped make me the person I am today which I'm very thankful for because I think I'm pretty awesome.

being involved in Central's jazz band. Also people already in jazz band; don't be afraid to solo!! The only way to get better at something is to work at it :)

## **Nick Bouchard**

My name is Nick Bouchard, I was a Section Leader for two years. I play French horn and Mellophone, I also played Trombone for a year and play Bass Guitar in my spare time. Band is like life in my opinion it has it's ups and downs, There's people you love to be with and other people that well are the opposite of the first ones. I want to thank some special people in band, specifically Elaine Z., Nola W., Chris S., Hunter G., Krista D., Joe E., and Mitch M. . But the biggest thanks and favorite person has got to be Autumn Elwell :). She's the bestest friend i have in the band. So i feel like this is the time to say things we forgot to mention during our senior speeches. Like how i actually learned how to tune junior year, or how I fell asleep in band class more times then i can remember. I feel like for the rest of my life i'll have it in the back of my head how to walk 8 to 5 or notice how loud my hands are when they clap compared to others. I also want to thank one of our old student teachers, Mr. Jerashen. He pushed me to play out, to play with confidence, and most importantly take pride in my playing. Band has helped me realize that music will always be a passion for me. Maybe not necessarily in concert band or marching band but music in general. So here's where I want to talk about some favorite memories, like how the night before the senior prank in our room with Chris, Hunter, Brent, Sam, and me had a bunch of balloons blown up all around the room and Mr. S, Kenny, and Mr. Jerashen came into a room and just sat around and talked to us after lights out. When Mr. S started drawing on the board and didn't realize entirely what his drawing looked like to us. The sad moment when I realized that the class of 2012 is the last one to have ever played Jesus Golf at band camp. When Hunter tried to shave my arm junior year at band camp. Anyway, regardless of the good and the bad. All of the "i hate band" that was said and all the smiles we got from being in band. Being in band is a seven year experience that you will always carry with you. Thank you all going through this all with me.

jazz and marching band programs. Thanks to everyone who made my high school and middle school music career worthwhile. Even if I didn't mention you, I will never forget all the people that have put a smile on my face in the band program, and I hope that you will not forget me. I hope some of you can enjoy band as much as I have. (:

## **Marissa Ritter**

Band has been such a huge part of my life. Honestly, I don't know what I would be doing if I wasn't in band. My summers would be empty, I wouldn't have a "tan", and I'd actually have to pay for a football game. I've had a love-hate relationship with band every since freshman year. There were so many times that I said I was quitting, but I could never do it. I would miss it way too much. After a while everybody becomes a family. A large, crazy, insane family. I may not always admit it, but I wouldn't trade our band in for anybody else. I've had so many fun memories. Our first clarinet sectional, Angelica and Heather were the only two people I knew, so we just sat there and faked the fight song and the alma mater. Freshman year was one of the best years. We were able to bribe Mrs. Keenan and Mr. S for points, we decorated our cabins, and we had Jesus golf. The clarinet sections over the years, grew closer and closer in my opinion. They are the best people, and I loved being with them. They have become some of my best friends, and I'm really going to be sad that I'm not going to be spending this summer with them. KLARISSA! Kaylee and Sarah, I'm trusting you girls to make the clarinets the coolest section ;) Gabbi, please play, and stay crazy! I'll miss all of you!

## **Hunter Glysz**

My four years at Central would be unimaginable without band. From concert season to jazz band and maybe even a few moments during marching season I have enjoyed being part of Centrals band. I'd like to thank Mr. S and Mrs. Keenan for being such great directors throughout the years, you guys really are a good team together; almost a good cop bad cop kind of thing.

I'd like to make a shout-out to Chris Schnettler and am surprised his nickname I gave him freshman year has stuck around for the most part this long over the years. I'd also like to congratulate all the other seniors who have stayed in band while all the others around us dropped like flies. After Graduation I am going to SVSU, for what I am still undecided but I am definitely leaning towards music or some sort of science.

Overall I have had many great experiences being a part of band, my favorite of which being in jazz band. If you aren't getting enough music in your life or you just want to try something new I would highly suggest

## **Garth VanWert**

Over these last four years of high school of being in band, has changed me to keep on moving on with music. Freshman year wasn't that interesting because I was the quiet one out of the whole group of band students and didn't feel like I fit in at all. The only thing I did freshman year was keep my trumpet up over a 90 degree angle and do what I was told to do from Ms. Keenan and Mr. Stuijbergen. In sophomore year, I felt comfortable being around my friends and I mostly had friends in band at the time, but I been having great years playing the trumpet for marching and then playing tuba for concert. I started to play trumpet fr jazz lab and I really enjoyed playing and was thinking to myself that I wanted to do it next year and it did happen. Junior year, was the second best year of high school because I got to play sousaphone for marching band with Mia Du-bois, Adam Kloha and Matt Portner and we got to play Chuck Mangione that year for marching. I still played tuba for concert junior year and for jazz lab and junior I got into playing for central air as a trumpet player. I played so many instruments that year and that was crazy, but it was a very learning basis to learn so many instruments, well mostly brass instruments. Senior year makes me think that music is in my blood and that's never going to change at all. I played music for 7 years, and another 4 years coming up after graduation. I'm going to play music for SVSU marching and concert as a trombone and tuba/sousaphone player. My friends are so amazing especially the seniors of 2012, if none of them were in my life, I don't know what I would of done with myself in my life of stay in band without them.

## **Angelica Lewis**

Band has been my life for the past 7 years, but the people I have met in the past 4 have become my family. There are so many people in band that have made a difference in my life, I can't name all of them because it would be to long of a list. I am so proud to be able to say that I have been a part of the bcc band, and no matter how much I say I'm glad to be leaving I am going to miss everyone and everything about band. From the long nighttime practices to the crazy tan lines. I guess the only thing I really have left to say is thank you so much Mrs. Keenan and Mr. S. for helping me become the person I am today. Not only with my music but my personality. I am so grateful to both of you for everything. Goodluck in the upcoming years. :)

## Chris Schnettler

One of my greatest accomplishments in band was being able to make an entire auditorium cry. I have played many sports during my time at Central but I've never been closer to any group than the drumline. For the last four years the drumline has been my family. I have grown up with my fellows from when I was a quiet little freshman to now when they've finally got me out of my shell (if you could call it that.)

First off, I'd like to thank the directors for all they've taught me about being a player and how I'd never have been the same person that I am now without band. I'll never forget all the they've done and I feel like now would be a great time to recollect on some of my favorite memories. Mrs. Keenan has always been there when Mr. S got just a little too crazy, but there is one instance that I can remember that the generation gap caught up just a little bit and Mrs. Keenan called us all 'chodes.' She didn't mean this in a negative way at all because she was just joking around, but I think the funniest part was the fact that what she thought the word meant, and the meaning that us students know it as are two different things.

I've always been closer to Mr. S. because he's a percussionist so I have two stories for him. Freshman year, we did this thing called a wakeup call. The whole drumline set up first outside the directors' cabin and started doing 8-on-a-hand rimshot edition. I'll never forget Mr. S. running out of his cabin, waving his hands above his head and telling us to stop because it was about 3 a.m. My second story is about this year at band camp when Mr. S, Kenny, and Mr. Giraffe stayed past lights out with us in the Montserrat. It was the night before the senior prank and our room was littered with 100+ balloons but no questions were asked. And Mr. S. had to come and kick Kenny and anybody else who was still in our room out later that night and Bronson actually hid from him underneath all the balloons!

Finally, band has given me so many great friends that seem to be more like family most of the time. I'd first like to mention my friends outside of drumline, especially two of my closest friends who aren't in band anymore; Sean and (Alex) Burke. I really missed them this year. At least I still had Zach and my half-brothers, the Tenor Sax section, Hunter and Sam. Of course there's the drumline. I just want to tell all of you that this has been the best year by far for me. Everybody got along, even well enough that we called each other family. Abby and I were even referred to as mom and dad. As for my fellow seniors, Abby, Rachel, Aly, Brent and Bronson; I want to thank you the most for the awesome times we've had together and share how sad I am that only half of us made it all the way to the end. Finally I'd like to tell my sister Nicole how proud I am of

still see you guys around for a few weeks yet, and I'll drop by when I'm in town. Unless you guys throw rotten fruit at me. And if anyone really can't stand me being gone, they can ask me for my cell phone number, and we can keep in touch. So I guess I'll end this here (Really, this time).

## Melissa Westran

I've been in band since sixth grade and I couldn't be happier that I joined. Anyone that knows me probably thinks I have always been this outgoing and crazy, but that's not true. I was actually pretty shy, but once I joined band, that all changed. I was finally surrounded by people I could totally be myself with. And mainly I found the one thing I could excel with, music. Throughout the years, as my saxophone playing got better, so did my confidence until I became who I am today. I love being a part of marching band, jazz band, and yes, even concert band. Being so musically involved has really helped me through high school and at this point, I don't know what I would do without it.

There are so many people to thank for where I am today that I could probably take up the whole program. However, there are a few specifics that I need to mention:

My parents, two people that have been there for me through it all. Also there to videotape every moment. You have pushed me to do my best and supported me along the way. Thanks for sharing my love of music with me. Where would I be without you, I love you mom and dad.

The rest of my family, for coming to what they could and dealing with the many fundraisers. You are the best, and I wouldn't be here without you guys behind me.

Andrea Fogelsinger and her family, for being just as supportive as my own, and Andrea especially for being like a big sister I never had. You helped me through a lot, and helped me learn a lot on my saxophone. I wouldn't have been able to get all those blues at S&E without your mentoring.

All my teachers and student teachers. Mrs. Harris, Mr. S, Mrs. Keenan, Ms. Britt, Mr. Jerashen and any other teachers. You guys have really been a great influence to my music. There's no way I would have excelled so far with my music if you guys hadn't worked with me. I couldn't thank you all enough. I hope you know I appreciate all of you.

Music will forever be my favorite hobby, and will always be a part of my life. I could not live without it. I look forward to college and post college music; I'm attending SVSU in the fall and for sure will be part of their

which is one my best friends in band. I've always thought of myself when I was in elementary-middle school, I'm going to be a Rock Star. Then High School hit, I just thought that I'm probably going to do something that involves music. Now, I actually have a goal to become a Music Teacher/Director, like Ms. Keenan, or Mr. Stuijbergen, because of what I've known of them for the past 7 years, I learned to look up to them, because to this day, a lot of my music talent wouldn't be what it is now without their help for all the years they taught me.

## **Zach McQueen**

Wow. This is it. It's almost commencement. I wish I could play at graduation with the rest of you guys, but I have to, well, you know, graduate. Whew! I've been both hoping for and dreading this. I'm glad about this because I finally get to go to college. But on the other hand, I don't want this to happen yet. It's just that I'll miss you guys- all my friends, and of course Mrs. Keenan & Mr. S! Now being the only one in our band who played trumpet for all four years of high school is strange. Okay, it sucks. Don't let it happen again. You all know how I like to make stupid jokes, so here's one about procrastination:

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I'll remember it later.

And without further ado: Amanda, Garth, Kyle, Alex, and the rest of Anime Club- I was only in AC for a year, but it was firetrucking awesome. I know that this isn't really band-related, but I had to mention it someplace. So why not here?

Ali & Katie- You guys managed to keep us in line most of the time. I'm impressed. Luke, Cody, Missa, Amanda, Claire, Scotty, Josh, Kato- I had fun hanging out with all of you guys, inside or outside of band. It was cool.

Scotty- You said you were the band's morale, and you weren't kidding. You cheered a lot of people up when they were feeling down. You're a good friend; anyone who says otherwise can go jump in a lake. Alyssa Cozad- OK, this might be a little embarrassing for me to say. But what better place for embarrassing stuff than where everyone can see it? Any way, here goes:

Way back in fifth grade, when I transferred to Kolb Elementary, you were the only one who was nice to me right off the bat. Everyone else was just thinking, "Pick on the new kid! Pick on the new kid!". But you helped me become a little less alienated, and it's fair to say that without you, I wouldn't be here right now. Thanks for being there for me in the early years.

Mrs. Keenan & Mr. S- You're the best! Keep it up!

And finally, all the freshman members- Sorry I didn't get a chance to get to know you guys better.

Well, I've been talking for so long, and I'm not getting any funnier. So I'm going to say goodbye now. Except that it isn't really goodbye, not really. I'll

her and wish her luck because I will soon be eight hours away.

I can't quite tell you how much band meant to me, but I hope this helps explain why I started crying like a baby in a room of my high school peers.

## **Mia Dubois**

After all these years, I can't believe it's finally come to an end... Band, that is. I started out playing the clarinet in sixth grade. It's what my older sister played. I spent many months of trying to make the "dying animal" clarinet screeches sound much less revolting. Alas, this was just a fond hope. My perception of band instruments changed the day I saw Mrs. Keenan in the back row of the concert arcs playing an enormous, gargantuan, mammoth brass instrument with intricate piping! The sound and size of the instrument captured my concentration and at that moment, I knew I had to try it. Since then, I've loved every moment of being a low brass musician. I could never forget my first summer in high school band. I met so many great new band members before school started. Which is awesome because you have one hundred new friends before the first day of school. Anyway, freshman year band camp can be summed up by saying, "I gave birth in front of everyone (lol embarrassment)" and "Jesus golf". After only a couple days of knowing my fellow tuba players, we were all playing religious themed mini-golf together. Our adventure stopped at the "Adam and Eve" themed area of the course. Needless to say, there was an plentiful apple tree that didn't have apples on it by the time we were done. Also, the apples were Styrofoam, but that didn't stop the tubists from consuming them. Overall, I've loved band... not Monday night rehearsals, shoulder pain or wool uniforms, but the people and the music have been great! Thanks everyone for such a positive experience. I'll never forget band!

## **Bronson Dault**

Band was pretty fun. I met most of my friends in band, and Drumline was always exciting. I really enjoyed playing tenors my freshmen year, I think that was one of my favorite years. I've had some good times and I won't forget them.

## **Katherine Confer**

In my four years of being in band I've learned many things. I've learned to play more musically. I've also learned how to march and play at the same time. Sure I learned a lot academically, but I have learned a lot of things that I will use throughout my life. The biggest thing I learned was that don't let opportunities go by without taking full advantage of them. When I decided to try out for drum major, I took that into consideration. I figured that it was the only time I could have the chance to audition for a position where I can help the whole band and not just my own section.

I have plenty of memories from my experiences in band. And I will always cherish them in my heart and I will always look back on what everyone had accomplished through the years.

I would like to thank some very special people who helped make these memories possible.

Ali: Thank you for a wonderful year! You were absolutely fun to work with and keep loving cats (and gingers!)

Jordan: Thank you for sticking around with me when the rest of our friends quit. I know that I can really count on you and I hope to see you more after we graduate!

The flute section: You guys are THE best section! I love you all and don't ever quit!

Mrs. Keenan and Mr. S: You guys are like my second set of parents. You've seen me at my best and worst moments. I want to thank you for everything that you have taught me and for spending two weeks of your summer to help the band look the best it can be.

Dad: I love you for being my biggest fan at all the football games. I appreciate how you take pictures and videos of every half-time show and at every parade. Now I can look back years from now and appreciate what I had accomplished. Thank you very much!

Mom: You are my #1 go to person! I love how you are so supportive and helpful in everything that I do. I also love how you motivate me to be the best that I can be. You and Dad are wonderful parents and I know that I can go to you guys for anything!

And to the rest of the band: Thank you for a wonderful year! I'm proud of what we have accomplished! Congrats to Symphony Band for making it to States. Congrats to all the new members for making it through your first year of high school. Congrats to all the seniors who are graduating and moving on to bigger and better things. And lastly thank you for making my senior year the most memorable year of my high school career.

## **Jordan Buda**

Being in band these last four years has been an amazing experience. From marching band to concert band, it has all been great (well most of it). My favorite year in band was definitely my freshman year. This is mainly because everyone in band cared how we looked and didn't goof off unless it was an appropriate time, and because of this it was the most fun and the best year. So, I would just like to take now to tell all band members if you don't care and don't like band, drop out. On a better note I would like to thank all my band teachers who have taught me how to do everything I know, especially my violin teacher. I would also like to thank all my friends and family who have helped me get through my senior year. I love all of you. There are some people that I do miss and all of our wonderful memories, everything with Sam Quart, swinging on the tire swing with Heather Doan until we had bruises on our arms, and most of all, the friends I have made who graduated, especially Ashley Miller and Cia-ciuch. I will miss everyone in band and we must keep in touch!

## **Kyle Campbell**

Hello, the name is Kyle, and I've been playing music since the sixth grade, and I started at Handy Middle School. Overly all, I'm a nice person, who likes to have fun, and a really friendly guy. Before I was a middle school student though, I got fitted for Baritone by Mr. Stuijbergen, so I took after my brothers Baritone he had, after he quit band before entering High School. When I started band three weeks after my sixth grade year started, Ms. Keenan called me by my brother's name a lot at first, "Ryan Campbell", which she had the habit of calling me that a lot as well when she was once again my teacher when I started High School. When I started Centrals marching band, I was given the nickname "Junior", which I was called freshman-junior year, when everyone who did called me by that name, already graduated by now when I became a senior. During my sophomore year, I joined Jazz Lab, junior Year, I also joined Central Air, and my senior Year, I gotten into Bay City Steelers as well.

Music is just never enough for me, I want to be part of more, and learn even more, so I taught myself Trombone in Junior Year so I can play for the Jazz bands at Central, instead of Baritone. When my junior-senior year did come, I've give it my all out for music, and I was glad to be able to be the Low Brass Section Leader for 2012, and I felt like I did a great job. I've gotten to become a State Qualifier for both Baritone in 2011 and Trombone in 2012, and both of those times was with Garth Van Wert,