

# WK Current

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## Band, Orchestra, Choir Raises \$3,500 at Holiday Collage

The 375 music students in Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz Band at Waterford Kettering High School recently presented a check for \$3,500 to "Christmas in Action-Oakland County". Launched in 1996, with determination and pride Christmas in Action of Oakland County has been a leading volunteer organization providing free Home Repairs for our low-income senior homeowners.

Students from the Kettering music department raised the funds through their 9th annual holiday concert series called the "Holiday Collage." The concerts were on December 8, 9, and 10, with about 2,000 attendees over the 3 nights of performances. The concert features 2 hours of non-stop holiday music played in all corners of the Kettering Performing Arts Center, with performances by all of the department's large ensembles along with many other small ensembles and soloists.

In the 9 year history of the Holiday Collage, the department has raised about \$30,000 which has gone to area charities. According to Director of Choirs, Michelle Harness:

"The Collage began with one performance and has grown to a 3-night series which is something that the Waterford community truly looks forward to each year." Merlyn Beard, Director of Orchestras at Kettering, said: "This is a labor of love for our students and faculty members...it takes so many hours to rehearse and prepare for this event, but we enjoy the hard work and know how much our efforts are appreciated."



*Back Row (l to r): Kettering music students Jen Leitner, Kim Smallwood, Emily Halls, Brad Olewinski, and Luke Jacob. Front Row (l to r): Christmas in Action President Norma Okonski, Kettering Student Kristi Schmuker, Christmas in Action Treasurer Fran Amos.*



## Brian Wilson Receives Distinguished Advisor Award

The Journalism Education Association (JEA) has announced that Kettering Teacher



Brian Wilson will receive the Distinguished Advisor Award. Wilson is one of two teachers in the Nation to receive this award, which is designed to honor outstanding high school advisers and their exemplary work from the previous year, as well as throughout their careers.

Wilson will be recognized during the Spring National JEA Conference in Seattle. He will receive \$500 which will be used to buy equipment for the school's yearbook classroom or to fund student scholarships to summer workshops.

The JEA is the only independent national scholastic journalism organization for teachers and advisers.

## Students Leading Students Conference Teaches Students Peer Resistance Skills

Several Kettering students attended the Students Leading Students (SLS) State Conference, which is a Michigan organization that supports Michigan students and Michigan schools.

SLS's purpose is to train students in school-based health initiatives. Kettering students were trained in Peer Resistance Skills. At the training, Kettering students learned how to teach their younger peers about peer pressure and how to resist it. During the lesson, the high school students teach the fifth grade students about the four different types of peer pressure. Then they demonstrate the five different techniques for saying "No" to the pressure. The teaching methods include giving basic information, demonstrating the techniques, as well as doing small role-plays with the younger students.

The program is research based and is intended for a fifth grade audience. Kettering is currently scheduling dates with eight Waterford elementary schools to bring the program to their fifth graders.

Students also had the opportunity to participate in "A Ford Safe Driving Event." Students drove Ford Race Cars and learned about the dangers of texting while driving. Alex Hawkins and Andrea Breckenridge received individual leadership awards. Hannah Long, Erika Harris, Autumn Gairaud, Grace Sutherland, Emily O'Leary, Brittany Antonelli, and Garrett Zimmerman also attended the event.



## Honors Band Showcases Kettering Talent

Four Waterford Kettering High School Band students recently performed with the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association All-District 4 Honor Concert Band. Scott Adkins, Kettering's Band Teacher and also District 4's Band Teacher of the Year, was invited to guest conduct the band.

Two Waterford Kettering High School Band students were also selected for the MSBOA All-District 4 Honor Jazz Band. The six Kettering band students participated and performed with the All-District Concert & Jazz Bands at Clarkston High School. They were selected amongst hundreds of students nominated by their directors from 18 area high schools.



*(l to r): Nick Andrews, Tuba; Audrey Schult, Oboe; Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Director of Bands at Michigan State University, Guest Conductor; Katie Moase, Clarinet; Rachel Stopchinski, Flute; and R. Scott Adkins, Director of Bands at Waterford Kettering*



*(l to r): Jesse Sams, Trombone; Prof. Patty Darling, Instructor of Jazz Studies at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music (Wisconsin), who served as Guest Conductor of the All-District Jazz Band; and Jake Sams, Drums.*

## Principal's Roundtable

Kettering PTSA invites all parents, students, and staff to join us Monday, February 13 at 6:30pm in the Kettering KIVA as we host Principal's Roundtable. A member of our Administrative Staff will be on hand to lead our discussion. This is an excellent opportunity to get information, and ask questions regarding life at Kettering. Want more info? Contact PTSA President Jeff Willson at [jwillson@ameritech.net](mailto:jwillson@ameritech.net).

## PTSA Meeting & Board Nominations

The PTSA General Membership Meeting will be held at 7pm Monday, February 13 in the KIVA. Everyone is invited to attend. We will begin taking nominations for the Executive Board for the 2012/2013 school year at that time. All board positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are open. Nominations will close on Thursday, March 29. Questions regarding PTSA may be directed to our President, Jeff Willson at [jwillson@ameritech.net](mailto:jwillson@ameritech.net).

## Counseling Corner

### Counselor Assignments

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### EIGHTH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Eighth grade students from Mason and Pierce are invited to attend our annual 8th grade parent night on March 27 at Kettering High School. Counselors, teachers and administrators will be in attendance to inform you of what it may be like to attend Kettering for the next four years. Discussion will include graduation requirements, curriculum, elective choices, and introduction of staff.

## Students Build Aquatic Robotics

Kettering engineering students used the school's pool to test students' underwater vehicles. The class is tied to the SeaPerch Program, an underwater robotics program that trains teachers to teach their students how to build an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). Students build the ROV from a kit comprised of low-cost,

Students can sign up for various school sports and clubs offered at Kettering. In the past, this has been a very informative night for eighth grade parents and students. Kettering counselors will be visiting the middle schools to discuss pre-enrollment for the ninth grade year on the following dates:

*Mason*  
March 20, 6:30-8:30 pm  
*Pierce*  
March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### GRADES 9-11 PRE-ENROLLMENT

Kettering counselors will hold one-on-one meetings with students in the upcoming months to discuss career choices, course selections and the development of students' schedules for the following school year. It is very important that students develop a four year plan while students are in high school and counselors can help in this process. **Please note that when students sign up for courses, counselors will not change schedules in the fall.** Please be mindful of this when signing the pre-enrollment card and when choosing courses. Please contact your counselor with questions or concerns.

accessible parts, following a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts with a marine engineering theme. Created by the MIT SeaPerch Grant College Program in 2003, the program was inspired by the book, "Build Your Own Underwater Robot and Other Wet Projects," by Harry Bohm and Vickie Jensen. Visit [www.seaperch.org](http://www.seaperch.org).

## Business Professionals of America Results

Waterford Kettering's Business Professionals of America participated in the Regional Leadership Conference where 12 schools competed in different business/computer events at Baker College on January 13. There were 29 Kettering students who competed, 13 of them qualified for the State Competition held in Grand Rapids.

A total of 18 awards were won, including 1st place finishes in Parliamentary Procedures, Spreadsheet Applications, and Web Site Design Team:

### Nicholas Borowski

(Computer Security, PC Servicing & Troubleshooting, IT Concepts)

### Nicholas Cabrera

(Accounting)

**Melanie Caples** (1st place-Parliamentary Procedures)

**Gregory Hack** (Computer Security)

**Evan Jocque** (Computer Network Technology)

**Kristle Krupinski** (1st place-Spreadsheet Applications)

**Staicee Kwiatkowski** (Advanced Word Processing)

**Eric Monville** (1st place-Web Site Design Team)

**Connor Ngo** (Computer Network Technology, Network Admin Using Microsoft)

**Austin Page** (Computer Security, IT Concepts)

**Matthew Wasnich** (1st place-Web Site Design Team)

**Chris Williams** (Computer Network Technology, IT Concepts)

**Joseph Yudasz** (1st place-Web Site Design Team)

## Spring Plant Sale

The annual plant sale will begin Friday, February 24, with proceeds to your All Night Party Group. A wide variety of Easter and Spring plants direct from the greenhouse are available. What a beautiful way to bring the season into your home or office. Plants will be available for your pickup on Monday, March 26 between 4pm and 6:30pm at Kettering. Questions should be directed to the your All Night Party Chairperson.

## Market Day

Did you know that Market Day is now at Kettering, with profits going to your All Night Party Group? Just log on to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com), choose 'Kettering High School' as your delivery location, and begin shopping. You may indicate which class your profits will go to when you pick up your order. Questions? Contact Joni Pelland at [joniandgreg@aol.com](mailto:joniandgreg@aol.com).

## Snowcoming Dance

The Snowcoming Dance is February 18, 7 -10 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale beginning February 6. The dance is semi-formal.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

February 29, 4-7 pm  
March 22, 4-7 pm

## All Night Graduation Party Meetings

Many hands are needed to plan the 2012 All Night Graduation Party for our seniors. The party will take place on graduation night, June 2 from 10 pm-5 am at the school. This party is parent planned and staffed so please plan to join in the fun! Meetings are scheduled for the following dates at 6:30 pm in the LG1 Room:

February 15, March 13,  
April 12, May 2, May 21.

Contact Jan Goldsmith  
2012wkanp@gmail.com if  
you have questions.

## Calendar

### FEBRUARY

Feb 1	Professional Development Day (½ day dismissal @ 10:30 am) Hours 4 & 6
Feb 2-4	Play "Noises Off" – 7 pm
Feb 3	Market Day Delivery – 4-5 pm
Feb 6	Band Booster Meeting – 7 pm Band Room
Feb 8	Student Count Day
Feb 10	Snowcoming Hall Decorating – 2:30 -10 pm
Feb 11	ACT
Feb 13	Principal's Roundtable/PTSA 6:30 pm – LG1 ROOM
Feb 13	Jr/Sr Boys Charity Volleyball Game – 7 pm
Feb 14	Winter Olympics – 1:00 pm
Feb 16	OPUS Meeting – 6:30 pm – Choir Room
Feb 17	Winter Pep Assembly – 1:30 pm
Feb 17	Snowcoming Dance Decorating – 2:30 -10:00 pm
Feb 18	Snowcoming Dance – 7 - 10:00 pm
Feb 23 & 24	Mid-Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
Feb 29	Parent Teacher Conferences – 4 – 7 pm

### MARCH

March 1	Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert – 7 pm
March 2	Market Day Delivery – 4-5 pm
March 5	Pre-Festival Band Concert – 7 pm
March 6 -8	MME Testing/ACT/PLAN/Explore
March 12	Band Booster Meeting – 7 pm – Band Room
March 13	Waterford Foundation Select 50 at Mott
March 14	Professional Development Day ( ½ day dismissal at 10:30 am) Hours 2 & 3
March 14 &15	MSBOA District 4 Festival
March 19	Blood Drive
March 19	Choral Pre- Festival Concert – 7 pm
March 22	Parent Teacher Conferences – 4 – 7 pm
March 26	ANP Spring Plant Delivery 4 – 6:30 pm
March 27	8th Grade Parent/STudent Orientation – 6:30-8:30 pm
March 30	Market Day Delivery – 4-5 pm

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## DECA Students Bring Home 13 Medals

Kettering's DECA Chapter competed at the District 6 Career Development Conference where almost 800 students tested and interviewed for the honor of attending the State Career Development Conference this March. The following students brought home medals:

**Allison Bicknell**, Marketing Management Series, Top 5 Role Play Interview; **Ashley Lalonde**, Marketing Management Series, Top 5 Comprehensive Exam, Overall Finalist; **Andrew Lizenby**, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Top 5 Role Play Interview, Overall Finalist; **Michael Shermerhorn**, Quick Serve

Restaurant Management, Overall Finalist; **Cameron Schroeder**, Hospitality and Tourism Marketing; Overall Finalist; **Cynthia Sharpe**, Hospitality and Tourism Marketing, Overall Finalist; **Tyler Sullivan**, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Top 5 Comprehensive Exam, Top 5 Role Play Interview, Overall Finalist; **Chelsey Trumble**, Retail Marketing, Overall Finalist; **Matt Wasnich**, Food Marketing, Overall Finalist. **Corey Brabandt**; **Duncan Chizek**; **Andrew Demopoulos**; **Brandon Dupuis**; **Zac Hensel**; **Montana Johnson**; **Noah Jutis**; **Reed Morgan**; **Joey Perjack**; **Brandon Speagle**; and **Kayla Vanston**

also competed.

The State Career Development Conference will be held March 9-11 in Dearborn. Additional students attending the state Conference with their Business Operations Research Written Projects include **Allison Bicknell**, **Zac Hensel**, **Montana Johnson**, **Reed Morgan**, **Destiny Friedman** and **Lane Scott**.

Attending the State Conference in the area of Team Decision Making is **Andrew Demopoulos**, **Brandon Speagle** and **Joey Perjack**.

Attending the State Conference and representing OTC are **Michaela Saunders** and **Tiffani Osga**.