



Kokomo Schools

Education Foundation Newsletter



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KHS band students to perform in China

Approximately 40 students from the Kokomo High School Wind Ensemble will spend their Fall Break performing in China as part of the Kokomo School Corporation's International Program.

"This is going to be a life-changing experience for our students," Kokomo High School Director of Bands and Music John Pinson explained. "The band program truly appreciates this unique opportunity to represent Kokomo High School and the Kokomo community."

Participating band students will spend a week in China where they will experience the Chinese culture, participate in activities in partnership with Shanghai University, and perform at several locations.

The KHS Wind Ensemble was invited to China through its Chinese educational partner in Shanghai. During the 2017-2018 school year, Chinese school officials visited KHS, where they saw the Wind Ensemble play. Mr. Pinson explained that the Chinese school officials were so impressed that they asked the Wind Ensemble to perform in their city.

Chinese school officials established the performance schedule. For four days, the KHS Wind Ensemble will perform a mix of traditional Chinese and American music selections in schools and public spaces in Shanghai.

During this immersive experience, KHS Wind Ensemble students will visit the Summer Palace in Beijing and the Great Wall of China. The Kokomo High School students also will spend time at Shanghai University through a partnership with officials at the postsecondary institution.

This educational opportunity will cost each participating student approximately \$1,750, and band program officials are hoping to fundraise a large portion of the cost.

"Our goal is to provide financial assistance to assist all Kokomo High School band students eligible for this trip," Mr. Pinson explained. "We strive to provide enriching experiences for all our students."

The KHS Wind Ensemble students are encouraging local and state businesses, companies, government entities, and individuals to contribute a donation. All donations will be applied to the overall student cost of the trip, lowering the price for each participating student.

All donations benefit students only, while all students will be required to pay a portion of the fee. Donations made to the band program are a tax-deductible gift. In addition, Mr. Pinson hopes to include names of all donors and sponsors in band programs, on all band shirts for the 2018-2019 season, and in a press release to local and state media. KHS band program officials also will host a special performance in October for all donors prior to the KHS Wind Ensemble's departure for China.

Anyone wishing to donate may send a check to the Kokomo Schools Education Foundation, P.O. Box 2188, Kokomo, IN 46904... noted for the Band Endowment. Contributions also may be made through Mr. Pinson, by submitting checks made out to the Kokomo Schools Education Foundation (Band Endowment). Anyone with questions should contact Mr. Pinson via email at jpinson@kokomo.k12.in.us.

Retirees invited to 2018-2019 Organization Day!

Kokomo School Corporation retirees are invited to join the staff as Kokomo Schools kicks off the 2018-2019 school year at Organization Day on August 2nd, 2018, at Kokomo High School.

Breakfast will be served from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in the Kokomo High School cafeteria. Following breakfast, retirees are welcome to attend a short program, beginning at 8 a.m., in the KHS auditorium.

Jeff Moulder Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

The scholarship fund was established in memory of Jeffrey Moulder, a 2002 KHS graduate, and 4-time golf state finalist. The scholarship goes to benefit a student pursuing their dream of playing college golf.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH at 2:00 pm

Shotgun Start at Kokomo Country Club. Deadline to register is August 16th. \$100 Entry Free. Prize for Winner - Closest to the Hole - Longest Drive. Dinner and entertainment at American Legion 2604 S. Lafountain St., Kokomo, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is \$20 per person (dinner free to tournament players). Anyone wishing to donate auction items can text Kathy Moulder at 765-860-6459. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole can contact Pete Thatcher at 765-860-2972.



Reunion2018

'58 '63 '68 '73 '78 '83 '88 '93 '98 '03 '08 '13

Planning a Kokomo/Haworth Class Reunion? We can advertise your event in our newsletter. Did you know you can schedule a class reunion tour of our high school or Central Middle International School to see what wonderful changes have taken place? It's amazing! Send us an email at educationfoundation@kokomo.k12.in.us.

Class of 1983 Reunion: The Haworth High School Class of 1983 will celebrate its 35th class reunion on Saturday, August 4th, at the Columbia Club of Kokomo, 1653 Foxfire Lane, Kokomo, IN 46902. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. A tour of the former Haworth building is scheduled for August 4th at 12:00 p.m. Classmates should meet at the north side of the building under the glass canopy.

Class of 1958 Reunion will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th, at the Kokomo Event & Conference Center Ballroom. The Meet-n-Greet will be on Friday evening and the Main Event will be on Saturday evening. A ladies luncheon is scheduled at the Kokomo Country Club on Saturday. Golf and a school tour will be available for those interested. Contact: Dan Dunn at dfdoubled@comcast.net

Class of 1963 Reunion: The 55th KHS class reunion will be held on September 8th at the Elite Banquet Center in Kokomo, IN. For more information contact Dave Thurston at 317-410-5285.

Class of 1972: The Class of 1972 has initiated a scholarship for a graduating KHS senior and is seeking support from class members and others. Donations may be sent to Kokomo Schools Education Foundation, P. O. Box 2188, Kokomo, IN 46904-2188--notation Class of 1972 Scholarship. For additional information, contact Lorene Sandifur at l.sandifur@comcast.net.

The Kokomo Schools Education Foundation and its KHS/HHS Alumni Association welcome any alumni news for publication. School tours and other school information can be provided by the Alumni Association. Contact Debbie Vawter: dvawter@kokomo.k12.in.us; 765-455-8000 for additional information.

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