



# News To Note

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*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
When I'm at AP, I'm gonna dance and sing.*

Halfway through the school year, Accent Pontiac musicians are focused and enthusiastically practicing this song for their upcoming winter showcase. We invite you to join us for this performance!

This year, Accent Pontiac staff is working hard to provide a consistent, supportive space where our students can shine, dance and sing, and we are proud to announce two new partnerships that have allowed us to do just that. Thanks to SevaTruck and Calvary Lutheran Church, we are now able to provide full hot meals twice per week, in addition to daily snacks, so our student musicians are well-fed and energized to make music together.

**Thanks to your support, Accent Pontiac students continue to shine their light, everywhere they go.**



## Join Us!



**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

**5:30 p.m.**

**The Crofoot**

Free admission—no tickets required.  
Light refreshments following the concert.  
Special thanks to The Crofoot for donating space.



**Friday, June 24, 2022**

**The Links at Crystal Lake—800 Golf Dr., Pontiac, MI**

Save the date for Accent Pontiac's 2nd annual Birdies & Beats Charity Golf Outing, raising funds to support our social change through music programming.

**For more information and to register, visit [birdease.com/accentpontiacgolf](http://birdease.com/accentpontiacgolf)**



## Program Highlights

### **November 9—10: The De'Sean Jones Ensemble**

With support from Arts Midwest and the Pontiac Impact Challenge, Accent Pontiac hosted The De'Sean Jones Ensemble for a two-day guest artist experience. The De'Sean Jones Ensemble led a workshop with Accent Pontiac middle school students, leading them to compose a new piece of music in just one rehearsal. The next day, Accent Pontiac students premiered this composition alongside the De'Sean Jones ensemble at an assembly at Walt Whitman Elementary School.

### **December 4: Holiday Extravaganza Parade**

Accent Pontiac students performed as part of the Holiday Extravaganza Parade through downtown Pontiac. Thank you to Home Depot for donating a trailer for this event!

### **February 4: Sledding Field Trip**

Three consecutive snow days called for a sledding field trip! Thanks to Kirk in the Hills who hosted this event, and to a generous volunteer who knit hats and neck-warmers for all Accent Pontiac students to stay warm on this chilly day. Students and staff had a blast playing in the snow and warming up with hot chocolate together!



## Thank You To Our Funders

Funders make it possible for Accent Pontiac to change lives through music! To learn more about the impact funders have had on Accent Pontiac students, visit [accentpontiac.org/media](https://accentpontiac.org/media). To see our full list of funders, visit [accentpontiac.org](https://accentpontiac.org).

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2020–2021 Annual Report

Accent Pontiac's 2020 –2021 Annual Report is now available! Check out Accent Pontiac's journey and impact over the past year at [accentpontiac.org/annual-report](https://accentpontiac.org/annual-report).

## Staff and Board News

Congratulations to the new members of the Accent Pontiac team!

**Marcus Terry:** Board of Directors, Pontiac School Board ex-officio

**Rolando Ybarra:** Community Engagement Coordinator

**Marisa Jacques:** Lead Woodwind Teaching Artist

**Alexis Dill:** Lead Brass Teaching Artist

Learn more about the Accent Pontiac team at [accentpontiac.org/staff](https://accentpontiac.org/staff).

## Upcoming Events

**March 16, 5:30 p.m.:** Accent Pontiac Winter Showcase

**June 24, 8:30 a.m.:** Birdies & Beats Charity Golf Outing

More details on additional events available on Accent Pontiac's Facebook page and at [www.accentpontiac.org/events](https://www.accentpontiac.org/events).