

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

What a great weekend of successes for our program from the percussion section to the Winter guard!

The percussion attended the Percussive Arts Society Percussion Festival held at the campus of the University of Missouri. All our ensembles had successful performances and amazing feedback from the clinicians.

Our Winter guards performed in a showcase held at Oakville High School. This was a great event to lead into our MCCGA show this upcoming Saturday.

I would like to personally thank Mr. John Langham, Mr. Philip Carter, and Mr. Matthew Murphy who did an excellent job teaching and managing the OTHS Band Program in my absence this past week while attending the American Bandmasters Association. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and being back to OTHS Band!

Schedule for the next two weeks:

Musical Pit - this week - 3:30-7:30pm - bring snacks and homework when time allows.

Musical Pit - next week - 5pm-10pm - M-Thursday; Performances Friday 22, Saturday 23, Sunday 24 -

Ticket Info - <https://www.oths.us/clubs-activities/oths-theatre>

Monday March 11th

2024 Leadership Application Meeting – Smiley Band Room – 3:05-3:20p.m. – This meeting is open to students who are currently in lessons and are interested in serving as a leader for the marching band this upcoming season.

Musical Pit – 3:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

SIUE Percussion Festival – details for this event have been sent out by Mr. Murphy

Tuesday March 12th:

After School Jazz Band - 3:15p.m. – 4:30p.m.

Musical Pit – 3:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Percussion Concert -7p.m. Smiley Campus -details for the percussion students will be provided by Mr. Murphy

Wednesday March 13th:

Wind Ensemble – after school until 3:45p.m.

Musical Pit – 3:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Marching Percussion and Marching Secondary Brass – Smiley Campus 5:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Band Booster Parent Meeting – 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. Smiley Cafeteria

Thursday March 14th:

Musical Pit – 3:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Friday March 15th:

Milburn Band to the ILMEA Festival held at Eastern Illinois University. Schedules will be sent out through Skyward and hard copies of permission slips will be distributed in class.

Musical Pit – 3:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Set up for MCCGA.

Saturday March 16th:

MCCGA Festival

Highlights for Week of March 18th

*Musical Pit – Tech Week – 5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m.

*SIUE Essentially Ellington Festival – Jazz Bands – Friday, March 22nd

*The next two weeks leading up to our break are very busy. Please let us know if your students will be absent from any of our events.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dr. G, Mr. Carter, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Langham

Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

Parent meetings are held in person in the Smiley Cafeteria starting at **6 PM** on the following dates:

- Mar. 13th
- April 10th
- May 15th

Important Reminders/Links



Reminders:

Medical Records: Parents please add updates to your student's medical records for permission to give over the counter medications if needed during a rehearsal or competition.

**Nurse (Physicals)* Bandphysicals@oths.us

Marching Band:

**Marching Band Attendance Form for Absence:*

CLICK HERE for the link. This link is also on the band website for easy access.

Pictures

<https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com>

Password: Tarp (case-sensitive)

Spiritwear

**Varsity Spirit Wear Items*

<https://www.varsitycolors.com/othspantherband/>

PIN=BAND (case sensitive) Unable to access your My Varsity account? [CLICK HERE](#) to RESET your password using your existing email.

Misc.

**Amazon Wish List Items*

[Wish list on Amazon.com.](#)

**Video Course Syllabus*

<https://youtu.be/Urm9eJ9M1o8>

Communication Sources

Charms: <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms2/login.asp>

School Code: pantherbandboosters

Student Area Password: this is a unique password for each student

Assistance: Julie Fortier triharderjulie@gmail.com

Band Website: <https://othsbands.com/>

About >> Band Families >>

Username: members (all lower case)

Password: PantherBand#2022

Choose Current Families for:

Online Absence Form / FamilyID Link / Student Music / Macy's Information / Etc.

Band App: <https://band.us/n/a7a29bX6I554H>

Used to communicate quick messages.



CHARMS VOLUNTEERS

- **March 15-16** MCCGA (Mid Continent Color Guard Association) sign-ups are now open. This is one of the required shifts parent/guardians are responsible for fulfilling.
- **April 13** Music for All *required parent shift.
- **April 19-20** Spring Yard Sale – Required shifts for parent/guardian/student.
- **April 20** O’That Jazz
- **April 26** E-recycling



Spring break plans that give back

Turn your spring break getaway into earnings for your organization. Fuel up, grab groceries, and book lodging with RaiseRight gift cards, or plan a staycation and earn with local entertainment.

[Click Here](#) to view current bonuses

Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, March 12th

Please make sure your rebate total is at a minimum of \$5

to help cover the shared shipping cost, shipping fee increased to \$11.00

- **Milburn Campus:** Due 2pm, Drop off at main office to Mrs. Horsens. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student's name. Please text/email me to let me know if you dropped off a payment at Milburn.
- **Smiley Campus:** Due 5pm, **Yellow** Marching Panthers Payment Drop box in the band room. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student's name.
- Or drop off at the **coordinator's house by 6pm** on due date.

Email Lety with any questions at MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

3/12 Percussion Concert

3/15 ILMEA Large Band Festival – Milburn Band

3/15-3/16 MCCGA at OTHS

Required shifts: 1 Parent

3/22-3/24 Spring Musical

4/4 Winterguard Community Performance - Milburn

4/6-4/7 MCCGA Circuit Championship

4/12 IHSA Music Organization Contest

4/13 Music for All Concert Festival

Required shifts: 1 Parent

4/18 Fine Arts Festival

4/19-4/20 Band Yard Sale

Required shifts: 1 Parent

4/20 O'That Jazz

Volunteers needed

4/26 ISU Band Festival – Symphonic Winds/Milburn Band

4/29 Honors Night

5/4 Superstate Concert Band Festival

5/9 Band Concert ~ Sudler Shield Presentation

5/10 Band Awards ~ Show Reveal

5/11 Prom

5/27 Memorial Day Community Performance

6/1 Graduation

6/30 Parade – Location TBD

7/4 America's Birthday Parade

8/2 Marching Band Community Preview Performance

8/16-8/17 Fall Yard Sale

Required shifts: 1 Parent & 1 Student 8/16 or 8/17

8/17 Mattress Sale

Volunteers needed

8/23 Blue and Gold Game

Concessions Volunteers

8/24 CityFest Parade

9/6 Feeder Night

Concessions Volunteers

9/7 MEMC

Required shifts: 1 Parent

9/13 Senior Night

Concessions Volunteers

9/20 Football Game

Concessions Volunteers

9/21 MB Competition – Edwardsville

9/28 BOA Regional – Louisville, KY

10/12 MB Competition – Ft. Zumwalt North, MO

10/18 Homecoming Game

Concessions Volunteers

10/19 Homecoming

10/25-10/26 BOA Super Regional – St. Louis, MO

11/1-11/3 Craft Fair

Required: 2 Parent shifts & 2 Student shifts

11/9 ILMEA Jazz Festival

11/14 -11/16 Grand Nationals – Indianapolis, IN

11/23 ILMEA Festival Band Concert

11/30 O'Fallon Illuminated Parade

12/6-12/8 Madrigals

12/11 Christmas in O'Fallon

12/13 Music Honor Society Concert/Induction

12/21 Wreaths Across America

Graduation Raffle tickets are on sale:

\$5 each or (5) for \$20.

To purchase tickets, email: president@othsband.com or buy them in person at Booster Parent Meetings (March 13 & April 12)

We will have (2) winners, and each will receive a pair of tickets to the 2024 OTHS Graduation Ceremony. Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 27th.

Tickets will be available to purchase between March 13th and April 24th.



Incoming and current families of ALL bands: listed below are your Band Together Section Leads. They are a great wealth of information and will be connecting with you in a few short weeks. Also, if you haven't joined our Parent Booster Facebook page, you can access that [HERE](#). We ask that you please answer the security



BAND TOGETHER

O'Fallon Parent Band Boosters

Flutes & Piccolos

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[*OTHS Flutes and Piccolo Band Together*](#)

All Clarinets, Oboes & Bassoons

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[*Band Together - OTHS Clarinet Parents*](#)

[*Band Together - OTHS Bass Clarinet/Oboe/Bassoon Parents*](#)

All Saxophones

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[*Band Together - OTHS Saxophone Parents*](#)

Percussion (Front Ensemble & Drumline)

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[*Band Together - OTHS Battery & Front Ensemble*](#)

Trumpets

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[*Band Together - OTHS Trumpet Parents*](#)

Mellophones/Horns

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[*OTHS band Mellophone/French Horn Section*](#)

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[*Band Together - OTHS Band Low Brass & Contrabass*](#)

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[*Band Together - OTHS Colorguard Parents*](#)