

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

Lots of Celebrations for Musical and Performance Achievements for OTHS these past few days!

Congratulations to all of our **ILMEA All State Musicians!** We will be posting the list of names and a picture on our website this week! In addition, **Aidan Sawyer** performed one of his compositions at **the ILMEA Composition Award Ceremony**. **Bella Budinko** was a member of the **Future Music Education Seminar** at ILMEA as well.

Congratulations to our **Jazz Band** under the direction of Philip Carter assisted by Matthew Murphy! What a performance! Thank you to all parents that were able to make the journey to Peoria for this early morning performance to a packed house of music educators. This was the most attended jazz performance I have seen in years at this conference. Thank you to **Vickie Aiello** who put the program together and John Langham who assisted in coordinating the trip. A big thanks for **Mr. King** for loading our equipment and driving it to Peoria.

Congratulations to our **Winterguard Program!** **JV placed 1st** and **Varsity Winterguard placed 2nd** at their first festival competition yesterday. Also, our students led the way in helping numerous other guards bring their tarps on for their performance and leading the crowd in spirit and enthusiasm (with the wave!!!)

Thank you to the **Wind Ensemble students** who attended the D90 Symphonic Winds rehearsal last Saturday. They are preparing for the MFA National Festival. We are so glad that the students were able to lend their talents to the future younger members of our program.

These past few days are an example of the excellence of the O'Fallon Township HS Band Program and Booster Program. We are beyond proud and thankful for these amazing students!!!

THIS WEEK:

Frolics rehearsals with directors - as scheduled.

Tuesday - Jazz Band starting - no audition necessary - 3:15pm (all interested students are invited) - we will discuss in class.

Wednesday - reminder - half day - Testing Day.

*We will be focusing on the band music in class along with starting more solo ensemble rehearsals. We need all piano accompaniments for all solos by this Friday, February 3rd. Please turn into Dr. G or Mr. John.

A little note about me, Dr G:

For the next three years, I will be serving as the ILMEA Band President. I am excited about this position in leading excellence for music education in the State of Illinois. Thank you for everyone who has supported me in my career for me to have this opportunity 😊

Next week!!!!

Tuesday, February 7th - 2023 Marching Band Meeting!!!

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

~ Winterguard Competitions ~



Winter Guard

- Jan 28 Wentzville Liberty
- Feb 18 Francis Howell
- Feb 25 Edwardsville
- Mar 18 MCCGA – O’Fallon Township High School
- Mar 30 Winterguard Parent Preview
- Apr 1 Championships – Springfield, MO

Congratulations to our JV on their 1st place finish and to our Varsity on their 2nd place finish at the Wentzville competition on Jan 28th!



Varsity



JV





Congratulations to our Early Bird Jazz Band on their performance at the ILMEA Conference on Friday. They played to a packed house of educators.

~VOLUNTEER/SHADOW NEEDS ~

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you have any questions, please contact any one of our board members.



Treasurer *Can be two people*

Concessions Lead: (1) Special Events/ (1) Football Games

O'That Jazz Lead

WINTER WONDERLAND

Roller Skating Party

OTHS Band Fundraiser

Tuesday, January 31st

6-8pm

Admission \$7.00
(skate rental \$4.00)

Bring your friends and family for a FUN skate party event for the students, staff, family, and friends of the OTHS Band!

\$5 worth of game play for each paid skater!

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Hot dog, chips, & a drink



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2023**

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We are a marching band from O'Fallon Township High School in O'Fallon, IL.

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~Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times ~

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

- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 12th
- May 10th
- June 14th
- July – NO MEETING
- August 16th



Spirit Wear Store

****NEW ITEMS**** see store for more items! If you have a request or

idea, please contact chris.kirk@yahoo.com.

Go check it out:

<https://othsband.com/store>



Photographs!!!

Did you miss event? Did you sit on the wrong side and not see your student? Check out our smugmug site and see if you can find your student(s). Thanks again to our photography

team for their work, capturing memories in the making!

Check out all of the photos here (Unlock password is "Tarp"):

<https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com/2022>

amazon wish list

Check out the bands' wish list of items. Some of the items are a one-time purchase others will be ongoing, and more items will be added as needed so check back often. [Wish list on AmazonSmile](#)



AmazonSmile will be disbanding **February 20, 2023**. At that time, you will no longer be able to have a percentage donated to O'Fallon Panther Bands. If you would still like to help meet the needs of the band, please see our Amazon Wish List.



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Things to know:

- 5 organizations will be selected from a random drawing to win free shipping for the remainder of 2023 (March – December).
- Every participant order placed January 16 - 31 is a qualified entry for your organization.
- All brands and card types are eligible.

Prize Details

5 organizations will win free shipping for March – December 2023. Includes up to 44 organization order shipments using any UPS method. Valued at up to \$16.75 per order.

New Brand: Fresh Thyme Market

Earn 5% with reloadable physical gift cards, available in \$25 and \$100 amounts.

Product Update: Walgreens

Walgreens physical gift cards are now back in stock in addition to the recently launched eGift cards. Physical cards are available in \$25 and \$100 amounts with 5% earnings

[Click Here](#) to view current bonuses

Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, January 31st

Shipping fee is \$10.50. Please make sure your rebate total is at a minimum of \$5 to help cover the shared shipping cost. Eleven family physical card orders help keep the shipping cost to under \$1 per family.

- **Milburn Students:** Due 2pm, Main Office. Label envelope RAISERIGHT, student name, & Attn: Mrs. Horsen
- **Smiley Students:** 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



1/31 Roller Skating Fundraiser
2/7 Booster Board Meeting
2/7 2023 MARCHING BAND MEETING
2/9 Essentially Ellington Festival
2/10-2/11 Frolics
2/15 Parent Booster Meeting
2/18 Winter Guard – Francis Howell High School
2/20 NO SCHOOL
2/23 Panda Express Fundraiser
2/24-2/25 WIU Showcase
2/24 Thespian Showcase/One Act
2/25 Winter Guard – Edwardsville
2/28 Concert – All Bands
3/4 IHSA Solo & Ensemble
3/7 Booster Board Meeting
3/15 Parent Booster Meeting
3/18 MCCGA
3/24 SIUE Jazz Festival TBD
3/25 E-recycling

3/30 Winterguard Parent Preview
3/31 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/1 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/1 Winterguard Championship
4/2 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/4 Booster Board Meeting
4/12 Band Booster Kick-Off
4/14 IHSA Music Contest
4/15 Music for All Concert Band Festival
4/21 Yard Sale Set-up
4/22 Spring Yard Sale
4/28-4/29 ISU Concert Band Festival
5/2 Booster Board Meeting
5/5-5/6 SuperState TBD
5/6 Prom
5/9 Concert – All Bands
5/10 Parent Booster Meeting
5/12 Band Banquet
*5/18 Last Day of School *if no snow days*
5/27 Graduation