

OTHS BANDS Week of June 27th – July 3rd

We would like to announce that the Jazz Band has been accepted to perform at this year's Illinois Music Educators Association Conference. Congratulations to the band, Mr. Carter, and the 2022 Jazz Band Seniors!

This performance will occur in January 2023.

We will send out a detailed schedule for the parade next Saturday mid-week when we can predict the weather.

Saturday, July 2 - America's Birthday Parade

This parade is a wonderful performance opportunity, but also a competition. The final band placements will be set in rehearsal on Wednesday. We are looking for all members to have their feet in time during the performance music. Thank you for having your student practice on this!!

For this parade, we encourage audience members to gather around the judging areas and at the end of the parade. 😊

This week:

Tuesday - Meet at Weber at 8am to start rehearsal (musicians)
11:00am Jazz Band

Wednesday - 7:30am - Leadership Meeting

Wednesday - 11:00am - Wind Ensemble - we will be recording some of the rehearsal.

Thursday - 7:30am - Leadership Meeting
11:00am Jazz Band

Friday - 7:30am - Leadership Meeting

**We are very proud of ALL students and their progress this summer - we are so excited for Band Camp and our upcoming season!!!! A big thanks to all parents who have assisted at rehearsals - chaperones and uniforms!!!! Thank you to Winnie Kenney and Patti Curtright for their time and coordination!!*

IMPORTANT!!

Keep Hydrated between, during and after rehearsals. Limit dairy/soda on non-rehearsal days and avoid dairy/soda before rehearsals, parades, and competitions.

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



America's Birthday Parade Itinerary July 2, 2022

- Arrive in navy practice shirt, navy practice shorts, black socks and band shoes.
Final uniform will be announced closer to the parade
- Have band gloves (black and white), white band polo and garment bag.
- Long hair needs to be pulled back to fit under shakos.
- Make sure you eat breakfast prior to arrival or you may bring a snack - **NO DAIRY.**
- Bring a water jug or disposable bottle of water and a snack for before and after the parade. **NO EATING IN UNIFORM!!**
- If you are **NOT** riding the bus home, email Dr. G **NO LATER THAN 6/29/2022.**

Parade Officially Starts at 10:00 AM

Parade Route - Corner of Market St. & Broadway (Kiener Plaza) and ends the corner of Market St. and 18th St (Union Station).

Arrive at Smiley:

7:00 AM - Colorguard arrives (bring makeup, hair products, body tights in addition to khakis, polos and you will need to be performance ready when you get on the bus.

7:00 AM - Battery: Put on bibbers and put rest of uniform in garment bag.

7:10 AM - Brass: Put on bibbers and put rest of uniform in garment bag.

7:20 AM - Woodwinds: Put on bibbers and put rest of uniform in garment bag.

7:30 AM - Meeting with Dr. G before departure.

7:35 AM - Load

8:00 AM - Depart

8:30 AM - Arrive at staging area.- Section leaders will be given a rehearsal schedule upon arrival. Breaks will be given accordingly.

8:45 AM - National Anthem - stop rehearsing.

9:30 AM - Parade Begins at Kiener Plaza and ends at Union Station.

****Awards Ceremony immediately following conclusion of parade. When we finish our performance we will reload equipment and change into polos. Members will be wearing navy shorts, black band socks, marching shoes, and white band polo ***all dependent on weather* for awards.** We will also be blocked up together for awards and be professional at all times!!! Thank you!!!**

2:00 PM - Approximate Arrival at Smiley.

Items to Note:

- Make sure that all OTHS Marching Band/Colorguard Members eat healthy (**DRINK LOTS OF FLUIDS - WATER - NO DAIRY**) in preparation for the America's Birthday Performance!!!!
- Parade times (past the 8:30 arrival time) are approximate.

PERFORMANCE & JUDGING AREAS!!!!

The judges will be on the band's right at Market and 11th and Market and 14th. Look for the judges' lift We will perform often during the parade. We encourage O'Fallon Families to be near the judging areas and TV areas to cheer us on!! Awards - Union Station -TV at beginning of Parade - KMOV



America's Birthday Parade Tips ~ Friends and Family ~ July 2, 2022

If your student is NOT riding home on the bus, email Dr. G NO LATER THAN 6/29.

We usually watch the parade near the judging stands and the end of the route. Follow the link for more information about the parade (directions, parking, route) [America's Birthday Parade Information](#)

BAND JUDGES and TV

Band judges will be located on the RIGHT SIDE OF THE BAND at:

11th & Market and 15th & Market. TV will be on your right at the beginning.

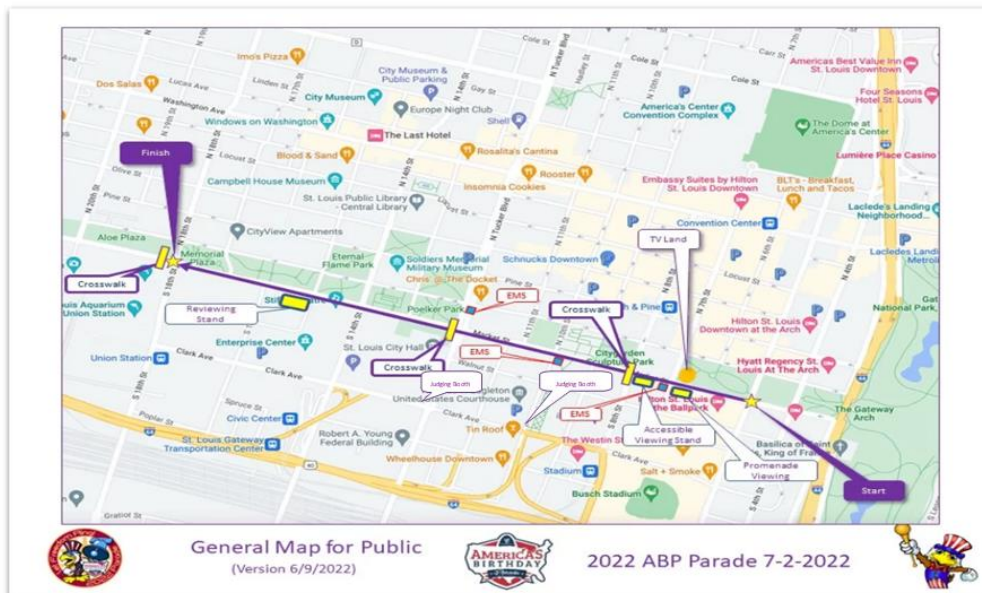
AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony will be held immediately following the parade at Aloe Plaza north of Union Station at 19th & Market.

Just a reminder to cheer for all the bands! Our kids work really hard, so do those in other bands. We've received thank you notes from other band directors saying their kids commented how nice it was that the O'Fallon parents cheered for them. Those gold shirts attract a lot of attention, please always keep that in mind.

Parade Route and Parking Map

The new map of America's Birthday Parade Route is ready!



ABSENT

Marching band summer rehearsals are expected of all students. If unable to attend (Covid symptoms, other illnesses, activities, vacations, etc.) please email. Dr. G (Gustafson-HindsM@oths.us). Put

ABSENT in the Subject line and student name and section in the body with reason. Too many unaccounted-for absences could result in dismissal from marching band.



If you do not have a current sports physical (they do not transfer from the jr. highs) uploaded into FamilyID, your student **WILL NOT** be able to participate in **America's Birthday Parade and future practices/competitions**. For further information or you aren't sure if your physical will

expire before band camp, you may contact Winnie Kenney (winnie_kenney@hotmail.com)

~ Volunteer Opportunity ~

See Charms for more information and donations

- EVENT: Band Camp Dinner Volunteers



- START TIME: 3:30 PM END TIME: 7:00 PM
- DETAILS: Assist in preparing and serving dinner for our AWESOME Band Camp Students, Staff & Directors!
- Duties include Set-Up, Serve and Clean Up and Washing Dishes to prepare for the next day

- Please meet in the Panther Athletic Complex (stadium) (south) Concession Stand.
- Also listed in Charms are items we are seeking donations for, plates, napkins, fruits, desserts, etc.

Road Construction on hwy 50 – Plan accordingly so you arrive 15 minutes before rehearsals start.

Early is on time – On time is late – Don't be late!!



~ Parent Meetings Location Change, Dates and Times ~

Parent meetings will be held in person starting June 15th in the Smiley Cafeteria starting at **6 PM** on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month (except July) and conclude in time to watch rehearsals in the stands (Starting in August).

- No Parents' Meeting in July
- August 10th
- September 14th
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th

Spirit Wear Store

We'll add new designs and products from time to time.

If you have a request or idea, please contact chris.kirk@yahoo.com.

Go check it out:

<https://othsband.com/store>





Our band needs your assistance. We have a number of paper files that we need to have digitalized. If this is something you or a couple of families can work on together, please contact Chris Kirk (chris.kirk@yahoo.com) for details.

The following positions are open and are in URGENT need of being filled:

Concessions – Contact John Valentine (johnvalentine2@charter.net)

Photographer – Contact Chris Kirk (chris.kirk@yahoo.com)

Clarinet Band Together Lead – Contact Lety Cornejo (letycno7@gmail.com)

The following positions need shadows for the coming year:

Hospitality – Contact Stacy Mitchell (stacylmitchell@msn.com)

General Fundraising Chair – Contact Sabrina King (kingkrew@charter.net)

~Cardinals Game~

Percussion (Drumline/Cymbals) & Leadership will be playing “God Bless America” at the Cards game on August 3rd. Students playing and guests will need to purchase a ticket to attend. Cost is \$20 and goes on sale July 18th. Students playing



will have bus transportation to the game but will need their own transportation home. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

~ 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](#)



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How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Overwhelmed with the costs for band/guard? Not sure how to pay for the 2023 Macy's Trip? Create an account with RaiseRight- it is a year-round fundraiser. Earning money towards your student's account to help offset fees is as easy as purchasing gift cards. Your friends and family can create accounts to help earn money for your student. You would be surprised how quickly your purchases add up.

Start earning by purchasing gift cards for your student to purchase lunch near campus before band practice or for next month's band camp and earn money for their student account. Log on to RaiseRight app for a full list of eating establishments near campus. Below are just a few:

Dairy Queen - 3%

Denny's - 7%

Hardee's - 5%

Sonic - 12%

Subway - 4.5%

Jersey Mike's - 6%

Jack in the box - 4%

Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, July 19^h

Email Lety with any questions at
MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com



Backyard Bash

All Family and Friends are invited to join the Boosters on the Marquee Field for an evening of backyard games prior to the community performance on 7/29. Come meet your sections. More Details to come, but save the date and 6:00 PM.

Payment Reminders

MB Payment Schedule	CG Payment Schedule
1 st Payment – 15 May \$250 PAST DUE	1 st Payment – 15 May \$300 PAST DUE
2 nd Payment – 15 June \$300 PAST DUE	2 nd Payment – 15 June \$250 PAST DUE
3 rd Payment – 15 July \$250	3 rd Payment – 15 July \$300

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS. There four (4) ways to make payments to your child(ren) account. **Please do NOT hand your payments to staff members.**

- PayPal: pay through Charms (small fee added) or paypal@othsbands.com (friend and family)
- Venmo: @ofallonbandtreasurer – last 4 digits of the phone is 1152 (send friend and family)
- Lockbox at Smiley and Milburn Campus – located in the band room (place money/check in envelope with student(s) name) -- check payable to O'Fallon Panther Band Booster
- Mailed/dropped off at my house – 1213 Usher Dr., O'Fallon (leave under door mat and email me)

*If you make a payment prior to the 15 May first installment date, payment will not be noted to the students account until after the CHARMS rollover on 1 May.

****If last payment has not been received by 15 July (or not on a payment plan) participation in band camp will be at the discretion of the Directors**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, text, or phone call.

Thank you,
Tiffini Montoya
Student Account Manager
O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters
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Photographs!!!

There are many photos from the last couple of years that our talented photographers have graciously posted to Smugmug. If you would like to look at them, here is the info: <https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com/>

The Unlock Password is "Tarp"

~ Section Shirts ~



Every year section leaders design a shirt for their section. While these shirts are **not** required, your student will be asked to have the same color shirt for certain practices/performances. Below is a sample of what last years' shirts looked like. Order forms have been sent to section leaders as well as your band together leads. If you think you'd like to have a sweatshirt for when the weather turns cooler this Fall, please order it now. **The order deadline is this Wednesday June 29.** Checks

should be made payable to **GGI**, not to the band boosters. All order forms and money should be turned in to the section leader in an envelope with your student's name clearly marked. You may access a copy of the order form on your section's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Tesi Snyder.

This is a one-time order!



7/2 America's Birthday Parade

7/18-7/22 Band Camp

7/19 Booster Board Meeting

7/20 Auffenberg Grand Opening (select students)

7/25-7/29 Band Camp

7/29 Community Band Event and Family Social

7/30 Jazz Combo Event at Gateway Classic Cars

8/2 Booster Board Meeting

8/3 Cardinal's Game God Bless American – Leadership & Drumline

8/6 Macy's Back-to-School - Percussion Section

8/10 Teacher's Institute

8/10 Parent Meeting

8/11 First Day of School

8/20 O'Fallon Fest Parade

8/26 Yard Sale Set-up

8/27 Yard Sale

8/27 SIUE Percussion Festival