



OWEN J. ROBERTS “WILDCAT” BANDS

Todd R. Mengel, Director

2018 SUMMER BAND INFORMATION PACKET

Dear “Wildcat” Marching Unit Member and Parent:

Our 2018 marching band season is coming up fast and my staff and I have been busy preparing for it. The purpose of this packet is to pass along some important information and to share some thoughts about our upcoming season.

2018 SEASON: This season will be another fantastic one for the OJR Band! We have a terrific show, a fantastic band, a top-notch staff, and strong support from the music parents and from the school district. All of you were given a copy of the tentative fall performance schedule and band calendar. Attached to this letter is another copy of each. Put them somewhere where you won’t lose them and where everyone can see them. As you will note, the times for all of the parades and marches are currently listed as “TBA” or “To Be Announced”. I’ll have more specific times once we get into the season, but for now just keep those entire days open on your calendars. Our own parade is on October 6th and promises to be another great one!

FIELD SHOW AND MUSIC: This year’s show is a tribute to movie composer John Williams and will be another OJR-Style show all the way! When audiences think about the OJR Marching Band, they know they are going to be treated to a big, bold, and exciting show. I’m very sure that we will once again be the audience favorite. All band members are required to learn the parts and have them prepared by the time we start band camp. All of you should have received copies of the music before school ended. If you don’t have music to practice, please contact me or your section leader right away and copies will be sent to you. If you would like to download and / or listen to the show music, you can find our show posted on the main page of our band website: www.ojrhsband.com. Look in the right-hand column. You can listen to the music right from the website, or open the file, then right-click and “save as” to save the files on your computer as mp3 files. You should be able to transfer them to your phones from there.

In addition to the show music, we also have lots of stand songs to learn and the national anthem.

Please bring all stand music and flip folders to every practice!!!

SUMMER PRACTICES & BAND CAMP: All of you were given a copy of our summer practice schedule before school ended so that you could plan your summer accordingly. Attached here is another copy along with our entire fall calendar. We have a couple of extra music rehearsals planned in July for woodwind & brass players (please check your schedule). Freshmen Day on Aug. 2nd is for all freshman AND new-comers to the band. Band Camp starts on Aug 6th for everyone. (***Reminder that band camp starts at 2:00pm each day.***) You will be given a dinner break each day from approximately 5:30pm to 6:00pm. Please bring along something to eat and **plenty to drink**. You are all required to stay on campus during the dinner break, so please plan accordingly. *The OJR Band Parents will be accepting daily take-out orders for dinner from Giovanni's Restaurant if you wish to take advantage of this service. We will send out more information on this over the summer.*

Here's a list of other items you should bring with you each day:

- **SNEAKERS – No other shoes are acceptable for practice, except your Dinkles and I doubt you want to wear those!**
- **INSTRUMENTS AND MUSIC**
- **BASEBALL CAP AND SUNGLASSES**
- **PENCILS TO MARK YOUR MUSIC WITH**
- **PLENTY TO DRINK AND EAT**

Remember, band camp is absolutely mandatory. It is critical that we get as much done in those weeks as we can, so we need to have everyone in attendance. **GIVE YOUR EMPLOYERS YOUR SCHEDULES NOW, ARRANGE FOR RIDES NOW, ARRANGE TO LEAVE WORK EARLY NOW!!!** Don't wait until the week before to do these important things – arrange them now. If you are absent from any portion of band camp it doesn't just make it harder for you, it makes it harder for all of the people in your section to learn their spots on the field with people missing – and that's not fair to the people who ARE there. **YOU CHOSE TO BE PART OF A GROUP THAT RELIES ON YOU AND YOUR ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL AND EXPECTED!**



NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY: Speaking of attendance, we have a brand new attendance policy which will apply to ALL members of the marching band (including colorguard, percussion, etc.). The new policy is outlined in the band handbook which is posted on our band website. Please take the time to review the new policy which is designed to promote better communication and record-keeping of marching band attendance at rehearsals and performances.

MARCHING UNIT HANDBOOK: To save paper, our marching band handbook is now posted online on the band website: www.ojrhsband.com under the "Handbook" tab on the left. Every marching unit member must complete the "Contract and Acknowledgement" form found at the back of this packet indicating that you have viewed the handbook online and that you understand and accept the rules and policies of the OJR band.

MEDICAL FORM: All marching band members must complete the medical form found at the back of this packet and return to Mr. Mengel in the band room as soon as possible. Parents are asked to notify the band director if there are any changes or updates as they occur.

BAND PHOTO: This year we are once again planning to take the band group photo during the annual "Fall Preview Night" on Friday, Aug. 17th. Also, we will take individual shots of everyone in your uniforms like we did last year and you will have an opportunity to purchase the photo if you choose to.

T-SHIRTS: We will again require each one of you to purchase a T-shirt that will go along with our show theme. The purpose of the shirts, as most of you remember from years past, is to wear them under your uniform to performances. Then, you can take off your uniform jackets to cool off after we perform and still be in a uniform appearance. The shirts will cost \$15.00 each. I already have your requested sizes from the sheet you filled out before school ended. **Your payment will be due on or before the first day of band camp.** Checks are preferable and can be made out to the “OJR MPO Band Chapter”. *Shirts can be ordered by parents and chaperones as well – this would be a great way to show your support at games and cavalcades!*

SHOES: All band members are required to wear black marching shoes. If any of you need new shoes for this year, you will be sized for your shoes on **Thursday, August 9th at 6:00pm.** **Payment will be due at that time. Please make your checks payable to “Final Touch” in the amount of \$37.00 per pair for band members.** *Colorguard members can also get shoes on Aug. 9th – your price is \$32.00 per pair for colorguard shoes.* The shoes have a lifetime warranty for defects and could last you all four years of band. For freshmen, if your shoes from middle school band still fit and are in decent shape you can continue to wear them with the high school band until you feel it is time for new ones.

GLOVES: This year I’m asking all band members (except guard & percussion) to purchase a pair of gloves from me for \$5.00. Hopefully this will encourage everyone to take care of them and hang on to them throughout the season. If you still have your gloves from last year you are welcome to use them again this year instead of purchasing a new pair. Please pay for the gloves **separately** from the t-shirts and do not include the two amounts together. Cash or check would be fine for this payment. If paying by check, make your glove check payable to “OJR Band” – *not OJR MPO like usual.*

UNIFORMS: The band uniform consists of the uniform top, black pants, sleeve gauntlets, black shoes & socks, black gloves, hat & plume. You are responsible for keeping your uniform cleaned at all times. **A weekly inspection will take place before performances and you will be unable to perform if any part of your uniform is dirty or missing!** Please refer to the attached page from our uniform committee for more details on how to care for your band uniform.

UNIFORM FITTING: Uniform fittings will take place during band camp. Each student and parent will receive an email later this summer from our uniform committee with a scheduled time for your uniform fitting. If the scheduled time is not convenient, or if there are any problems or questions, please contact the head of our OJR parent uniform committee – Mrs. Danielle Blackledge at: blackledge1@comcast.net

FALL PREVIEW – ALL PARENTS INVITED: **Fall Preview** is the kick off to our season and is tentatively scheduled for **Friday, August 17th at 6 pm** in the stadium. PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF ALL BAND MEMBERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO COME OUT FOR THIS TRADITIONAL START TO THE FALL SEASON. This is a FUN night and a great way to meet other parents and get a sense of how our terrific program is run. The High School Band will be performing their show and the Middle School Band will also perform their fall music selections. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for various volunteer committees to help us out throughout the school year. **Fall Preview** is the best way to come out and see why the OJR band program is the pride of OJR!

OJR BAND WEBSITE / E-MAIL / COMMUNICATION: The easiest and quickest way for all of you and your parents to find any band-related information you need is to visit our band's website: www.ojrhsband.com. The website will be updated regularly with schedules, schedule changes, dates, reminders, etc. I will also continue to email my regular band updates which I like to call "Mengel's Minders". These updates will go to all band members and parents of band members providing that I have a current email address on file, so please update me whenever your email addresses change. For those of you who prefer not to use email, I always print out some hard copies and they are available on the band bulletin board (across from the soda machine) for you to take.

MPO WEBSITE: Our band parents have their own website. The address is www.ojrbandmpo.com. There is a calendar which is updated regularly and there are lots and lots of great photos of the band from our performances each week. Of course there is plenty of information on how you can volunteer with the MPO and support the band.

I think that's about it for now. I know that's a lot of information, but I wanted to keep everyone well-informed. I hope you're as excited as my staff and I for our upcoming season. Of course the most important ingredient in our success is all of you. I know I can count on you to come to band camp well prepared and with a good attitude. Call me if you have any questions. See you soon!

Musically Yours,

Todd R. Mengel,
Director of Bands
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tmengel@ojrsd.com

P.S. – Please don't forget to complete both the Medical Form and the Contract and Acknowledgement Form found at the back of this packet and return to Mr. Mengel in the band room as soon as possible.

<p>2018 “WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT</p> <p>BAND SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE</p>
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BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

- THURSDAY, JULY 12th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
- THURSDAY, JULY 19th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
- THURSDAY, JULY 26th (10:00am to 12:00pm)

FRESHMAN DAY:

(For ALL freshman and/or newcomers to the band)

- THURSDAY, AUG 2nd (9:00am to 12:00pm)

BAND CAMP:

- AUGUST 6th through 10th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUGUST 13th through 17th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUG. 21st (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUG. 23rd (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units

COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION WILL HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE REHEARSALS PRIOR TO BAND CAMP. THOSE SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION INSTRUCTORS. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE BAND WEBSITE UNDER THE “SUMMER SCHEDULE” PAGE FOR UPDATES.

All Rehearsals are mandatory. Please keep in mind that your attendance is critical, particularly at band camp. We cannot learn the show without you there! If you chose to be a member of the marching band, then you are expected to make a commitment to being at all functions. Please contact either Mr. Mengel or your instructor ahead of time with any problems you may encounter with the schedule.

July 2018 – BAND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 BRASS, WOODWINDS & COLORGUARD 10:00am to 12:00pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 BRASS, WOODWINDS & COLORGUARD 10:00am to 12:00pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 BRASS, WOODWINDS & COLORGUARD 10:00am to 12:00pm	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2018 – BAND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 FRESHMAN DAY 9:00am to 12:00pm (All Guard – 9 to 3)	3	4
5	6 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	7 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	8 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	9 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	10 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	11
12	13 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	14 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	15 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	16 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm	17 BAND CAMP 2:00pm to 8:30pm <i>Fall Preview Night</i>	18
19	20	21 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	22	23 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	24 AWAY GAME Conestoga	25
26	27 1 st Day of School	28 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	29	30 FLUTES & CLARINETS 2:30pm to 3:30pm	31 AWAY GAME Daniel Boone	

September 2018 – BAND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	5	6 ALTO SAXES & MELLO 2:30pm to 3:30pm	7 AWAY GAME Oxford	8
9	10	11 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	12	13 ALL BRASS & LOW SAXES 2:30pm to 3:30pm	14 HOME GAME Upper Merion	15
16	17	18 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	19	20 FLUTES & CLARINETS 2:30pm to 3:30pm	21 HOME GAME Perk Valley	22 CAVALCADE Penncrest
23	24	25 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	26	27 ALTO SAXES & MELLO 2:30pm to 3:30pm	28 HOME GAME HOMECOMING Boyertown	29
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October 2018 – BAND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	3	4 ALL BRASS & LOW SAXES 2:30pm to 3:30pm	5 HOME GAME Norristown	6 OJR CAVALCADE OF BANDS!!!
7	8	9	10	11 FLUTES & CLARINETS 2:30pm to 3:30pm	12 HOME GAME Sen Par Night Spring-Ford	13 CAVALCADE Springfield
14	15	16 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	17 PARADE – ELVERSON	18 ALTO SAXES & MELLO 2:30pm to 3:30pm	19 AWAY GAME Methacton	20
21	22	23 BAND REHEARSAL 5:30pm to 8:30pm	24	25 ALL BRASS & LOW SAXES 2:30pm to 3:30pm	26 AWAY GAME TBA	27 CAVALCADE J.P. McCaskey
28	29	30	31			

November 2018 – BAND SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 <i>Rain Date</i> McCaskey Cavalcade
4	5	6	7	8 MARCHING BAND BANQUET 6:00pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OJR MARCHING BAND

CONTRACT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

(Due August 6th)

To save paper, we no longer print out copies of the marching band handbook. The handbook can be viewed on our band website: www.ojrhsband.com. Please sign and return this form acknowledging that you have viewed the handbook online and are aware of all policies and expectations of marching band membership.

I acknowledge that I have read the 2018/2019 marching band handbook (handbook can be found on the band website at: www.ojrhsband.com). I pledge to adhere to all policies and guidelines outlined in the handbook and to contribute to the marching band in a positive way. I understand the consequences and/or penalties if I do not.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: This contract, along with the medical form, must be signed and returned before you will be permitted to perform or travel with the marching unit.

OWEN J. ROBERTS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: FIELD TRIP AND MEDICAL
AUTHORIZATION CONSENT
FORM

ADOPTED: 7/26/04

REVISED: 6/9/14

Medical Authorization Consent Form for Field Trips

Student's Name (Please Print, Last Name First)	Date of Birth	Grade/Teacher
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As parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above student, permission is granted for this student to attend the Owen J. Roberts field trip to 2018 / 2019 Marching Band Performances taking place on _____. I/We am(are) aware that the Owen J. Roberts School District requires all participants on a field trip to supply the following information in case a medical emergency should arise during this field trip:

- (1) **INSURANCE.** Students **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED** to attend field trips without supplying current and accurate health insurance information.

Name of Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

- (2) **FAMILY PHYSICIAN**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

FAMILY DENTIST

Name: _____ Phone: _____

- (3) **FAMILY CONTACT.** On the date of this field trip, if any emergency should arise, please call:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

(4) **FOOD, INSECT, OR DRUG SENSITIVITIES.** The student is known to react unfavorably or is allergic to the following foods, insect, or drugs:

Requires use of Epinephrine YES NO

(5) OTHER HEALTH ISSUES: _____

(6) My child requires the following:

a. **INHALER: YES NO**

b. **EPI-PEN: YES NO**

(7) Please state the name of any prescription that the student will require on the trip and the reason for the prescription.

Prescription: _____ Reason: _____

Time: _____ Dose: _____

Parent/Guardian is responsible for assuring that ALL medication is supplied and is in compliance with the Owen J. Roberts School District Medication Policy #210.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OWEN J. ROBERTS DISTRICT POLICY, STUDENTS MAY NOT CARRY MEDICATIONS, OTHER THAN PRE-AUTHORIZED INHALERS OR EPI-PENS. Please note, a nurse may NOT be present on the field trip.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT:

In the event of an emergency, 911 will be called and your child will be transported to the nearest hospital. I/We hereby authorize any physician, hospital, or other health care provider to give emergency medical care and treatment to this student.

The undersigned have read this Medical Authorization Consent Form for Field Trips and declare and affirm that I/we consent to the contents herein stated.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature (only if student is over 18 years of age)

Date



OWEN J. ROBERTS MARCHING BAND

Request for Excused Absence

Excused: _____

Unexcused: _____

Director

Initials: _____

(Office Use Only)

Name: _____ Section: _____

Requested Date(s) To Be Excused: _____

Reason for request: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

*** This form must be submitted before the absence occurs (except in illness or emergency in which case it should be submitted immediately afterward). Submission of this form does not necessarily mean the absence is excused. You will receive the bottom half back indicating whether or not the absence was approved by the director.*

This portion will be returned to student...

Name: _____

Requested Absence Date(s): _____

Director Signature: _____

Comments:

 Excused Unexcused