



# MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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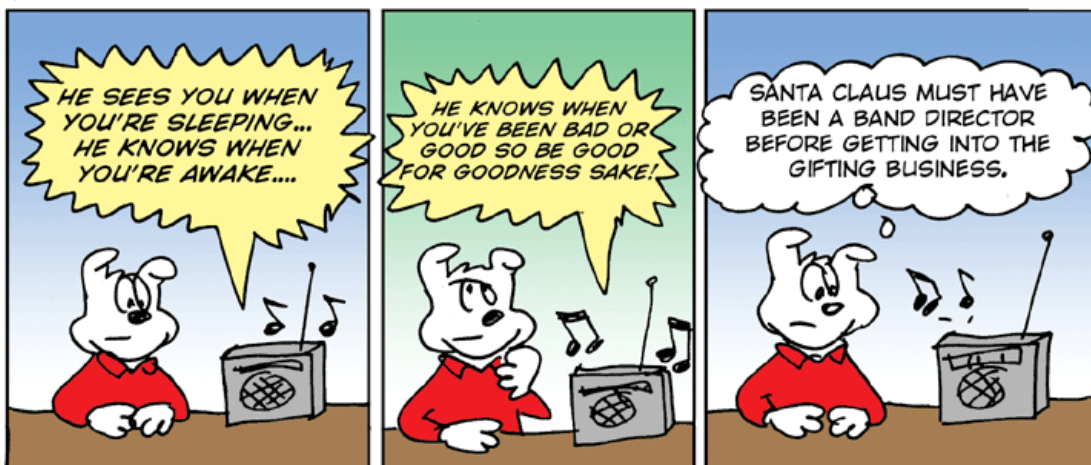
- 1. MARCHING BAND BANQUET:** Our annual marching band banquet will be on Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> starting with dinner at 6:00pm in the HS Cafeteria. All band members and their families are invited to the banquet. This is always a FUN night with great food and it gives us all a chance to recognize our accomplishments, our seniors, and celebrate our terrific season.
- 2. THANKSGIVING DAY GAME:** This year's game is AWAY at POTTSTOWN. The Thanksgiving Day game is a huge community tradition and is the most well-attended game of the year where the MOST people at one time will see us, so we need to be at our best. I always get a bit nervous because several band members travel each year with their families and need to miss the game, so we need to see if we'll have enough people in attendance to do a performance that day. If you absolutely can't make the game (although I hope you can) please let me know. Reporting time is 8:00am and we should return to OJR around 12:45pm. Dress warmly!
- 3. DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS:** District band auditions will take place Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at West Chester Rustin High School. We will leave OJR at 7:15am on a bus. (PLEASE NOTE: bus transportation will be provided TO the auditions in West Chester, but everyone will need to make arrangements to be picked up that day in West Chester when your audition is complete.) District band includes the best student musicians from all schools in Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware counties and is an AWESOME opportunity and experience. Anyone auditioning for district band needs to turn in \$4.00 at this time to cover your registration cost.
- 4. HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our annual OJR Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the high school auditorium and will feature the concert band, jazz band, and orchestra. Hope to see all band families on the 21st for what promises to be a great night of holiday music! Tell your neighbors and friends that everyone is invited - admission is free to the public. (Dress for Band Members: Guys -Dark Slacks & Shoes, White Dress Shirt, Tie / Gals: Dark Dress or Dress Outfit, Etc.)
- 5. NEXT CLEVELAND TRIP PAYMENT DUE JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup>:** The next payment (payment #2) for the band's spring trip to Ohio is due on or before Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The amount of the payment is \$265.00 and checks should be made payable to: "OJR MPO".
- 6. PRIVATE LESSONS:** Now that marching band is almost over it is a great time to think about starting private lessons on your instrument. Private lessons absolutely make the difference when it comes to enhancing your musical skill level, qualifying for solos and other opportunities, etc. There are many good teachers in our area to take advantage of. Attached here is a list of private lesson teachers in our area for your reference.

# SCHEDULE UP THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS .....

- 11/9/17 **MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS Cafeteria**  
See attached sheet which indicates what you are asked to bring.
- 11/14/17 **Monthly Band Parent (MPO) Meeting - 7:00pm - HS Chorus Room**  
(Tentative marching band practice originally scheduled for Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> cancelled.)
- 11/18/17 **DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS**
  - Report 7:00am
  - A bus will take you down that morning, but you need to be picked up on your own in West Chester when your audition is complete.
- 11/23/17 **THANKSGIVING DAY AWAY FOOTBALL GAME**
  - Report 8:00am / Perform Halftime / Return to OJR approx. 12:45pm
  - Please make arrangements to be picked up promptly
- 12/6/17 **OJR BAND FUNDRAISER NIGHT at Friendly's Restaurant on rt. 100**  
Come have dinner and the band will receive a portion of the proceeds that night as a fundraiser for our program. Holiday music provided by OJR musicians.
- 12/11/17 **JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE - Sen. Citizen Luncheon**  
(Performance at 12:00pm - bring your jazz band jackets to school)
- 12/16/17 **JAZZ BAND HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE - Coventry Mall**  
Two Shows - 1:00pm and 2:30pm - Food Court
- 12/21/17 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT - 7:00pm - HS AUDITORIUM**

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# BAND BANQUET 2017



To the OJR Band Family,

Another fantastic marching band season is quickly coming to an end! It's soon time to celebrate our hard work with the annual band banquet.

The banquet will be held on **Thursday, November 9th at 6:00pm** in the high school cafeteria. The OJR band family will share a meal together and then move to the auditorium to watch our final performance at J.P. McCaskey.

Afterwards, all students and staff will be recognized for their accomplishments, finishing off the night with senior gifts.

It has become a tradition that everyone brings something to share so there is enough food. Please look at the attached sheet to see what you should bring. If you cannot attend please let someone know in advance, whether it's Mr. Mengel or me. Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to seeing you all there!



With Pride,

Olivia Dushanko

Band President

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ 6:00pm  
High School Cafeteria



If you plan to attend the banquet, **please bring the following with you:**

**EVERYONE:** One covered dish of your choice. Suggestions include pasta, chicken, potatoes, pizza, meatballs for sandwiches, salads, hoagies, potato salad, etc. We always enjoy a wide variety of choices. Be creative!

**- IN ADDITION TO YOUR COVERED DISH-**

**WOODWINDS:** Please bring NON-DIET drinks (i.e., soda, tea, lemonade, etc.)

**DRUMLINE:** Please bring DIET drinks and WATER (i.e., Diet Pepsi, Coke Zero, etc.)

**BRASS & COLORGUARD:** Please bring along a dessert. PLEASE NOTE: No desserts with peanuts due to allergies.

# PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS

## POTTSTOWN AREA (Or Close By)

(Update 5/10/17)

### FLUTE:

1. Dr. Lynne Cooksey 610-469-2518
2. Sheila McIntyre 610-469-5663
3. Dr. Emily Newbold 610-647-2219
4. Krista Gallagher 484-432-0529
5. Valerie Gray 484-300-1484
6. Eric Emrick 610-323-0561
7. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
8. Rachel Ficca 484-941-4835

### OBOE:

1. Samantha Mendez 860-689-4063
2. Nancy Gaspari 610-792-3595
3. Kim Webster 610-916-4909
4. Jill Haley 610-370-1679
5. Carol Schwanger 610-367-0033 (bassoon)

### CLARINET:

1. Phil Forlano 610-458-5191
2. Carol Sterner 610-326-8933
3. Marge Richie *Call the Hill School*
4. Carol Satson-Gore 610-489-3676
5. Paul Vanderslice 610-594-9636
6. Ed Golaszewski 610-873-6852
7. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
8. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
9. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

### SAXOPHONE:

1. Mollie Larkin 610-220-2682
2. Paul Vanderslice 610-594-9636
3. Ed Golaszewski 610-873-6852
4. Eric Emrick 610-323-0561
5. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
6. Philip Covelli 610-933-1097
7. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
8. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

### GUITAR:

1. Rick Taylor 610-913-7225
2. Isaac Strader 304-677-5365

### TRUMPET:

1. Rob Skoniczin 610-913-6783
2. Kevin Rosenberry 610-970-5538
3. Dr. Jann Huggens 610-469-5820
4. Brian Kuszyk 215-368-5973
5. Rob Diener 484-686-8195
6. Bob Wagner 610-469-9650
7. Amanda Ficca 484-942-8929
8. Gary Van Horn 610-469-0490

### FRENCH HORN:

1. Sally Heist 610-385-3815
2. Erin Sweetsir-Mills erinsweetsir@gmail.com
3. Mary Nason 610-718-5676
4. Liz Pfaffle 812-219-3426

### TROMBONE:

1. Henry Yorgey 610-310-6925
2. Gail Glass 484-302-5948
3. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
4. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
5. Mark Brumbach 610-689-5347

### BARITONE/EUPHONIUM:

1. Henry Yorgey 610-310-6925
2. Gail Glass 484-302-5948
3. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
4. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
5. Mark Brumbach 610-689-5347

### TUBA:

1. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
2. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
3. Mark Brumbach 610-689-5347

### PERCUSSION:

1. Isaac Strader 304-677-5365
2. Ward O'Brien 610-495-6733
3. Martin Bradfield 610-792-2576
4. David Stauffer 610-906-4206