



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: Spring, 2018

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- 1. CONGRATULATIONS TO OJR PMEA BAND MEMBERS:** OJR had great representation this year at District Band, Regional Band, and the upcoming Pennsylvania All-State Band. A very special congratulations to all of our students who represented OJR at each level:
DISTRICT BAND: Emma Flinchbaugh, Kelly Smolik, Daniel Horning, Dylan Monteiro, Izzy Gunson, Michael Kronengold, and Sam Turley
REGIONAL BAND: Emma Flinchbaugh, Daniel Horning, Izzy Gunson, and Sam Turley
ALL-STATE BAND: Emma Flinchbaugh and Sam Turley
- 2. VERA BRADLEY BINGO FUNDRAISER:** A couple of weeks ago we had our annual Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser and it was another huge success. Thanks go to all parents and students who volunteered their time that night and an incredibly special thanks to Mrs. Kimberly Malmstrom and Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz for their coordination of the fundraiser once again this year.
- 3. 9th ANNUAL MPO PASTA DINNER:** The 9th annual OJR MPO Pasta Dinner is scheduled for **Friday, April 6th**. This has become a major (and very popular) fundraiser for the band program and an event that we can all look forward to every year with student performances, great food, lots of fun, etc. The pasta dinner will be held from **5:00pm to 8:00pm at Cedarville United Methodist Church**. (1092 Laurelwood Rd., Pottstown, PA 19465) *By the Coventry Mall behind the movie theater*. Thanks to Mrs. Elise Shakour and Mr. Ted Otteni for organizing this important night for our program. Tickets can be purchased at this time.....attached here is a ticket order form and flyer.
- 4. SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE & OTHER SCHEDULES:** Our summer practice schedule was distributed last month. The schedule can be viewed on the band website at: www.ojrhsband.com under "Summer Schedule". Other schedules are also posted such as our fall performance schedule, jazz band schedules, etc. Visit the site often for schedule updates.
- 5. INDOOR PERCUSSION SEASON:** Our Indoor Percussion Ensemble recently started their performance season. They are working hard and have several performances remaining which everyone is invited to attend: March 10th (Unionville HS), March 24th (Perk Valley HS), April 7th (Springford HS), and April 14th (Coatesville HS). For more information and schedules please go to: www.mapsdrumlines.org
- 6. OJR JAZZ BAND at KNOEBELS:** The OJR HS Jazz Band has once again been selected to be the "Feature Entertainment" at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA all day on Saturday, June 2nd. We will be the park's main performing act that day and will be doing three shows: 1:30pm, 6:00pm, and 8:30pm. Come up and spend the day at Knoebels! We would appreciate some great OJR support in the audience!

7. **SPRING BAND CONCERT:** The band's annual spring concert is scheduled for **Thursday, May 10th at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.** The concert this year will feature the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Senior Awards. **ALL** band seniors will be recognized and will receive a plaque at the concert, including colorguard seniors and any band senior not in the concert band.

DRESS REHEARSAL: *The dress rehearsal for the spring concert will be on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:00pm. This is a mandatory rehearsal, so please clear your calendars to make sure you are able to attend! It shouldn't take long and if we can get started at 6:00, I think concert band members should be done by 7:00pm at the latest. (Jazz Band Members done by 8:00pm)*

Dress for the concert is as follows: **GUYS** - dark slacks, shoes, socks, a white dress shirt and tie. **GALS** - a nice dress, skirt/blouse combination, or a nice pants outfit. Please use good judgment and look professional. You will not be allowed on stage without the appropriate concert attire. There will be a reception for everyone in the HS Cafeteria immediately following the concert and all band members and parents are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Thanks to Mrs. Kelly McGrath for organizing this reception.

**MPO
MEETINGS
SPRING, 2018**

2nd Tuesday of
each month

7:00pm
HS MUSIC
WING

*All Parents
Invited!*

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 6 Annual MPO Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Night -
Cedarville United Methodist Church
- May 9 Dress Rehearsal for OJR Spring Concert - 6:00pm
- May 10 **Spring Band Concert - 7:00pm - HS Auditorium**
- May 25-28 **SPRING MARCHING BAND TRIP - Cleveland, OH**
- June 2 Jazz Band Feature Band at Knoebels Amusement Park
- June 8 **OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium**

