



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: Spring, 2019

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1. **CONGRATULATIONS TO OJR PMEA BAND MEMBERS:** OJR had our best-ever 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:** Kelly Smolik, Noemi Bender, McKinley Frees, Dylan Monteiro, Devyn Engle, Jack Pezzillo, Michael Kronengold, Sam Turley, Cullen Buettler, Dan Kucharik, and Matilde Heckler.
 - **REGIONAL BAND:** Kelly Smolik, Noemi Bender, Jack Pezzillo, Michael Kronengold, Cullen Buettler, and Dan Kucharik
 - **ALL-STATE BAND:** Noemi Bender and Jack Pezzillo
 - **ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND:** Sam Turley
 - **PMEA Composing Contest Winner:** Michael Kronengold

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 a very special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz for her coordination of the fundraiser this year.

3. **10th ANNUAL OJR BAND PASTA DINNER:** The 10th annual Pasta Dinner is scheduled for **Friday, April 12th**. 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.* More information will be coming soon...

4. **MARCHING BAND SPRING TRIP TO NEW YORK:** Our spring trip to New York to see *The Lion King* on Broadway will be on Wednesday, April 10th. More information to follow, including reporting time and return time, what to bring along, etc.

5. **SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE & OTHER SCHEDULES:** Our summer practice schedule was distributed in January. The schedule can be viewed on the band website at: www.ojrhsband.com on the "Summer Schedule" page. Other schedules are also posted such as our fall performance schedule, jazz band schedules, etc. Visit the site often for schedule updates.

6. **INDOOR PERCUSSION SEASON:** Our Indoor Percussion Ensemble recently started their performance season. They are working hard, doing well, and have several performances remaining which everyone is invited to attend: March 23rd (Perk Valley HS), March 30th (Springford HS), and April 6th (Coatesville HS). For more information and schedules please go to: www.mapsdrumlines.org

7. **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 1st. 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 a fun day at Knoebels! We would appreciate some great OJR support in the audience!

8. **SPRING BAND CONCERT:** The band's annual spring concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th 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 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.

BAND PARENT MEETINGS SPRING, 2019

2nd Tuesday of each month

7:00pm
MS Band Room

All Parents Invited!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 10 Band Trip to New York to see *The Lion King*
- April 12 Annual OJR Band Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Night - Cedarville United Methodist Church
- April 26 Swing Dance in Pottstown - at the Ballroom on High St. OJR Jazz Band providing live music
- May 9 Spring Band Concert & Senior Band Awards
7:00pm - HS Auditorium
- June 1 Jazz Band Feature Entertainment at Knoebels Amusement Park
- June 7 OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium

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