



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: January, 2018

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1. **GREAT HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Nice job at our holiday concert on Dec. 21st by everyone involved. I continue to receive many compliments on the program that night. Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Bailey & Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz for coordinating the holiday poinsettias for our stage that night and thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Doug and Kymbra Kasznay and to Mr. Richard Kucharick for setting up all of the microphones and running sound for us that night.

2. **MARCHING BAND SPRING TRIP TO CLEVELAND:**
 - Payment #2 is due Tuesday, Jan 2nd, 2018 in the amount of \$265.00. If you would like to use funds from your student accounts, please use the attached form.
 - Rooming lists sign-ups will be posted soon, so start thinking about who you want to room with on the trip. Everyone should sign up with three other people in their room (four people per room total).
 - A practice schedule to prepare for our performances in Cleveland will be distributed soon.

3. **DISTRICT BAND CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Emma Flinchbaugh, Kelly Smolik, Dylan Monteiro, Izzy Gunson, Dan Horning, Michael Kronengold and Sam Turley for being chosen to represent OJR at this year's district band festival. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert which will be held at Marple Newtown High School on Saturday, January 13th at 11:30am.

4. **SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE:** I know it's hard to think about summer, but many of you are starting to plan your summer vacations and activities so I wanted to get our **tentative** summer schedule out as soon as I could. Attached here is the **tentative** 2018 summer band schedule. Our summer schedule will not be final until the OJR school board sets the dates for the beginning of next school year, so it is possible that this schedule may change, but it is my best guess for now based on our schedules for the past few years. Please remember, you need to be at band camp or we can't learn a show so please make sure you are available during those weeks in August. Weeknight practices in September and October will be on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. A full schedule for the fall, including performances, will be distributed later this spring.

5. **VERA BRADLEY BINGO FUNDRAISER**: Our annual (and very popular) Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser will be held on Friday, Feb. 16th at the Norco Fire Company. A very special thanks to Mrs. Kimberly Malmstrom who is in her final year of organizing this successful fundraiser for our program. Attached here are forms to sponsor a bag and also to order tickets. Please contact Mrs. Malmstrom with any questions at: ojrmpoverabradleybingo@gmail.com

6. **PRIVATE LESSONS**: Don't forget that now 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 current list of private lesson teachers in our area. Feel free to contact any of them to talk about available options.

SPRING, 2018 - A LOOK AHEAD

MPO
MEETINGS
SPRING, 2018

2nd Tuesday of
each month

7:00pm
HS CHORUS
ROOM

*All Parents
Invited!*

- Jan 2 Spring Band Trip Payment #2 Due - \$265.00
 - Feb 16 Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser - Norco Fire Co. - 7:00pm
 - Feb 23 Spring Band Trip Final Payment Due - \$265.00
 - April 6 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Night - Cedarville UM Church
 - May 10 Spring Band Concert & Senior Awards - 7:00pm
 - May 25-28 SPRING MARCHING BAND TRIP - CLEVELAND
 - June 2 Jazz Band Feature Entertainment at Knoebels - All Day
 - June 8 OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium
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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 Gallager 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

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE FUNDS FROM
INDIVIDUAL STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACCOUNTS**

OJR HS Marching Band Spring Trip 2018

PAYMENT #2 - \$265.00

Due on or before Jan. 2, 2018

(Return this form to Mr. Mengel ONLY if you want to use money in your fundraising account.)

Student Name _____

_____ I would like to use \$_____ from my MPO Student Account.

(Check) \$ _____ + (Student Account) \$ _____ = \$ 265.00

Please make all payments in checks and payable to: **“OJR MPO Band Chapter”**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Any questions about student account, balance, etc. - e-mail: ojrmpotreasurer@gmail.com

2018 “*WILDCAT*” MARCHING UNIT

TENTATIVE

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

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

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

- THURSDAY, AUG 2ND (9:00am to 12:00pm)
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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
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COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION WILL HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE REHEARSALS PRIOR TO BAND CAMP. THOSE SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION INSTRUCTORS.

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.