



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: January, 2019

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1. **GREAT HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Nice job at our holiday concert on Dec. 20th by everyone involved.

MANY THANKS:

- To Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz for coordinating the holiday poinsettias for our stage that night
- 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
- To Mrs. Deborah Heckler and Miss Meredith Fitzgerald for supplying and decorating our new light-up stage garland for our stage
- To Mr. Jeff Oxenford for operating our new jazz band lights

2. **MARCHING BAND SPRING TRIP TO NEW YORK:**

Our trip this year will be a one-day trip to New York to see "The Lion King" on Broadway. The trip this year is a short and relatively inexpensive one, so that you can all begin to save up for next year's spring trip to Orlando, Florida. The date of the trip is **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**. A flyer is attached here with more information. **Payments and Permission Slips are due January 18th**.

3. **DISTRICT BAND:** This year we are hosting the PMEA District 12 Band Festival right here at OJRHS. The event involves 125 of the best student musicians from schools in Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware Counties. The festival will run from Thursday, Jan 24th through Saturday, Jan 26th and will culminate with a **Public Concert on Saturday, Jan. 26th at 11:00am in the OJR High School Auditorium**. Tickets are \$5.00 each for everyone and will be on sale that morning in our high school lobby. Our guest conductor is Dr. Willis Rapp, Band Director Emeritus from Kutztown University, with a special guest appearance from Mr. Richard Wells, former director of bands at both Owen J. Roberts High School and Kutztown University.

Congratulations to our own OJR band members (the most ever) who will be participating in the upcoming District Band Festival: Kelly Smolik, Noemi Bender, McKinley Frees, Dylan Monteiro, Devyn Engle, Jack Pezzillo, Michael Kronengold, Sam Turley, Cullen Buettler, Dan Kucharik, and Matilde Heckler.

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** 2019 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. 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, 2019 - A LOOK AHEAD

**OJR BAND
PARENT
MEETINGS
SPRING, 2019**

January Meeting
on Jan 15th

All Others...
2nd Tuesday of
each month

7:00pm
MS BAND
ROOM

- Jan 18 Spring Band Trip Payment & Perm Slips Due - \$175.00
- Jan 24-26 District Band Festival at OJR
- Jan 26 District Band Concert - 11:00am - HS Auditorium
(Tickets on Sale That Morning - \$5.00 Each)
- Feb 23 **Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser** - Norco Fire Co. - 7:00pm
- April 10 Spring Band Trip to New York
- April 12 **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Night** - Cedarville UM Church
- May 9 **Spring Band Concert & Senior Awards** - 7:00pm
- June 1 Jazz Band Feature Entertainment at Knoebels - All Day
- June 7 OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

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
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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 2019

TRIP PAYMENT - \$175.00

Due on or before Jan 18, 2019

(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) \$ _____ = \$ 175.00

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