



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: January, 2020

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1. **GREAT HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Nice job at our holiday concert on Dec. 19th by everyone involved. Many thanks to Mrs. Lisa Zakarevicz for coordinating the holiday poinsettias for our stage and thanks to Doug, Kymbra, and Galen 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 FLORIDA:**

- Final Payments due Monday, Feb 3rd. The amount of your final payment is based on your rooming situation at the hotel. If you would like to use funds from your student accounts, please use the attached form.
- Rooming lists sign-ups are posted outside the band room. Everyone should sign up with three other people in their room (four people per room total). In addition to your rooming preference, I need the following information from everyone at this time:
 1. Your full name as it appears on your I.D. (to get through airport security)
 2. Your date of birth
 3. Your cell phone number (so we can get a hold of you if needed on the trip)
- A full itinerary packet & practice schedule to prepare for our performance in Disneyworld will be distributed in the near future.

3. **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

This year we had the most students ever qualify for the very prestigious PMEA District 12 Band. Congratulations to Noemi Bender, Will Blackledge, Devyn Engle, McKinley Frees, Danny Flogaus, Heather Greer, Lilly Heckler, Jack Pezzillo, Connor Heft, Sam Turley and Melissa Wilson. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert which will be held at Radnor High School on Saturday, February 15th at 11:00am.

Special Congratulations to Sam Turley who was recently selected for the "Jazz Band of America" festival presented by Yamaha which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana March 11-14th, 2020.

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** 2020 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 the OJR school calendar 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, 2020 - A LOOK AHEAD

**MPO
MEETINGS
SPRING, 2020**

2nd Tuesday of
each month

7:00pm
MS BAND
ROOM

*All Parents
Invited!*

- Feb 3 Florida Trip Final Payment Due - \$565.00 (or balance due depending on hotel room preference)
- April 7-11 **SPRING MARCHING BAND TRIP - FLORIDA**
- May 7 **Spring Band Concert & Senior Awards - 7:00pm**
- May 30 Jazz Band Feature Entertainment at Knoebels - All Day
- June 5 Band Performance at OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium

Other Upcoming Events - Dates TBD:
Annual Vera Bradley Bingo Fundraiser
Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Night



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS

POTTSTOWN AREA (Or Close By)

(Update 4/6/19)

FLUTE:

1. Dr. Lynne Cooksey 610-469-2518
2. Sheila McIntyre 610-469-5663
3. Dr. Emily Newbold 610-647-2219
4. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
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/BASSOON:

1. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
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. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
3. Marge Richie *Call the Hill School*
4. Carol Satson-Gore 610-489-3676
5. Phil Forlano 610-594-9636
6. Pat Frederick 610-873-6852
7. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
8. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
9. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

SAXOPHONE:

1. Bridgette Horning 484-624-7753
2. Mollie Larkin 610-220-2682
3. Phil Forlano 610-594-9636
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. Dan Herbein 484-553-5379
3. Ben Herbein 484-553-5379
4. David Stauffer 610-906-4206

**STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT
WITHDRAWAL FORM**

OJR HS Marching Unit ORLANDO TRIP 2020

PAYMENT #3 - \$565.00 (or balance due,
depending on room
preference at hotel)

Due on or before February 3, 2020

(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) \$ _____ = \$ 565.00 (or your balance due)

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

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Any questions about student account e-mail: tmengel@ojrsd.com

2020 “*WILDCAT*” MARCHING UNIT

TENTATIVE

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

- THURSDAY, JULY 9th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
- THURSDAY, JULY 16th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
- THURSDAY, JULY 23rd (10:00am to 12:00pm)

FRESHMAN DAY:

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

- THURSDAY, JULY 30th (9:00am to 12:00pm)

BAND CAMP:

- AUGUST 3rd through 7th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUGUST 10th through 14th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUG. 18th (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
- AUG. 20th (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units

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.