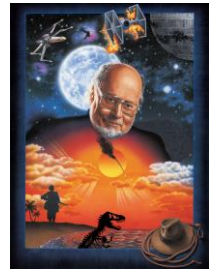




MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: October, 2018

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1. **OJR CAVALCADE:** The 48th annual OJR Cavalcade of Bands will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2018 and the excitement is building! Help is still needed in many areas. Parents, to see where you may be able to volunteer, go to: www.ojrbandmpo.com and click on "Sign Up". This year's cavalcade will feature the Valley Forge Military Academy Band as our feature band of the evening, followed by our GRAND FINALE involving every student from every band in a joint performance on the field together.
2. **PARENTS FEEL FREE TO CHEER LOUDLY!!!:** Parents, feel free to cheer loudly for us at our upcoming cavalcades. We definitely need your support and our band always performs better when we can see, hear, and feel that fantastic support from our enthusiastic OJR parent cheering section!
3. **OJR BAND NIGHT AT "GIOVANNI'S" WED, OCT. 3rd:** Wednesday, Oct. 3rd is OJR Band Night at Giovanni's Restaurant on rt. 724. If you go there for dinner and mention the OJR band to your waiter / waitress, we will receive a portion of the proceeds that evening as a fundraiser for our program.
4. **MATTRESS SALE FUNDRAISER:** We will be hosting our 4th annual mattress fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 20th from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the Middle School Gymnasium. The middle school gym will be transformed into a giant mattress showroom that day and OJR band members who refer customers will be given a portion of any sales directly into their student fundraising accounts. These funds can be used towards future band trip payments, etc. This is a very easy fundraiser for band members, so be sure to take advantage of it.
5. **DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS:** District band auditions will take place Saturday, Nov. 17th at West Chester Rustin High School. For those of you who are auditioning, we will leave OJR at 7:15am on a bus. PLEASE NOTE: We provide transportation TO the auditions in West Chester, but everyone will need to make arrangements to be picked up that day in West Chester when your audition is complete. District band includes the best student musicians from all schools in Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware counties and is an AWESOME opportunity and experience. Anyone auditioning for district band needs to turn in \$4.00 to cover your registration cost.
6. **DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL / CONCERT:** This year we are hosting the PMEA District Band Festival & Concert here at OJR. The dates of the festival are January 24th through 26th, 2019. The concert will occur on Saturday, Jan. 26th at 11:00am in the high school auditorium and is open to the public. Tickets will be on sale that day at a price of \$5.00 each. The concert will feature the best student musicians from schools in Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties. Our guest conductor will be Dr. Will Rapp, Professor Emeritus from Kutztown University. Mark your calendars for what promises to be a spectacular concert!

BAND SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

- 10/2/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/3/18 **OJR Band Night at Giovanni's Restaurant - 4:00pm to 9:00pm**
- 10/5/18 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Senior Parents Night & Middle School Band Night)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Middle School Band will perform pre-game
 - High School Band will perform at beginning of Halftime
 - Senior Band Parent Recognition occurs immediately following our performance at Halftime
 - Finish approx. 9:45pm

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| • 10/6/18 | OJR 48th ANNUAL CAVALCADE OF BANDS <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Band members report to band room by 4:30pm- Cavalcade starts at 6:00pm- See attached schedule- Following the conclusion of the cavalcade, the HS marching band will join the Valley Forge Military Academy Band in the HS Cafeteria for Pizza and other refreshments. |
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- 10/9/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Band Parent Monthly Meeting - 7:00pm - MS Band Room
- 10/12/18 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. SPRING-FORD (HOMECOMING)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Spring-Ford's Band will perform Pre-Game
 - We will perform POST-GAME
 - Homecoming Ceremony is during Half-Time
 - Finish approx. 10:00pm
- 10/16/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/17/18 **CANCELLED** - Elverson Parade
(The Elverson Borough has cancelled their 2018 parade due to road construction taking longer than expected.)

- 10/19/18 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (METHACTON)**
 - Report 4:30pm
 - We Perform PRE-GAME at Methacton
 - Return approx. 10:30pm
- 10/20/18 **OJR BAND 4th ANNUAL MATTRESS FUNDRAISER**
 - 10:00am to 5:00pm
 - Middle School Gymnasium
- 10/23/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/26/18 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Location TBA)**
 - Report & Return Times TBA
 - Auditions for OJR Jazz Band completed by today
- 10/27/18 **FINAL CAVALCADE (J.P. McCaskey High School)**

(We don't yet have the schedule for this day, but I would anticipate a similar schedule to last year's. Last year we met for a 9:00am breakfast and returned to OJR at 11:00pm. I anticipate a similar schedule this year and will send that to everyone as soon as I receive it.)

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

[HTTP://WWW.TALESFROMBANDCAMP.COM](http://www.talesfrombandcamp.com)



OJR CAVALCADE DAY – 10/6/18

SCHEDULE

- 4:30pm – Report to the Band Room (unless you are volunteering in some capacity and have a different reporting time?)
- 5:00pm – Start heading down to stadium, order candy grams, grab something to eat, etc. (Full Uniform)
- 5:55pm – National Anthem performed by ‘The Naturals’
- 6:00pm – Show Begins – Sit Together - Watch Other Bands Perform
- 7:00pm – Intermission – MARCH OFF ON FIELD
(Eat, mingle, meet people from other bands, etc.)
- 7:45pm - Show Resumes
- 8:30pm – OJR PERFORMANCE
- 8:45pm - VALLEY FORGE MILITARY ACADEMY PERFORMANCE
- 9:10pm – Massed Bands Performance – *Shut Up and Dance*
- 9:30pm – OJR BAND AND VALLEY FORGE BAND MEET TOGETHER
IN HS CAFETERIA – Pizza and other refreshments
- 10:00pm – Finish / Pick UP

Here is the performance schedule:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERFORMANCE TIME</u>
Exeter	6:00pm
Upper Perkiomen	6:15pm
Upper Merion	6:30pm
OJR Middle School	6:45pm
Intermission – MARCH OFF	7:00pm
Spring-ford MS	7:45pm
Penncrest	8:00pm
Springfield Del. Co.	8:15pm
Owen J. Roberts HS	8:30pm
Valley Forge Military Academy	8:45pm
Massed Bands Finale	9:10pm