

# MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: September, 2017



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## WELCOME BACK!!!

- 1. FALL PRACTICES:** Once school begins next week, we will be following our regular season practice schedule which will be Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. In addition, there will be a rotating music sectional on Thursdays after school for certain sections. Please refer to your band calendar for more details. Please remember, with only one group practice a week, there are **only 9 practices remaining for the season (9 Tuesdays through the end of October)**, so missing even one of them is a big deal. Please do everything possible to be at each practice for the remainder of the season. We will be adding new things to the show at each practice.
- 2. ITEMS DUE:** At this point, the following items are currently running and/or due:
  - Cavalcade Ads / Spirit Ads - (*For the OJR Cavalcade Program Book - Not many ads have come in yet and we need to blanket the area and contact every business around to see if they want to place an ad. All band members and parents are asked to assist with this.*)
  - Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Due Thursday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Spirit Wear Orders Due Online By Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Anyone who has not turned in the band marching band medical form and contract must do so immediately
  - Information on all of the above can be found on the band website: [www.ojrhsband.com](http://www.ojrhsband.com)
- 3. CHEESECAKE/COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:** Two weeks ago we started our *first major fundraiser of the year* - **our annual Cheesecake/Cookie Dough fundraiser**. Profits from this fundraiser will go to our music parents. Orders are due Thursday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> and the items will be delivered on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Extra order forms are available outside Mr. Mengel's office. This is really good cheesecake, really good cookie dough (*upcoming holidays.....*), and other great items. Thanks to Mrs. Kymbra Kasznay for organizing this important annual fundraiser for our program. Please include on white composite envelope your name and best phone number - just in case folks forget to pick up their orders the evening of delivery.
- 4. FALL PREVIEW NIGHT:** Our fall preview night was terrific! Lots of folks came out to enjoy the evening and see the bands. Many thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald for organizing another great kick-off to our season!
- 5. OJR BAND PARENTS - HELP STILL NEEDED:** A call to any band parents who aren't currently assisting - we could use your help! All parents are invited and encouraged to assist with the various needs of the band throughout the year, but especially now during marching band season. We could use help each Tuesday night, both at the beginning of practice (helping to move equipment to the practice fields) and at the end of practice (helping to move equipment back to the school). There are other areas as well such as helping provide water for the kids at practices, etc. This is also the first time in about 15 years that we do not currently have anyone putting together a marching band season video (DVD), so if there is anyone out there who is good with taking videos, video editing, and has the time and interest, please let me know.

6. **SPRING BAND TRIP 2018 - CLEVELAND, OHIO:** Our 2018 spring band trip this year will be to Cleveland, OH. Trip information packets were distributed to all band members and are also posted on our band website under the "Spring Band Trip" tab. This is a great trip and it is packed with a lot of fun activities. I hope that all of you are able to come along. Your first deposit and permission slip are due no later than October 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan to come along.
7. **BAND UNIFORMS:** Just a reminder to please make sure the band uniforms always come home after every performance and they are either hung up neatly or taken to the dry-cleaner if necessary. Wearing a clean, neatly pressed uniform is important to the image that we want our band to present. We will be doing a uniform inspection before every performance and any band member found to be missing a part of the uniform will sit 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter at the football game. This also applies to any uniform found to "wrinkly" or in poor appearance. Our band parent uniform committee did a great job fitting all band members for their uniforms during the first week of band camp. Many thanks to the head of the committee, Mrs. Diane Hess as well as to our student uniform manager Emma Flinchbaugh along with all parents and student volunteers who assisted with uniforms this year.
8. **BAND CAMP HELP THANKS:** Thanks to all for helping to make the past two weeks one of the most productive and successful OJR Band Camps ever! From uniform distribution, to prop design & construction, to sewing flags, to handing out band camp dinners, to managing the sound system, to organizing band spirit wear, fundraisers, and much more, a small community of parents & band supporters always come together to support the band at this time of the year and we are very thankful and appreciative of everyone's help!

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

<http://www.dawgtoons.com/talesfrombandcamp>



## **SCHEDULE - August / September, 2017**

- 8/24/17 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 8/25/17 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Conestoga)**
  - Report 5:00pm
  - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - We perform during Pre-Game
- 8/27/17 Spirit Wear Orders Due Online ←
- 8/29/17 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 8/31/17 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets  
→ **Cheesecake Fundraiser Orders Due** ←
- 9/1/17 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Great Valley)**
  - Report 5:00pm
  - Return around 10:15pm for pickup
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - We perform at Halftime
- 9/5/17 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 9/7/17 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellos
- 9/8/17 → **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (West Chester Henderson) and CAVALCADE PROGRAM ADS & SENIOR MEMORY ADS DUE!!!** ←
  - Report 5:15pm
  - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - We perform Pre-Game
- 9/9/17 **OJR MPO COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**  
8:00am to 1:00pm - Main Campus
- 9/12/17 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members  
**MPO (Band Parents) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm - Chorus Room**
- 9/14/17 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Brass & Low Saxes

- 9/15/17           **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Upper Merion)**
  - Report 5:15pm
  - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - We perform Pre-Game
  
- 9/19/17           Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members  
**Cheesecake Fundraiser Delivery & Pick Up - Band Room**
  
- 9/21/17           After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets
  
- 9/22/17           **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Perk Valley)**
  - Report 4:45pm
  - Return around 10:30pm for pickup
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - We perform at Halftime
  
- 9/23/17           **CAVALCADE - Lancaster Catholic High School**
  - Schedule To Be Determined
  - Plan for an early afternoon practice at OJR, followed by dinner provided by our band parents before we leave for Lancaster.
  - Further Details Provided Soon...
  
- 9/26/17           Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
  
- 9/28/17           Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellophones
  
- 9/30/17           **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Norristown) - Saturday Night Game**
  - Report 5:15pm
  - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup (possibly later if we perform post-game)
  - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
  - Our Middle School Band will be joining us for this game and they will be performing Pre-Game.
  - If Norristown brings their band, they will perform at Halftime and we would then perform Post-Game. *(If they do not bring their band, then we would perform at Halftime. We'll know later...)*