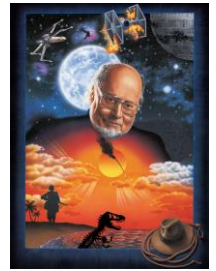




MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: September, 2018

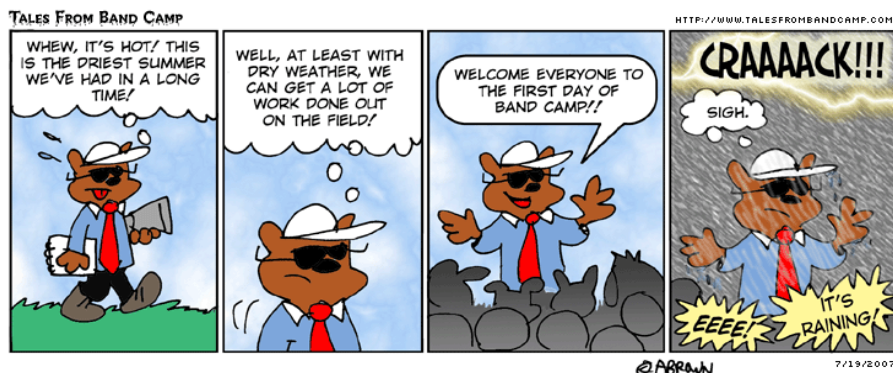
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WELCOME BACK!!!

- 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!
- ITEMS DUE:** At this point, the following items are currently running and/or due:
 - Medical Forms & Contracts from Band Handbook - Due Immediately
 - Payment for Band T-Shirt (\$15.00 each) - Due Immediately
 - Spirit Wear Orders Due Online By Aug. 26th
 - Cavalcade Ads, Senior Memory Page Ads, Program Book Pre-Orders: Due Sept. 7th
 - Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Fundraiser - Due Tuesday, Sept. 11th
 - Information on all of the above can be found on the band website: www.ojrhsband.com
- FALL PRACTICES:** We have two more "summer practices" to go.....this Tuesday 8/21 and this Thursday 8/23, both from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. 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 on Tuesday nights, 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 visuals and other fun things to the show at each practice.
- FALL PREVIEW NIGHT:** Our fall preview night was terrific, even though it was held inside the HS auditorium due to weather. Lots of folks came out to enjoy the evening, sign up to volunteer throughout the season, and see the bands. Many thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald for organizing another great kick-off to our season!
- CHEESECAKE/COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:** Last week 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 Tuesday, Sept. 11th and the items will be delivered on Tuesday, Sept. 25th. 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 Dr. Sandra Burns, one of our outstanding band parents, 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.

6. **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 video taping performances, helping provide water for the kids at practices, washing towels, helping with colorguard flags & equipment, etc., etc. Feel free to get involved.....the more, the merrier!
7. **BAND UNIFORMS:** Mrs. Danielle Blackledge is in charge of our uniforms this year along with student uniform managers Jimmy Chen and Anna Campbell and they, along with many adult and student volunteers, did a remarkable job distributing band uniforms once again this year. 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.
8. **COMMUNICATION / "REMIND" ANNOUNCEMENTS, Etc:** We try and use several forms of communication with the HS Band:
- Monthly "Mengel's Minders" for the big things going on...
 - Weekly (sometimes daily) emails for the smaller things going on...
 - "Remind" App Announcements on your Cell Phone for the quick, short reminders as necessary.....(to sign up for the Remind Announcements text: @ojrmb to 81010 All of you can do this with your phones and you do NOT need to download the Remind App.) Parents can do this too if you would like to!
 - Call-in phone messages when weather is questionable. (Phone my office number: 610-469-5349 to hear a recorded message with any cancellations or major schedule changes.)
 - Band website postings when possible with any major changes: www.ojrhsband.com
9. **PMEA DISTRICT BAND AT OJR THIS YEAR!!!!:** This year we are hosting the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association District Band Festival from January 24th through 26th, 2019. The festival will involve approx. 130 of the best HS student musicians from all of Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties. Students will have the opportunity to work with a guest conductor for the 3-day festival and perform a concert for the public on Saturday, Jan 26th at 11:00am in our HS auditorium. You will be hearing a lot more about this as we get closer to the festival and we'll need lots of help to pull it off, but I'm confident that we will host one of the best district band festivals ever!



SCHEDULE - August / September, 2018

- 8/21/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 8/22/18 Play for OJR Teacher In-Service "Welcome Back Meeting"
- 8/23/18 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 8/24/18 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Conestoga)**
 - Report 4:30pm
 - Return around 10:30pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform during Halftime
- 8/26/18 Spirit Wear Orders Due Online ←
- 8/28/18 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 8/30/18 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets
- 8/31/18 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Daniel Boone)**
 - Report 5:00pm
 - Return around 10:15pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform at Halftime
- 9/4/18 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 9/6/18 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellos
- 9/7/18 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Oxford)**
→ **CAVALCADE PROGRAM ADS & SENIOR MEMORY ADS DUE!!!** ←
 - Report 4:30pm
 - Finish around 10:30pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Halftime
- 9/11/18 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
→ **Cheesecake Fundraiser Orders Due** ←
OJR BAND PARENT MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm - MS Band Rm
- 9/13/18 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Brass & Low Saxes

- 9/14/18 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Upper Merion)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Pre-Game

- 9/15/18 **OJR BAND COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**
8:00am to 1:00pm - Main Campus

- 9/18/18 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members

- 9/20/18 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets

- 9/21/18 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Perk Valley)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Return around 9:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Pre-game

- 9/22/18 **CAVALCADE - Penncrest 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...

- 9/25/18 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members

Cheesecake Fundraiser Delivery & Pick Up - Band Room

- 9/27/18 Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellophones

- 9/28/18 *Night Off...we will not be attending the away game at Boyertown due to limited seating in their stadium this year!*