



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: September, 2019

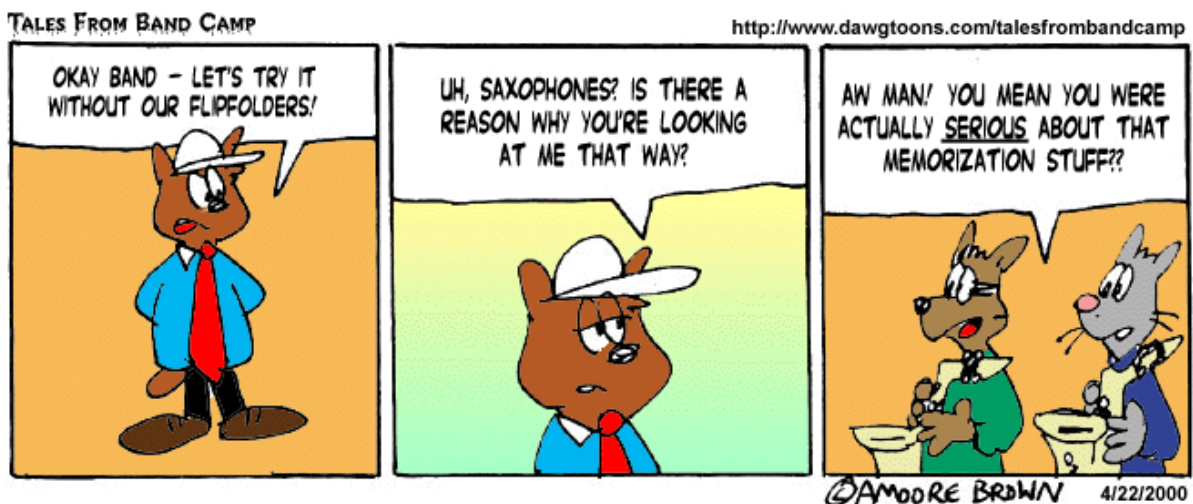
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WELCOME BACK!!!

- BAND CAMP HELP THANKS:** Thanks to all for a great start to our season! From uniform distribution, to prop design & construction, to designing and making a wrap for our drum major podium, to sewing flags, to sizing & distributing uniforms, 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 (\$20.00 each) - Due Immediately
 - Cavalcade Ads, Senior Memory Page Ads, Program Book Pre-Orders: Due Sept. 6th
See the MPO website for more info: <https://www.ojrbandmpo.com/cavalcade-ads.html>
- FALL PRACTICES:** We have two more "summer practices" to go.....this Tuesday 8/20 and this Thursday 8/22, 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, drill, and other fun things to the show at each practice.
- DISNEY TRIP PLANNING MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS 9/9/19:** If you are planning on joining us for the band trip to Disneyworld in the spring (or even if you're just thinking about it), you should plan to attend an important meeting for all parents and band members on Monday evening, Sept. 9th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. A representative from our travel company will be there to show a trip-related video and answer any and all questions you may have about the trip. The meeting will probably last about an hour. ***First payments & permission slips are due Friday, Sept. 20th in the amount of \$565.00 per person.***
- FALL PREVIEW NIGHT:** Our fall preview night this past Friday was terrific! Lots of folks came out to enjoy the evening, sign up to volunteer throughout the season, and see the bands. Many thanks to our OJR Band Parents for organizing another great kick-off to our season!
- WAWA HOAGIE COUPON FUNDRAISER:** The band is selling Wawa Hoagie Coupons as a student account fundraiser which is an opportunity for everyone to start earning funds that you can use towards your trip to Florida next spring. Attached here is an order form with more information. Due date 9/16/19

7. **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 and/or cold treats for the kids at practices, washing towels, helping with colorguard flags & equipment, etc., etc. Feel free to get involved.....the more, the merrier!
8. **BAND UNIFORMS:** Mrs. Danielle Blackledge is in charge of our uniforms along with student uniform manager Sonya Soeder 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.
9. **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 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: "@ojrma" 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! You can also go to <https://www.remind.com/join/ojrma>
 - 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



SCHEDULE - August / September, 2019

- 8/20/19 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
 - 8/21/19 Play for OJR Teacher In-Service "Welcome Back Meeting"
 - 8/22/19 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory for All Members
 - 8/23/19 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Conestoga)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform during Pre-game
 - 8/27/19 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
 - 8/29/19 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets
 - 8/31/18 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Daniel Boone)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform at Pre-Game
 - 9/3/19 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
 - 9/5/19 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellos
 - 9/6/19 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Avon Grove)**
CAVALCADE PROGRAM ADS & SENIOR MEMORY ADS DUE!!!
 - Report 4:30pm
 - Return around 11:00pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Halftime
 - 9/7/19 **OJR BAND COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**
8:00am to 1:00pm - Main Campus
 - 9/9/19 **FLORIDA TRIP MEETING - ALL PARENTS & BAND STUDENTS**
- 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium
 - 9/10/19 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- OJR BAND PARENT MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm - MS Band Rm**

- 9/12/19 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Brass & Low Saxes

- 9/13/19 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Upper Merion)**
 - Report 4:45pm
 - Return around 10:30pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Halftime


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

- 9/16/19 Wawa Hoagie Coupon Fundraiser Orders Due

- 9/17/19 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members

- 9/19/19 After-School Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Flutes & Clarinets

- 9/20/19 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Perk Valley)**
 - Report 4:45pm
 - Return around 10:30pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Halftime

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- FIRST DISNEY TRIP PAYMENT DUE - \$565.00**

- 9/21/19 **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...

- 9/24/19 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members

- 9/26/19 Music Sectional, 2:30pm to 3:30pm, Alto Saxes & Mellophones

- 9/27/19 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME vs. BOYERTOWN (HOMECOMING)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - Homecoming Ceremony is during Half-Time
 - Finish approx. 10:00pm