

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

CONGRATULATIONS to the marching panthers on their outstanding performance at the Tiger Ambush Classic held at Edwardsville HS yesterday evening. The band had top scores in music, visual, and percussion in our classification. The color guard earned one of the top scores of the day overall. We are very proud of the students and their work ethic. Thank you to all the band families for your support of these amazing students! We are excited about performing the next part of the show for you all!

THANK YOU to all support parents that assisted on the day to ensure a successful performance for the students!

THANK YOU to our amazing staff that have brought these students to new heights in performance – **YOU ARE THE BEST!**

DEADLINES:

ILMEA: Any ILMEA changes need to be made by Monday. I will be sending out video instructions this week. Any students that need to record in the band room (percussion especially), please see Mr. Langham or Dr. G. to schedule a time.

ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY: Names of students selected for this organization at OTHS will be released on Friday. Names will be posted on the band website, along with the first meeting date, to select officers.

Schedule – Week of Sept. 18th

Monday – Marching Band – 3:15-5:30p.m. – Focus on Part 4 – memorization checks, Drumline – Part 5, timing in Part 1.

Tuesday – Tuba Sectional – also any other band member that would like to work on sets on their own may attend – (this will occur right after school in the marquee field – 2 hrs.)

Concert Band Fittings – Milburn 6:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Wednesday – Marching Band – 5:30p.m.-8:30pm. – Jordan Lalama, our program coordinator will be here.

Thursday – Marching Band Rehearsal 3:15-4:30p.m. – Part 4 focus, Part 1 focus, 4:30-5:30p.m. Macy's staging (most likely we will have classes go outside for marching band on Thursday).

Friday – No Activities

****Macy's music will be passed out to everyone in all classes on Monday, along with the wind parts to Part 5. We will be rechecking memorization for marching band students for grades, color guard will have a grade pass off, and concert band students will have a music check on ILMEA music or concert music.**

Academic Eligibility: (per the OTHS Handbook)

Academic eligibility will be verified on a weekly basis to participate in all performances. It is essential that all music students maintain high academic standards. All Band Members will be checked for academic eligibility ~ **MUST** pass five (5) classes to participate in concerts and contests. Homeschooled students who are enrolled in concert band only are not subject to the five class academic eligibility requirements. Homeschooled students who wish to participate in Marching Band **MUST** be enrolled at OTHS as a full-time student in order to meet the requirements that have been established by IHSA.

Dr. G, Mr. Carter, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Langham

Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

Parent meetings are held in person in the Smiley Cafeteria starting at **6 PM** on the following dates:

- Oct. 11th
- Nov. 15th
- Dec. 13th
- Jan. 17th (note: time is 5:30 on the 17th at **Milburn** to allow board/boosters to be at both meeting and 8th grade parent orientation.
- Feb. 21st
- Mar. 13th
- April 10th
- May 15th

Important Reminders/Links



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Links:

***Video Course Syllabus**

<https://youtu.be/Urm9eJ9M1o8>

***Marching Band Attendance Form for Absence:**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link. This link is also on the band website for easy access.

***Amazon Wish List Items**

[Wish list on Amazon.com](#)

***Varsity Spirit Wear Items**

<https://www.varsitycolors.com/othspantherband/>

PIN=BAND (case sensitive)

Unable to access your MyVarsity account? [CLICK HERE](#) to RESET your password using your existing email

***Photographs**

Check out our SmugMug site. Thank you to our photography team for capturing memories in the making. <https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com/2022>

Unlock Password: "Tarp".

***Nurse (Physicals)** Bandphysicals@oths.us

***NEW SHOW APPAREL** – <https://ofallon-bands-spirit-wear.creator-spring.com>



RaiseRight™

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Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, September 19th

Please make sure your rebate total is at a minimum of \$5

to help cover the shared shipping cost, shipping fee is \$10.50.

Eleven family physical card orders help keep the shipping cost to under \$1 per family.

- **Milburn Campus:** Due 2pm, Drop off at main office to Mrs. Horsens. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student's name.
- **Smiley Campus:** Due 5pm, **Yellow** Marching Panthers Payment Drop box in the band room. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student's name.
- Or drop off at the **coordinator's house by 6pm** on due date.

Scan QR code to enroll



Email Lety with any questions at MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com



9/23 Mum Sale (Time TBD morning of delivery)

(Volunteers)

9/30 Marching Band Contest @ EIU

10/6 Tentative Homecoming Game

(Concession Volunteers)

10/7 Homecoming

10/14 University of Illinois Marching Competition

10/21 BOA Super Regional Indianapolis

10/27-28 BOA Super Regional St. Louis

11/3 Craft Fair Set Up

11/4 ILMEA District Concert Festival

11/4-5 Craft Fair

11/5 Craft Fair Clean Up

Required: 2 Parent & 2 Student shifts 11/3, or 4 or 5

11/18 ILMEA Jazz Festival

11/20-11/24 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip

11/25 O'Fallon Illuminated Holiday Parade

12/6 Christmas in O'Fallon Concert

Communication Sources

Charms: <https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms2/login.asp>

School Code: pantherbandboosters

Student Area Password: this is a unique password for each student

Assistance: Julie Fortier triharderjulie@gmail.com

Band Website: <https://othsbands.com/>

About >> Band Families >>

Username: members (all lower case)

Password: PantherBand#2022

Choose Current Families for:

Online Absence Form / FamilyID Link / Student Music / Macy's Information / Etc.

Band App: <https://band.us/n/a7a29bX6I554H>

Used to communicate quick messages.

2023-2024 OTHS Concert Band Fittings

CONCERT UNIFORM FITTINGS

ATTENTION ALL Milburn Concert Band Students and ALL Concert Band Students that have not yet been fitted, please read the following but important information pertaining to our **last** OTHS Concert Band Fitting.

WHERE: Milburn Band Room

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19. Please note times will be based on the first letter of your last name.

A-F 6-6:30 pm

G-O 6:30-7 pm

P-Z 7-7:30 pm

WHY: The first concert is October 10.

WHAT TO WEAR TO THE FITTING: Students, we need your help! To help expedite the fitting process, please wear the following to your concert uniform fitting:

1. All students, please arrive wearing athletic shorts.
2. Students being fitted for tuxedos should wear athletic shoes and a t-shirt.
3. Students being fitted with a dress should wear a tank top or t-shirt.

WHAT TO BRING TO FITTING:

1. COMPLETED 2023-2024 O'Fallon Township High School Band Uniform and Volunteer Agreement
 1. This was sent via a Charms email on Monday, September 4.
 2. Copies are also available on the night of fitting.
 3. **Form must be signed by Parent and Student.**
2. Students who are not in marching band and only in concert band must have cash, check (made payable to O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters), Venmo, or use student funds to pay their fee. (See Uniform and Volunteer Agreement for fee information.)
3. Students who are being fitted for a tuxedo must have \$5 (cash, check, Venmo) to purchase a tie if they do not have one from a prior year.

CONCERT UNIFORM LEADS: Ida Flores, (618) 979-5062, Email: ldgf@msn.com and Jami Brokering, (618) 558-9081, Email: Jbrokering@charter.net

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-Concert Uniform Fittings

Parents/Guardians and Families, we need your help with our upcoming concert uniform fittings. The last fitting date is below. The time noted is 30 minutes prior to the actual fitting time to allow for instruction and preparations for the evening. Volunteers will assist students with determining the correct uniform size and measuring for needed alterations where applicable. Volunteers are also needed to check student forms, direct them to their fitting line, etc. This is a great opportunity to meet other band families!

Please see Charms to sign-up. Thank you in advance for helping our students get concert ready!

Milburn Band and all students not yet fitted: Tuesday, Sept 19 6:00-7:30p.m.

- Ida Flores, (618) 979-5062, E-mail: ldgf@msn.com
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Mum Fundraiser



“Wednesday” Rehearsals...

