

# **OTHS BANDS Director Notes**

***Congratulations to our Seniors!*** We are so proud of all the achievements and accomplishments we wish you well on your new chapter in life!!

***Thank you*** to the ***Jazz Band, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Murphy*** for your wonderful performance this weekend at Nick Fest!!! - A shout out to Tyeler for his "dance moves!!"

## **This week!**

**\*Students will be charged for not turning in concert attire this week. Also, if a student has any outstanding fees from the last marching band or Winterguard season, they will not be able to fully participate until the fees are paid. Please contact Dr. G concerning this.**

**The band room is only open for student practice with permission of a director and around the rehearsal times listed below. Private lessons will be taking place as usual. Students cannot practice in the band room without a director present.**

**Monday - Final Exams - 4, 5** - We will have ALL band grades entered by the end of the day!

\*Those students who had asked for AF Band of Mid-America concert tickets, you will be able to pick them up at the Hett Will Call prior to the concert.

**Wednesday** - Leadership team meeting and workday at 1-3pm- Smiley Campus

Marching Band, 5:30-7:30pm - Jordan LaLama will be there!!! We are aware of the D90 conflicts this Wednesday. Thank you to all those who can attend. We will be passing out show music and moving forward in choreography.

**REQUEST!!! - to balance out instrumentation, will be asking a few students to switch instruments. If your student is interested contact Dr. G.**

**Thursday** - D-Day Band rehearsal (selected students) - 9am - Smiley Band room

**Friday** - Graduation Band - 10-noon rehearsal - Smiley Band room

**Saturday** - Graduation - Arrive to entrance F between 8:45am and 9:00am, Nice dress is required for the event. No jeans or gym shoes

**Monday** - Memorial Day services - Leadership Team - wear rehearsal band shirt and nice shorts. Meet in the band room at 7:15am - Smiley Campus - Transportation will be needed. We will be playing at a 9am ceremony (O'Fallon Cemetery) and a 11:30am ceremony (Veteran's Memorial). Our performance times are 8:30am and 11:00am respectively.

**Just a reminder** - Mr. Langham and Mr. Carter will be the band contacts for any needs between the dates of May 30-June 8. Any percussion needs, please contact Mr. Murphy

The band room will be **closed the week of May 29<sup>th</sup> and there is no newsletter for the week of 5/29-6/4**. Only private lessons will be occurring.

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

# Country Living

*“You already have  
everything you need  
inside of you right  
now, today.”*

**—Alicia Keys**

# Boutique

Please know that GGIWW hosts and manages our Panther Band Gear webstores, which is the site you purchased your students essential band gear through (pantherbandgear.ggiww). We are fortunate that they host these sites to help keep our prices as low as possible. **When you place an order on that site, your credit card statement will reflect GGIWW as the company you purchased from.** Please take this into consideration, along with the 2-week purchasing timeframe, when reviewing your credit card statement.

The site is currently closed. You will have another opportunity in June to order. When you do order in June, I cannot guarantee the prices will be the same or that all items will arrive before the first parade.

All items ordered May 1<sup>st</sup>-May 15<sup>th</sup> should be here by mid-June. You will receive a note when the items are ready to be picked up, as well as a time and location to pick them up.

If you have any questions, please contact Tesi at [tesisnyder@hotmail.com](mailto:tesisnyder@hotmail.com).



# MB and CG Payment Reminders

MB Payment Schedule	CG Payment Schedule
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment – 15 May \$250	1 <sup>st</sup> Payment – 15 May \$300
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment – 15 June \$300	2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment – 15 June \$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment – 15 July \$250	3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment – 15 July \$300

**HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS.** There are four (4) ways to make payments to your child(ren) account. Please do NOT hand your payments to staff members.

- PayPal: pay through Charms (small fee added) or [paypal@othsbands.com](mailto:paypal@othsbands.com) (friend and family)
- Venmo: @ofallonbandtreasurer – last 4 digits of the phone is 1152 (send friend and family)
- Lockbox at Smiley and Milburn Campus – located in the band room (place money/check in envelope with student(s) name) -- check payable to O'Fallon Panther Band Booster
- Mailed/dropped off at my house – 1132 Birch River Dr., O'Fallon (text me if you placed check in envelope with student name left under the mat, so I know to look for it.

**\*\*If last payment has not been received by 15 July (or not on a payment plan) participation in band camp will be at the discretion of the Directors**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, text, or phone call.

Thank you,  
Michelle Burgmann  
Student Account Manager  
O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters  
(636) 253-6100  
[mlburgmann@gmail.com](mailto:mlburgmann@gmail.com)

Incoming and current families of ALL bands: listed below are your Band Together Section Leads. They are a great wealth of information and will be connecting with you in a few short weeks. Also, if you haven't joined our Parent Booster Facebook page, you can access that [HERE](#). We ask that you please answer the security questions to gain access.



## BAND TOGETHER

*O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters*

### **Flutes & Piccolos**

Kamra Brandi Lisa Stewart  
brandtfamily5@gmail.com lisaj.stewart@yahoo.com  
618-558-9838 409-791-1779

[OTHS Flutes and Piccolo Band Together](#)

### **All Clarinets, Oboes & Bassoons**

Lety Cornejo Rachel Johnson  
letycno7@gmail.com Racheljohnson0414@gmail.com  
312-391-9562 618-806-2901

[Band Together - OTHS Clarinet Parents](#)

[Band Together - OTHS Bass Clarinet/Oboe/Bassoon Parents](#)

### **All Saxophones**

Erika Huff  
erikausaf2011@gmail.com  
618-670-7089

[Band Together - OTHS Saxophone Parents](#)

### **Percussion (Front Ensemble & Drumline)**

Sarah Koester Mallory Andros  
sarahjimkoester@gmail.com mallorykandros@yahoo.com  
618-973-6732 816-739-5080

[Band Together - OTHS Battery & Front Ensemble](#)

### **Trumpets**

Brenda Redmond  
Brenda.wiltanger@gmail.com  
314-562-2949

[Band Together - OTHS Trumpet Parents](#)

### **Mellophones/Horns**

Nicole Hancock  
nikihanc@hotmail.com  
618-604-7861

[OTHS band Mellophone/French Horn Section](#)

### **Low Brass & Contrabass**

Sabrina King Ruth Kampwerth  
kingkrew@charter.net ruthkampwerth@gmail.com  
618-409-8270 618 920-7633

[Band Together - OTHS Band Low Brass & Contrabass](#)

### **Color Guard**

Leigh Meyer Candice Rapini  
leighmeyer2520@gmail.com candicerapini@gmail.com  
618-960-5725 618-670-4600

[Band Together - OTHS Colorguard Parents](#)

### **Band Together Coordinators:**

Sarah Koester ~ sarahjimkoester@gmail.com ~ 618-973-6732

Mallory Andros ~ mallorykandros@yahoo.com ~ 816-739-5080

# Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

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

- June 14<sup>th</sup>
- July – NO MEETING
- August 16<sup>th</sup>
- September 13<sup>th</sup>



## Spirit Wear Store

**\*\*NEW ITEMS\*\*** see store for more items! If you have a request or idea, please contact [chris.kirk@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.kirk@yahoo.com). Go check it out: <https://othsband.com/store>



## Photographs!!!

Did you miss an event? Did you sit on the wrong side and not see your student? Check out our smugmug site and see if you can find your student(s). Thanks again to our photography team for their work, capturing memories in the making!

Check out all of the photos here (Unlock password is "Tarp"):

<https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com/2022>

# Marching Band Attendance



*The importance of attendance is what makes every student great, and absences should be limited and infrequent as possible!* We know that life happens and to help keep Dr. G's email box from overflowing, please fill out if you/your student will be missing a scheduled band rehearsal/performance. Once you have filled out this form, there is no need to email staff.

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

## Sports Physicals – Turn in Information

The school nurse and nurse secretary will have limited hours over the summer. If you are turning in a sports physical, they will need to be turned in by 8 AM before the dates listed below. They won't be working any other days so if it is not submitted by this time, it will then wait until next Thursday. Also, if they see there is nothing needing approval (will check from home prior), they won't be coming in at all and we will then be in the following Thursday. Reminder an up-to-date physical need to be on file and can be emailed to [bandphysicals@ohts.us](mailto:bandphysicals@ohts.us).

- Thursday, June 1
- Thursday, June 8
- Thursday, June 15
- Thursday, June 22 - For 6/25 parade
- Thursday, June 29 - For July 4 parade
- Friday, July 21 - For start of band camp

Listed are a couple tips for parents/guardians to ensure no issues with approval:

- On the IL State physical Health History **must** be completed and signed by the parent/guardian.
- On the IHSA physical (sports physical) all sections must be completed, and it must be signed by **both** the student and parent/guardian.
- On both physicals it must be noted by MD that student is approved for sports (a box to be checked on each).
- If it is marked as modified the modifications must be specifically noted or it is a Not Approved in essence.
- **Submit to the band physical link as it may not be addressed if sent to one of us individually as we'll be rotating days worked.**

# Fundraising without Fundraising

**Soda cans!!!** We collect them! They must be tied in plastic bags and dropped off in the back of Smiley near the dumpsters.



**Goodshop** – similar to amazonsmile but you can pick your stores to use. Follow the link to sign-up! <https://www.goodshop.com/nonprofit/ofallon-township-high-school-band-boosters>

**Company matching** – Does your company/business do match gifts? We currently have a family enrolled in a gift matching program through CarMax where if you donate time or money CarMax will match the monetary gift or hours that are given. So, CarMax pays \$15 an hour for every hour that they volunteer up to \$5000 a year.

The same for matching donations, if we donate an amount of money CarMax will match that also up to a certain amount. Check with your companies and see what they offer. Every little bit helps!



# amazon wish list

Check out the bands' wish list of items. Some of the items are a one-time purchase others will be ongoing, and more items will be added as needed so check back often. [Wish list on Amazon.com](#)



## RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip



If you are not purchasing the friends and family package for the Macy's trip but will be traveling to NY, why not earn a rebate for your flight and hotel? Currently you can earn anywhere from 2% - 10% rebate for lodging and 4% - 6% for airfare.

Stock up now on eGift cards to give to your student for use during this summer's Band Practice, current rebate ranges from 2%-8%. Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Subway, Hardees, Sonic, Sonic, etc.

[Click Here](#) to view current bonuses

New to Raise Right? [Click Here to Enroll](#)

**Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

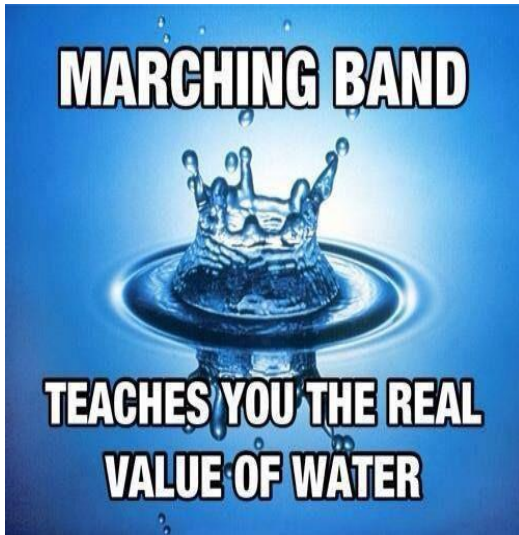
**to help cover the shared shipping cost, shipping fee is \$10.50.**

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

- **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.

Email Lety with any questions at [MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com](mailto:MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com)

# Tips for Summer Rehearsals



- **LOTS of water!** Some parents will freeze water bottles the night before, so kids have cold water all day. Other families buy ice at the store because the home ice makers can't keep up with the ice usage. A ½ gallon jug is an excellent size to have for rehearsals **with their name on it !!!!**



- **Extra Reeds (if applicable)** - because it's all fun and games until you chip a reed.
- **Lots of Sunscreen** - kids will want to reapply throughout the day.
- **Socks** – changing out sweaty/rained on/dewy grass socks helps prevent blisters.
- **Shoes** – athletic shoes, something that can hold up to a lot of standing/marching/walking. Your feet will thank you!
- **Hat or visor** - to help keep the sun off of their faces. Some parents also include a cooling towel for their students to use.
- **Quick Snack** - like an energy bar (something that doesn't melt in the heat).
- **Daypack or Backpack for all the items listed above.**
- **Instrument/mallets/music** - The most important thing to remember!
- **Early IS ON TIME – ON TIME IS LATE – DON'T BE LATE!!**



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| 5/22 Last Day of School                             | 9/?? Mum Sale                                     |
| 5/27 Graduation                                     | (Volunteers)                                      |
| 6/6 Booster Board Meeting                           | 9/15 Football Game                                |
| 6/14 Parent Booster Meeting                         | (Concession Volunteers)                           |
| 6/19 No School Juneteenth                           | 9/16 Edwardsville Tiger Ambush Marching Contest   |
| 6/25 Staunton Parade                                | 9/30 Marching Band Contest @ EIU                  |
| 7/4 America's Birthday Parade                       | 10/6 Tentative Homecoming Game                    |
| 8/8 Booster Board Meeting                           | (Concession Volunteers)                           |
| 8/16 Parent Booster Meeting                         | 10/7 Homecoming                                   |
| 8/18 Yard Sale Set-up                               | 10/14 University of Illinois Marching Competition |
| Required shifts: 1 Parent 1 Student                 | 10/21 BOA Super Regional Indianapolis             |
| 8/19 Yard Sale                                      | 10/27-28 BOA Super Regional St. Louis             |
| Required shifts: 1 Parent 1 Student                 | 11/3 Craft Fair Set Up                            |
| 8/20 Mattress Fundraiser                            | Required shifts: 1 Parent 1 Student               |
| (Volunteers)  | 11/4-5 Craft Fair                                 |
| 8/25 Football Game                                  | Required shifts: 1 Parent 1 Student               |
| (Concession Volunteers)                             | 11/4 ILMEA District Concert Festival              |
| 8/26 CityFest Parade w/Rehearsal                    | 11/5 Craft Fair Clean Up                          |
| 8/26 Greater St. Louis Marching Percussion Festival | Required shifts: 1 Parent 1 Student               |
| 9/4 No School Labor Day                             | 11/18 ILMEA Jazz Festival                         |
| 9/9 MEMC (Metro East Marching Classic)              | 11/20-11/24 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip   |
| Required shifts: 1 Parent.                          | 11/25 O'Fallon Illuminated Holiday Parade         |
|   | 12/6 Christmas in O'Fallon Concert                |