

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

We are focusing on Solo Ensemble Contest and new band music for the next couple of weeks.

We will be holding practices for solos during band class and after school. Make sure all students are aware of these schedules once they are published. At the time students need to check if they have their original music and it is numbered. If a student(s) drops out of an event at this time, there will be a \$10.00 fee for solos and a \$15.00 fee for ensembles.

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

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Questions: Contact Courtney Mihalik @ marchingpanthersraiseright@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar for Physical Gift Card Order Dates.

>>> Set-up Online Payments through your checking account at RaiseRight.com OR you may place check payment in the Yellow Payment Box at Milburn <<<

***** Due to Shipping Cost of \$11 per physical gift card order, we need at least 5 families to order or a sum of AT LEAST \$500 in orders from ALL orders *****

February 15

May 15

March 15

June 15

April 15

July 15

Great Gift Planning

[Checkout the selection of \\$10 and lower gift cards!](#)

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Here are some great tips! **NEW WAY TO EARN - ONLINE SHOPPING EARNINGS COMBINED WITH GIFT CARD USE [CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THIS NEW OPTION!!!](#)**

Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

2025 – All Meetings are at 6:00 PM in the Smiley Cafeteria unless otherwise noted.

- March 19th
- April 15th
- May 21st



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- 3/8 MCCGA – Winter Guard Competition (we host and compete)
- 3/22 CSPA – Percussion Competition (mini-indoor marching band – we host only)
- 4/12 MFA – Concert Festival – (we host, and all bands perform)
- 4/25 – O’That jazz
- 4/26 Yard Sale – Freshman and Junior Families/students
- 5/2E-recycling

***Please take a minute to see how and where you can help!**

FUNDRAISING WITHOUT FUNDRAISING

SODA CANS!!! WE COLLECT THEM! THEY MUST BE TIED IN GARBAGE 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!

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.



Flutes & Piccolos

Keri Hoffmann
keri1231@gmail.com
 618-530-5374

[OTHS Flutes and Piccolo Band Together](#)

All Clarinets, Oboes & Bassoons

Rachel Johnson
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 618-806-2901

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

All Saxophones

Erika Huff
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 618-670-7089

[Band Together - OTHS Saxophone Parents](#)

Percussion (Front Ensemble & Drumline)

Sarah Koester *Mallory Andros*
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 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

Megan Aylor-Burr
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 618-593-6984

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

Low Brass & Contrabass

Ruth Kampwerth *Nicole Hancock*
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 618 920-7633 618-604-7861

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

Color Guard

Leigh Meyer *Candice Rapini*
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 618-960-5725 618-670-4600

[Band Together - OTHS Colorguard Parents](#)

Upcoming Events:

3/1 – Winter Guard Competition – Wentzville – Liberty High School

3/8 – Solo & Ensemble Contest

3/8 – MCCGA Winter guard Show

3/14-3/16 WGI Memphis – Collierville High School

3/22 – Central States Percussion Festival (CSPA)

3/29 MCCGA Championships – Willard High School

4/6-4/8 – Spring Musical

4/12 – Music For All (MFA)

4/17-4/21 – Spring Break

4/25 – O’That Jazz

4/26 – Yard Sale

5/3 – E-Recycling

5/9 – Band Banquet

5/10 - Superstate

O'That Jazz



April 25, 2025

We are in need of parents who would like to have fun, meet other parents, as well as get this annual fundraiser out into the community. If you are interested in helping make this annual event a success, please contact Nicole Dallas at nicole.dallas1011@gmail.com or 704-698-5008.

Some of the available positions needed are:

- Decorations
- Ticket Sales
- Advertising
- Donations

ATTENTION CRAFTERS: If you have anything special that you make or would like to donate outside of the section baskets, please contact Nicole. We would love to have extras for the silent auction.



Winterguard needs your help at our MCCGA Competition at OTHS

DATES AND TIMES AT SMILEY

March 7th - 6pm to 8pm
March 8th - 8am to 10pm

DIFFERENT TYPES OF SHIFTS

Set up
Concessions
Unit check in
Cookie sales
Griller
Ticket sales
Warm up timer
Door monitor
Clean up

ALL JOBS HAVE SEVERAL SHIFTS

Please sign up for a shift
Friday night or following
the solo and ensemble
contest on Saturday