

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful "Band Mom's" THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO! ENJOY YOUR DAY!

Congratulations to Symphonic Winds and the Wind Ensemble on their outstanding performances at the Superstate Concert Band Festival held at the University of Illinois this past Saturday. Thanks to our parents who came along with us, serving as chaperones and to John Langham for his organization and assistance on the day. Thank you to our OTHS Band Families who traveled to Krannert Center to support our students. It was great to see you all there, including several alumni!

In all the band classes, we will be working on playing exams for the final, graduation music, Memorial Day Music, and 2025 marching band music. Our goal is to have the grades up to date and continuously review information for the final exam.

FINAL EXAM INFO:

Written final - same musical terms and band evaluation

Playing test -

Seniors Winds - All Major Scales or a set College Band Audition they intend to do.

New ILMEA excerpts -

WINDS OPTION 1 - Half the scale sheet and half of each excerpt -

WINDS OPTION 2 - Half the scale sheet and half of one excerpt

*If a student plans to audition for ILMEA, then they should do the first option.

Percussion

Half of each excerpt

Seniors - assigned pass off

Dates for evaluation in class:

Monday, May 12 -Practice Day

Tuesday, May 13 - Flutes/Oboes/Low Brass

Wednesday, May 14 - Horns/Oboes/Clarinets

Thursday, May 15 - Trumpets/Saxophones/Low Reeds

Friday, May 16 - Seniors

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

Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

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

- May 14th (change from original date – MPR)
- June 11th
- July – (No Meeting)
- Aug. 20th

*Stay tuned for more information on upcoming meetings!



Parent Booster Meeting – Date Change!!!



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Our monthly booster parent meeting that was originally **scheduled for May 21st is now moved to May 14th**. We made the change to allow our D90 families to be with their 8th grade graduates. We will be voting for the nominees from our April meeting.

SEE YOU ON MAY 14th – 6:00p.m. – MPR



BAND BOOSTERS



On May 14th, the Boosters will elect officers for the 2025-26 school year. See below for the ballot to vote for the offices to be filled. In addition to these elected offices, we are always looking for people to shadow, or lead in areas of need. Please reach out to anyone on the board if you are interested. Your time and talents to support the band are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about any of the elected positions, please contact: Wes Harris elwh050709@gmail.com

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Your name*: _____

*Vote is anonymous, Name is only checked Booster Membership

Office	Vote for:	Nominees:	
President	(1)	Nicole Dallas	
Secretary	(1)	Sarah Beaver	
Band Support Chairpersons	(2)	Patti Curtright	Nicole Hancock
Student Fundraising Chairperson	(1)	Ashley Coomes	

Check your vote for the following offices:

Treasurer	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tiffini Montoya	<input type="checkbox"/> Vanessa Diaz
General Fundraising Chairperson	(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Matsuyasu	<input type="checkbox"/> Leigh Meyer



Attention Concert Band Students!

Milburn Band and Symphonic Band students need to **turn in concert uniforms following the May 5th concert.** Please bring a change of clothes so that you can leave your dress, tux jacket, and pants at Milburn that evening.

Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble Students will need to return their uniforms to the Milburn band room on **Monday, May 12 between 4:45-5:30 pm.**

Thank You,
Jami



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

- Stay tuned for upcoming volunteer events!

***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>

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 given. So, CarMax pays \$15 an hour for every hour that they volunteer up to \$5000 a year for matching donations, if we donate an amount of money CarMax will match that also up to a certain amount. Check with your company and see what they offer. Every little bit helps!

Upcoming Events:

*5/26 – Memorial Day Performance
6/2 – Full Marching Band and Guard
(Summer Rehearsals Begin)*

*6/13 Amphitheater Ribbon Cutting Performance
6/26 – Cardinals Performance
6/29 – Red Bud Parade
7/21-8/3 – Band Camp
8/3 – Parent Preview Performance*

Raise Right Gift Card Program

EARN FUNDS THAT GO DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR STUDENT

It's As Easy As >>>>>

- > Purchasing Gift Cards for your daily/regular purchases and earning from 1-20% back
- > **Family** members purchasing gift cards that add to your students account earnings

Watch these videos to learn more: [The #1 Online Fundraiser | RaiseRight6 Everyday Ways to Earn with Gift Cards | RaiseRight](#)

Sign-up for Marching Panther Earnings >> [Click Here](#)

*Enrollment Code **DBAAECD217989***

> *Questions? Email > marchingpanthersraiseright@gmail.com* <

Physical Gift Card Orders Are Due

15th of Every Month

TIP #1 - Order Gifts Card throughout the month to take full advantage of bonuses.
There is no limit to the number of orders you place in a month.

TIP #2 - Download the RaiseRight App and buy gift cards in live time as you make purchases.
{Going out to eat? Wait until you get your ticket and buy the gift card to cover the meal PLUS tip....
Buying supplies for a project at Home Depot or Lowes? Buy a GC at the checkout.... Military Family shopping at Old Navy? Request the discout AND buy a card to cover the cost of your purchase - big savings!)

TIP #3 - Questions on how you can make the most of your earnings? Call Courtney Mihalik at 805-588-9115 as the Marching Panthers RaiseRight Coordinator.





**Come see our OTHS Band to play the
National Anthem at Busch Stadium!
And stay to see the Cardinals -v- Cubs!!!**

On June 26, our talented band students will perform the National Anthem at the Cardinals vs. Cubs game at Busch Stadium — and we want you there to cheer them on!

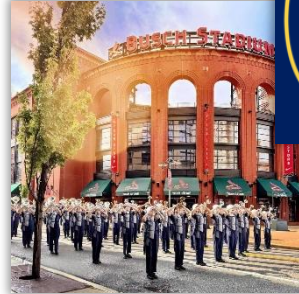
We're selling a limited number of tickets for just \$45!

(Face value: \$70 – a fantastic deal!)

All proceeds go back to support our amazing band.

Details:

- **Game:** Cardinals vs. Cubs
- **Date:** Thursday, June 26
- **Time:** 1:15 PM
- **Price: \$45** *(Face Value of \$70!)*
- **Purchase Deadline:** June 9 or until sold out!



Ways to purchase: (First Come, First Served!)

- **Reserve your ticket via email** oths.cardinals.fundraiser.2025@gmail.com
 - If you have a large group, this is a good idea so we can try to keep everyone together - however the tickets will not be final until the purchase is completed

Payments accepted will be:

- **Checks:**
 - Made out to *O'Fallon Panther Band Boosters*
- **Venmo: (VERY IMPORTANT to follow below instructions)**
 - [@ofallonbandtreasurer](#) (last 4 digits: 1152)
 - **Choose "Payments Between Friends"**
 - **Include in the memo: that it is for your Cardinals ticket(s)**
 - You can show it to me in person or email it to the oths.cardinals.fundraiser.2025@gmail.com
- **Cash:**
 - Must be exact change!

If you have any questions email Dez at:

- oths.cardinals.fundraiser.2025@gmail.com

***Thanks for supporting our band!
We'll see you out at the ballgame!***



BAND TOGETHER

Flutes & Piccolos

Tori Gill

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(303) 720-3825

[OTHS Flutes and Piccolo Band Together](#)

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Trumpets

Brenda Redmond

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[Band Together - OTHS Trumpet Parents](#)

Clarinets

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[Band Together - OTHS Clarinet Parents](#)

Tiffany Rea

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(270) 881-8376

Mellophones/Horns

Megan Aylor-Burr

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

Saxophones

Tiffini Montoya

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(707) 207-1152

[Band Together - OTHS Saxophone Parents](#)

Low Brass & Contrabass

Pamela Wear

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(478) 972-9467

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

Eva Osborne

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Low Reeds - Double Reeds

Sarah Beaver

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[Band Together - OTHS Low Reeds/Oboe/Bassoon Parents](#)

Color Guard

Leigh Meyer

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[Band Together - OTHS Colorguard Parents](#)

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Percussion (Front Ensemble & Drumline)

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Michelle Riddle

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

Band Together Coordinator

Brenda Redmond

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Incoming and current families of ALL bands: listed below are your Band Together Leads. They are a great source of information, and you should connect with them for all your band questions. 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.

Summer Band Opportunities

<https://marching.musicforall.org/rose/>



[Bands of America Honor Band in the Rose Parade® - BOA Marching Championships](#)

Join the Band

marching.musicforall.org

This is the time that students can look for music summer camp opportunities.
Here is the link to the MFA summer camp opportunities.

<https://camp.musicforall.org/>

[Bands of America Summer Camp presented by Yamaha](#)

June 21-23, 2025 – Leadership Weekend June 23-28, 2025 – Full Week CAMP Ball State University,
Muncie, IN

camp.musicforall.org

There are many other options if students are interested. Students and families may contact Dr. G.



[All Stars of Music Link](#)