



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: 2024 FINAL EDITION

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!

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1. **SPRING BAND CONCERT:** The band's annual spring concert is scheduled for **Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.** The concert this year will feature the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Senior Awards. **ALL** band **SENIORS** will be recognized and will receive a plaque at the concert, **including Marching Band, Colorguard, Concert Band, and Jazz Band Seniors.** Dress for the concert is as follows: *GUYS* - slacks (no jeans), shoes, a dress shirt and tie. *GALS* - a nice dress, skirt/blouse combination, or a nice pants outfit. Please use good judgment and look professional.
2. **BAND PERFORMANCE AT OJR GRADUATION:** Graduation is Friday, June 7th (*Rain Date Sat, June 8th*). All concert band members along with 8th grade incoming members should report to the HS Band Room no later than 5:30pm. The dress that night is the same as for the spring concert - *Guys* should wear nice pants, shoes, dress shirt & tie, *Gals* should wear either a nice dress or dress outfit. In the event of rain on June 7th, the graduation ceremony would be rescheduled to the following day - Saturday, June 8th in the morning. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Our band plays a crucial role in graduation each year. Please let Mr. Mengel know ahead of time if you have any conflicts which would prevent you from attending.
3. **SPRING TRIP TO CLEVELAND:** Our Music Department Spring Trip to Cleveland is from Thursday, May 23rd through Sunday, May 26th. The Band, Chorus, and Orchestra will be performing outside of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame at 10:30am that morning (weather permitting). We will have three evening practices to prepare for our performance: Monday, May 13th, Wednesday, May 15th, and Monday, May 20th, each one from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. A full itinerary packet will be distributed soon. Every student coming along on the trip must have an updated medical form completed. Please print out, complete, and return the attached Trip Medical Form to your director no later than Monday, May 6th.
4. **SUMMER & FALL SCHEDULES:** All schedules are posted on the band website. Please visit www.ojrhsband.com and visit the "summer schedule" or the "fall schedule" pages for current schedule information.
5. **OJR JAZZ BAND at KNOEBELS:** The OJR HS Jazz Band has once again been selected to perform at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA on Saturday, May 11th. We will be doing two shows that day at the band shell: 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Come up and spend the day at Knoebels! We would appreciate some great OJR support in the audience!
6. **SENIORS:** Thank you for your hard work and dedication over the past four years. We will all miss you very much. Good luck with all of your future plans and stay in touch! Please don't forget to turn in anything you may have: uniforms, music, instruments, mouthpieces, flip folders, etc.....

7. **PRIVATE INSTRUMENT LESSONS:** Summer is a great time to start taking private lessons on your instrument! Private lessons absolutely make the difference in terms of playing ability, solo opportunities, and music festival experiences like district band, etc. Everyone should consider taking private lessons at some point! If you are interested in finding a teacher, I will attach a current list of area private lesson teachers here. If you need any help finding someone just let me know.

REMAINING SCHEDULE...

- May 2nd **SPRING BAND CONCERT & SENIOR BAND AWARDS - 7:00pm**
- May 11th Jazz Band at Knoebels Amusement Park, Shows at 2:00pm & 5:00pm
- May 13th Practice for Cleveland Trip - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- May 15th Practice for Cleveland Trip - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- May 20th Practice for Cleveland Trip - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- May 23-26 **SPRING TRIP TO CLEVELAND**
- May 30th Drum Major Tryouts - 6:00pm
- June 7th **OJR Graduation - Stadium**
All band members (with 8th graders) report 5:30pm
Same dress as spring concert / Finish approx. 8:30pm
- June 8th *Rain Date for OJR Graduation*

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2024 “WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

- TUESDAY, JULY 16th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, JULY 23RD (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, JULY 30TH (10:00am to 12:00pm)
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FRESHMAN DAY:

(For ALL freshman and/or newcomers to the band)

- THURSDAY, AUG 1st (9:00am to 12:00pm)
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BAND CAMP:

- AUGUST 5th through 9th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUGUST 12th through 16th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 20th (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 22nd (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
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COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION WILL HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE REHEARSALS PRIOR TO BAND CAMP. THOSE SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION INSTRUCTORS.

All Rehearsals are mandatory. Please keep in mind that your attendance is critical, particularly at band camp. We cannot learn the show without you there! If you chose to be a member of the marching band, then you are expected to make a commitment to being at all functions. Please contact either Mr. Mengel or your instructor ahead of time with any problems you may encounter with the schedule.

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(Tentative) FALL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

(Update – 2/20/24)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE RETURN/FINISH</u>
Aug. 23	Home Game (Conestoga)	5:00 pm	9:45 pm
Aug. 30	Home Game (Pottsgrove)	5:15 pm	9:45 pm
Sept. 6	Home Game (Great Valley)	5:15 pm	9:45 pm
Sept. 13	Away Game (Avon Grove)	4:30 pm	10:45 pm
Sept. 14	CAVALCADE (Twin Valley HS)	TBD	TBD
Sept. 20	Home Game (Perk Valley)	5:15 pm	9:45 pm
Sept. 21	CAVALCADE (Lampeter Strasburg HS)	TBD	TBD
Sept. 27	Home Game (Norrstown) HOMECOMING	5:15 pm	9:45 pm
Oct. 4	Home Game (Boyertown) Senior Parent Night	5:30 pm	10:00 pm
Oct. 5	HOME CAVALCADE (OJR BAND CAVALCADE)	TBD	TBD
Oct. 11	Away Game (Methacton)	4:45 pm	10:15 pm

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>REPORT</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE RETURN/FINISH</u>
Oct. 16	HALLOWEEN PARADE (Elverson) <i>Rain Date Oct. 17th</i>	5:00 pm	9:30 pm
Oct. 19	Away Game (Springford) <i>Saturday Afternoon Game</i>	11:45 am	5:30 pm
Oct. 25	Away Game (Opponent TBD)	TBD	TBD
Oct. 26	CAVALCADE - PAMBC FINALE (J.P. McCaskey HS)	TBD	TBD
Nov. 2	<i>Rain Date for Final Cavalcade</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Nov. 7	Marching Band BANQUET (High School Cafeteria / Auditorium)	6:00 pm	

Please Note: All times listed are tentative at this point. Cavalcade times are listed as “TBD” or “To Be Determined”, but will generally involve a late-morning practice, followed by a meal together at OJR in the afternoon before we leave for the cavalcade in the evening.

PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS

POTTSTOWN AREA (Or Close By)

(Update 11/21/22)

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1. Dr. Lynne Cooksey 610-469-2518
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