



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: October, 2024

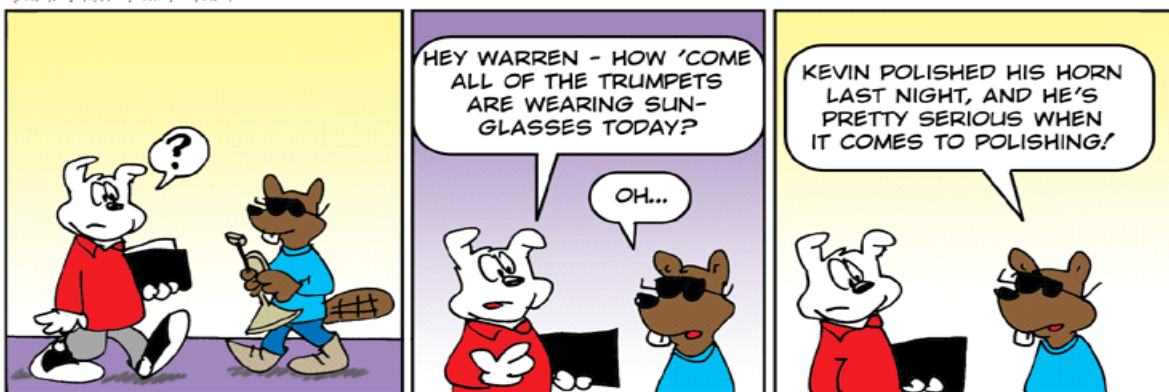


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1. **OJR CAVALCADE:** The 53rd annual OJR Cavalcade of Bands will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2024 and the excitement is building! Help is still needed in many areas. Parents, to see where you may be able to volunteer, go to: www.ojrbandmpo.com and scroll down to the 2024 Cavalcade information. This year's cavalcade is the **BIGGEST ONE EVER** and will feature performances from a total of nineteen bands, including an appearance by the Temple University "Diamond" Marching Band! The schedule for the day is attached here.
2. **PARENT CHEERING SECTION:** Parents, feel free to cheer loudly for us at our upcoming cavalcades & remaining performances. We definitely need your support and our band always performs better when we can see, hear, and feel that fantastic support from our enthusiastic OJR parent cheering section!
3. **FALL MARCHING BAND PRACTICES:** With only one group practice a week on Tuesday nights, that means there are **ONLY FOUR Tuesday night practices remaining for the season**, so missing even one of them is a big deal. Please do everything possible to be at each practice for the remainder of the season. We will be adding new visuals, drill, and other fun things to the show at each practice. Our final practice will be on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.
4. **OJR BAND PARENT EQUIPMENT CREW, CHAPERONES, ETC.:** A quick shout out to our dedicated OJR band parent equipment crew and chaperones. We have a lot of great assistance each and every week and we couldn't do it without them. Thanks to all equipment crew volunteers!
5. **DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS:** District band auditions will be on Saturday, Nov. 23rd at West Chester East High School and is for current sophomores, juniors, and seniors. For those who qualify, District Band this year is a 2-day festival (Jan 24th & 25th) that includes the best student musicians from all schools in Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware counties and is an **AWESOME** opportunity and experience. Please visit the PMEA District 12 website for more information and to view and print the audition pieces: <https://www.pmea12.org>

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BAND SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

- 10/1/24 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/4/24 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Senior Parent Night)**
- 10/5/24 **OJR HOME CAVALCADE!!! - See Attached Schedule**
- 10/8/24 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/10/24 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Methacton) - Thursday Night Game**
- 10/15/23 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/16/24 **ELVERSON PARADE (the rain date is 10/17/24)**
 - Report 5:00pm
 - Leave OJR 5:30pm
 - Parade Starts at 7:00pm
 - Return to OJR approx. 8:30pm
- 10/19/24 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Springford) - Saturday Afternoon Game**
- 10/22/24 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm (**Final Rehearsal Of The Season**)
- 10/25/24 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (TBD)**
- 10/26/24 **FINAL CAVALCADE (J.P. McCaskey High School)**
- 11/2/24 *Rain Date for Final Cavalcade*
- 11/7/24 **MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS CAFETERIA**
- 12/19/24 **ANNUAL BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT - 7:00PM**

*Please Keep Friday Nights Open in November In Case Our
Football Team Continues Into Post-Season...*

OJR HOME CAVALCADE

SCHEDULE – Oct. 5th

- 3:00pm REPORT & Change into Uniform (Full Uniform stays on all night!) - *All band hosts report at 2:30pm*
- 3:20pm Line Up / March Down / Find Our Seating Area
- 4:00pm SHOW BEGINS – Everyone in stands for SSB and first band – After the first band you can visit concessions & candy grams, bathrooms, etc. in-between band performances
- 5:40pm Immediately following Hershey’s performance, form TUNNEL for OJR Middle School Band and cheer them into the stadium!
- 5:45pm Watch OJR Middle School Band
- 6:00pm INTERMISSION – Watch OJR Drumline Performance
- 7:00pm Meet back up at high school & prepare for warmup
- 7:15pm OJR Warmup Begins
- 8:30pm OJR High School Performance!
- 9:30pm Mass Band Finale
- 9:45pm March Back To High School Together
- 10:00pm Pizza with Temple’s Band in HS Cafeteria
(Pizzas & drinks provided by OJR Band Parents!)