



# MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: October, 2023

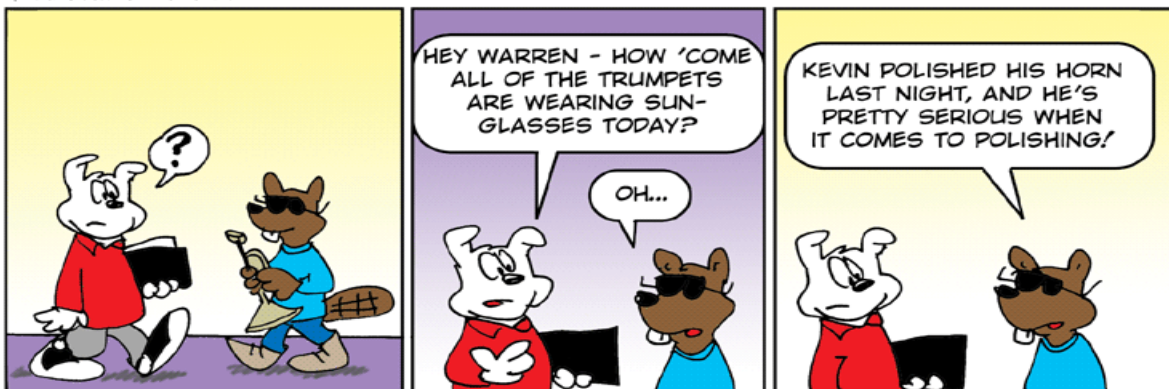


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1. **OJR CAVALCADE:** The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual OJR Cavalcade of Bands will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and the excitement is building! Help is still needed in many areas. Parents, to see where you may be able to volunteer, go to: [www.ojrbandmpo.com](http://www.ojrbandmpo.com) and scroll down to the 2023 Cavalcade information. This year's cavalcade will feature performances from fourteen bands followed by our GRAND FINALE involving every student from every band in a joint performance on the field together.
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:** Weekly marching band practices for the remainder of the season will be on Tuesday nights in October from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Please remember, 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. 24<sup>th</sup>.
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. 18<sup>th</sup> at West Chester Bayard Rustin High School and is for current sophomores, juniors, and seniors. For those who qualify, District Band is a 3-day festival (Jan 11,12,13<sup>th</sup>) 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**

- 10/3/23 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/6/23 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Norristown HS & Middle School Band Night)**
  - Report 5:15pm
  - OJR Middle School Band performs PRE-GAME
  - Norristown's Band performs at Halftime
  - We perform Pre-Game at 6:30pm, and our MS Band will perform at 6:40pm
  - Finish approx. 10:00pm

• 10/7/23 **OJR HOME CAVALCADE!!! - See Attached Schedule**

- 10/10/23 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 10/13/22 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Homecoming Game vs. Boyertown)**
  - Report 5:45pm
  - We perform during Halftime
  - Finish approx. 9:45pm

- 10/17/23 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm

• 10/18/23 **ELVERSON PARADE (rain date 10/19/23)**

- Report 5:00pm
- Leave OJR 5:30pm
- Parade Starts at 7:00pm
- Return to OJR approx. 8:30pm

- 10/20/23 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Methacton)**
  - Report 5:30pm
  - We perform Halftime (tentative)
  - Finish approx. 9:45pm

• 10/21/23 **CAVALCADE (Penncrest HS) - Schedule TBD**

- 10/24/23 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm (Final Rehearsal Of The Season)

- 10/27/23 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Senior Parent Night)**
  - *Schedule TBD*

• 10/28/23 **FINAL CAVALCADE (Manheim Township High School) - Schedule TBD**

- 11/4/23 *Rain Date for Final Cavalcade*
- 11/9/23 **MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS CAFETERIA**
- 12/20/23 **ANNUAL BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT - 7:00PM**

# OJR HOME CAVALCADE

## SCHEDULE – Oct. 7th

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- 4:00pm REPORT & Change into Uniform (Full Uniform stays on all night!) - *All band hosts report at 3:00pm*
- 4:20pm Line Up / March Down / Find Our Seating Area
- 5:00pm 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
- 6:25pm Immediately following Pottstown’s performance, form tunnel for OJR Middle School Band and cheer them into the stadium!
- 6:30pm Watch OJR Middle School Band
- 6:45pm INTERMISSION – Watch OJR Drumline Performance
- 7:30pm Meet back up at high school & prepare for warmup
- 7:45pm OJR Warmup Begins
- 9:00pm OJR High School Performance!
- 9:30pm Mass Band Finale
- 9:45pm March Back To High School Together
- 10:00pm Pizza Party in Cafeteria  
*(Pizzas & drinks provided by OJR Band Parents!)*