



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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- MARCHING BAND BANQUET:** Our annual marching band banquet will be on Thursday, Nov. 9th starting with dinner at 6:00pm in the HS Cafeteria. All band members, families, and instructors are invited to the banquet. This is always a FUN night with great food and it gives us all a chance to recognize our accomplishments and celebrate our terrific season. *Please see attached letter for more information on the marching band banquet.*
- SPRING MUSIC DEPT. TRIP TO CLEVELAND, OH - DEPOSIT #1:** Our Music Department Spring Trip to Cleveland, Ohio has been approved by the OJR School Board, and plans are in full swing. The **Trip Permission Slip and the 1st Deposit in the amount of \$333.00 are due on Wednesday, Nov. 1st.** Attached here once again is the Trip Information Packet, along with information on the Optional Trip Insurance for those of you who may be interested.
- DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS:** Any 10th, 11th, or 12th grade band member interested in auditioning for district band must register by November 10th (see Mr. M for more details). District band auditions themselves will be on Saturday, Nov. 18th at West Chester Bayard Rustin High School. For those who qualify, District Band is a 3-day festival (Jan 11,12,13th) 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>
- HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our annual OJR Band Holiday Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 7pm in the high school auditorium and will feature our 155-member Concert Band and Jazz Band. Hope to see all band families on the 20th for what promises to be a great night of holiday music! Tell your neighbors and friends that everyone is invited - admission is free to the public. (Dress for Band Members: Guys -Dark Slacks & Shoes, White Dress Shirt, Tie / Gals: Dark Dress or Dress Outfit, Etc.)
- THANKS FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT THIS FALL:** A big THANK YOU to all of our terrific OJR Band Parents who supported us this fall throughout our marching band season. From uniform distribution, to equipment management, to prop design & construction, to sewing flags, to handing out band camp dinners, to managing the sound system, to organizing band spirit wear, to chaperoning all of our games and events, to video-taping our performances, to working the concession stand at home games, to helping with fundraisers, and much, much more, a community of parents & band supporters always come together to support the band in the fall and we are very thankful and appreciative of everyone's help!
- PRIVATE LESSONS:** Now that marching band is almost over it is a great time to think about starting private lessons on your instrument. Private lessons absolutely make the difference when it comes to enhancing your musical skill level, qualifying for solos and other opportunities, etc. There are many good teachers in our area to take advantage of. Attached here is a list of private lesson teachers in our area for your reference.

SCHEDULE UP THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS.....

November & December

- 11/3/23 **AWAY GAME** at Garnet Valley High School
 - Report 4:30pm
 - Leave OJR 5:00pm
 - We perform **HALFTIME** at Garnet Valley
 - Return to OJR approx. 10:45pm
- 11/9/23 **MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS Cafeteria**
See attached letter which indicates what you are asked to bring.
- 11/14/23 **OJR BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm**
- 11/18/23 **District Band Auditions**
- 12/12/23 **OJR BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm**
- 12/20/23 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT - 7:00pm - HS AUDITORIUM**

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PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS

POTTSTOWN AREA (Or Close By)

(Update 11/21/22)

FLUTE:

1. Dr. Lynne Cooksey 610-469-2518
2. Eric Emrick 610-323-0561
3. Dr. Emily Newbold 610-647-2219
4. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
5. Valerie Gray 484-300-1484
6. Stuart Best 610-827-0956

TRUMPET:

1. Rob Skoniczin 610-913-6783
2. Kevin Rosenberry 610-970-5538
3. Dr. Jann Huggens 610-469-5820
4. Brian Kuszyk 215-368-5973
5. Bob Wagner 610-469-9650
6. Harry Oehler 610-489-3676

OBOE/BASSOON:

1. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
2. Nancy Gaspari 610-792-3595
3. Kim Webster 610-916-4909
4. Jill Haley 610-370-1679
5. Carol Schwanger 610-367-0033 (bassoon)

FRENCH HORN:

1. Sally Heist 610-385-3815
2. Erin Sweetsir-Mills erinsweetsir@gmail.com
3. Mary Nason 610-718-5676
4. Liz Pfaffle 812-219-3426

CLARINET:

1. Phil Forlano 610-458-5191
2. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
3. David Blumberg davidcblumberg@gmail.com
4. Carol Satson-Gore 610-489-3676
5. Phil Forlano 610-594-9636
6. Pat Frederick 610-873-6852
7. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
8. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
9. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

TROMBONE:

1. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
2. Gail Glass 484-302-5948
3. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
4. Harry Oehler 610-489-3676

BARITONE/EUPHONIUM:

1. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
2. Gail Glass 484-302-5948
3. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
4. Harry Oehler 610-489-3676

SAXOPHONE:

1. Bridgette Horning 484-624-7753
2. Mollie Larkin 610-220-2682
3. Phil Forlano 610-594-9636
4. Eric Emrick 610-323-0561
5. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
6. Philip Covelli 610-933-1097
7. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
8. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

TUBA:

1. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
2. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
3. Harry Oehler 610-489-3676

GUITAR:

1. Rick Taylor 610-913-7225

PERCUSSION:

1. Isaac Strader 304-677-5365
2. Dan Herbein 484-553-5379
3. Ben Herbein 484-553-5379
4. David Stauffer 610-906-4206

BAND BANQUET 2023



Greetings OJR Band Family,

As another amazing marching band season draws to a close, you all are invited to our culminating event that celebrates all of our achievements and hard work - the **2023 Band Banquet!**

Join us on **Thursday, November 9th at 6 p.m.** in the high school cafeteria for our annual potluck marching band banquet! After a great meal provided by all of the band families, we will reflect on our season, watch one of our (numerous!) stellar performances, and acknowledge students and staff for their accomplishments.

We ask that you view the attached sheet regarding which section should bring what item. This ensures that families will be able to enjoy a well-rounded and delicious banquet! Thank you in advance, to all the families who bring food and supplies for this dinner – it truly makes a memorable evening even better! The generosity of our marching band members and their families is seemingly endless, and we love knowing that we can count on you!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for another exceptional season! We look forward to being **Rocked by Love** just one more time with everyone!



With Pride,
Matthew Mulholland
Band President
Charlotte McQuillan
Band Vice President

BANQUET INFORMATION

Where: Thursday, November 9th, 2023 in the High School Cafeteria

What to Bring:

- ★ **EVERYONE:** To make sure we have enough food for everyone, please bring one covered dish of your choice. This could include pasta, chicken, potatoes, meatballs, pizza, sandwiches, and salads, as well as vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.

In addition to your covered dish, the following is requested:

- ★ Woodwinds: WATER & NON-DIET drinks such as tea, soda, lemonade, and sparkling water
- ★ Drumline & Pit Percussion: DIET drinks such as Diet Pepsi, Coke Zero, etc.
- ★ Brass & Colorguard: Please bring a DESSERT. To accommodate those with food sensitivities and allergies, please do NOT bring anything that contains peanuts

