



# MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!



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1. **MARCHING BAND BANQUET:** Our annual marching band banquet will be on Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*
2. **DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS:** For any 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade band member who wants to audition for district band, the auditions are through video submissions once again this year between Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. District band includes the best student musicians from all schools in Chester, Philadelphia, and Delaware counties and is an AWESOME opportunity and experience. If chosen for district band, the three-day festival will be held at Coatesville High School from Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> through 11th. For more information, please go to the PMEA website here: <https://www.pmea12.org/2022-auditions-pmea-district-12>
3. **HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our annual OJR Holiday Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the high school auditorium and will feature the concert band, jazz band, and orchestra. Hope to see all band families on the 21st 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.)
4. **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 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!
5. **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

- 11/10/22 **MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS Cafeteria**  
See attached letter which indicates what you are asked to bring.
- 11/8/22 **BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm**
- 12/13/22 **BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm**
- 12/21/22 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT - 7:00pm - HS AUDITORIUM**

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

[HTTP://WWW.TALESFROMBANDCAMP.COM](http://www.talesfrombandcamp.com)



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# **PRIVATE LESSON TEACHERS**

## **POTTSTOWN AREA (Or Close By)**

*(Update 7/18/22)*

### **FLUTE:**

1. Dr. Lynne Cooksey 610-469-2518
2. Rachel Ficca 484-941-4835
3. Dr. Emily Newbold 610-647-2219
4. Ann Cusano 610-207-9293
5. Valerie Gray 484-300-1484
6. Eric Emrick 610-323-0561
7. Stuart Best 610-827-0956
8. Rachel Ficca 484-941-4835

### **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)

### **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

### **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

### **GUITAR:**

1. Rick Taylor 610-913-7225
2. Isaac Strader 304-677-5365

### **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. Rob Diener 484-686-8195
6. Bob Wagner 610-469-9650
7. Amanda Ficca 484-942-8929

### **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

### **TROMBONE:**

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

### **BARITONE/EUPHONIUM:**

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

### **TUBA:**

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

### **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 2022

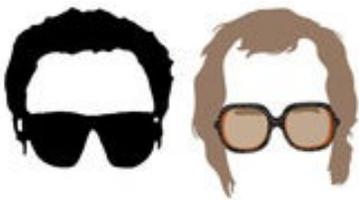
Dear OJR Band Family,

As another terrific marching band season draws to a close, the time has come to celebrate all of our hard work and achievements together. Join us on **Thursday, November 10th at 6 pm** in the high school cafeteria for our annual marching band banquet. Together, we'll share a meal and watch a video of one of the band's (countless) outstanding performances from this season. Students and staff will be recognized for their accomplishments, and seniors will receive gifts from their respective sections following the banquet festivities.

To say that our band family is large would be an understatement, so we ask that you view the attached sheet regarding food and drink donations to supply the band's meal for the evening. The generosity of this marching band is seemingly endless, and we love knowing that we can count on you!

We encourage you to invite your friends and family to partake in this long-standing tradition that displays the incredible sense of community within the Owen J. Roberts band. The band banquet is the perfect culmination of everyone's hard work and dedication to our show this season.

Congratulations to everyone for another exceptional season, and I look forward to seeing you all!



With Pride,  
Ava Nicholas  
Band President

# BANQUET INFORMATION

Where: Thursday, November 10th, 2022 in the High School Cafeteria

What to Bring:

- ★ **EVERYONE:** Please bring one covered dish of your choice. Popular suggestions include pasta, chicken, potatoes, meatballs, pizza, sandwiches, and salads, as well as vegan and vegetarian options. Our band's welcoming, so let's prepare an equally welcoming and inclusive food selection, and don't be afraid to get creative!

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

- ★ Woodwinds: WATER & NON-DIET drinks such as tea, soda, lemonade, and sparkling water
- ★ Drumline: 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

