



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: FINAL EDITION

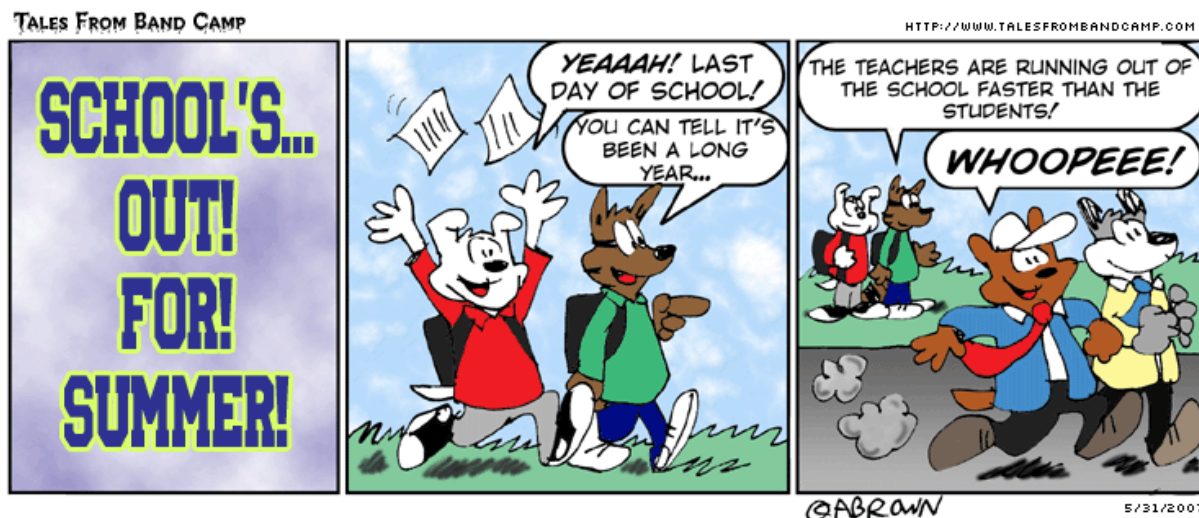
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1. **FINAL EDITION OF MENGEL'S 'MINDERS:** This will be the final edition (ever) of Mengel's 'Minders. I started doing these twenty-one years ago in 2004 as a way to keep the members and parents in our band program informed of the band's various activities, schedules, events, big announcements, etc. It is my hope that they have been helpful to all of you and to all of my former students and parents.
2. **SPRING BAND CONCERT:** The band's annual spring concert is scheduled for **Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium.** The concert this year will feature the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Senior Awards, and guest saxophone soloist Jon Hedrick (1998 OJR Alum). **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: **GUY**S - slacks (no jeans), shoes, a dress shirt and tie. **GAL**S - a nice dress, skirt/blouse combination, or a nice pants outfit. Please use good judgment and look professional.
3. **OJR JAZZ BAND TO OPEN FOR THE "WORLD FAMOUS" TOMMY DORSEY ORCHESTRA:** The OJR HS Jazz Band will be the opening act for the World Famous Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at Historic Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00pm. This is an incredible honor and opportunity for our Jazz Band and we would love to invite everyone in the OJR Community to attend. Come join us for a trip back in time to the 1940's. Tickets are on sale now through Sunnybrook and can be ordered here:
<https://souljoels.com/shop/tickets/tommydorsey/>
4. **OJR JAZZ BAND at KNOEBELS:** The OJR HS Jazz Band has once again been selected to be the feature entertainment act at Knoebels Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA on Saturday, May 17th. We will be doing two shows that day at the band shell: 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Come up and have a fun day at Knoebels! We would appreciate some great OJR support in the audience!
5. **BAND UNIFORM COLLECTION DATES:** Band uniforms will be collected over two nights: **Monday, May 12th** (Freshmen, Sophomores, & Juniors) from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the HS Chorus Room, and also on **Monday, June 2nd** (Seniors) from 5:00pm to 6:30p in the HS Chorus Room. Please bring along a check for \$16.00 payable to "OJR MPO" for your summer dry-cleaning fee and have your garment bag and hat box completely cleaned out. (Jazz Band Seniors, please bring an additional \$10.00 fee to have your Jazz Band Jackets dry-cleaned). See attached flyer for additional info.
6. **BAND PERFORMANCE AT OJR GRADUATION:** Graduation is Friday, June 6th (**Rain Date Sat, June 7th**). 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 6th, the graduation ceremony would be rescheduled to the following day - Saturday, June 7th 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.

7. **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.....
8. **REMAINING COMMUNICATIONS:** All remaining communications regarding next year will come from the new director of bands at Owen J. Roberts, Mr. Ben Hayes. Congratulations to Mr. Hayes, and good luck to all!
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REMAINING SCHEDULE...

- April 26th Annual OJR Band Pasta Dinner Fundraiser - Grace Assembly Church
- May 1st **SPRING BAND CONCERT & SENIOR BAND AWARDS - 7:00pm**
- May 8th Jazz Band Opening Act for Tommy Dorsey - Sunnybrook - 6:00pm
- May 12th Band Uniform Collection (9th, 10th, 11th graders) - 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- May 17th Jazz Band at Knoebels Amusement Park, Shows at 2:00pm & 5:00pm
- June 2nd Band Uniform Collection (12th graders) - 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- June 6th **OJR Graduation - Stadium**
All band members (with 8th graders) report 5:30pm
Same dress as spring concert / Finish approx. 8:30pm
- June 7th Rain Date for OJR Graduation



Thanks for the memories, everyone!