



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: January, 2024

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1. **GREAT HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Nice job at our holiday concert on Dec. 20th by everyone involved. Many thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Yocum for coordinating the holiday poinsettias for our stage and thanks to our terrific OJR Stage Crew for helping with sound & lighting that evening.
2. **MUSIC DEPT. SPRING TRIP TO CLEVELAND:**
 - Your next trip deposit (#2) is due Monday, Jan 22nd in the amount of \$333.00. For those of you who participated in the Citrus Sale, if you would like to use those funds from your student accounts towards your next trip deposit, please submit the attached form.
 - Start thinking about who you would like to room with in Cleveland. Rooming Sign-Ups will be posted outside the band room very soon.
3. **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Congratulations to the following band members for qualifying for the very prestigious PMEA District 12 Band Festival this year: Matthew Mulholland, Sohum Bandyopadhyay, Katie Post, and Alia Booth-Genthe. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert which will be held at Avon Grove High School on Saturday, Jan. 13th at 4:00pm.
4. **OJR SWING DANCE IS BACK!** Mark your calendars for Friday, March 1st as we bring back a very fun OJR Tradition from the past - *The OJR Swing Dance!* Our Jazz Band will be providing live music for the dance that night which will be held in our OJR HS Cafeteria. More details to come, but for now get ready for a super-fun night!
5. **SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE:** Our tentative summer practice schedule is attached for those of you who are beginning to plan your summer vacations, etc. Our summer schedule will not be final until the OJR school board sets the dates for the beginning of next school year, so it is possible that this schedule may change, but it is my best guess for now based on the OJR school calendar for the past few years. Please remember, you need to be at band camp or we can't learn a show so please mark your calendars and make sure you are available during those weeks in August. Weeknight practices in September and October will be on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. A full schedule for the fall, including performances, will be distributed later this spring.
6. **PRIVATE LESSONS:** Now 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. Please see Mr. M if you are interested in learning more about the teachers in our area.

SPRING, 2024 - A LOOK AHEAD

- March 1 OJR Swing Dance (Jazz Band Live Entertainment)
- April 26 OJR "Italian Jazz Night"
- May 2 **Spring Band Concert & Senior Awards - 7:00pm**
- May 23-26 **Music Department Trip to Cleveland**
- June 7 Band Performance at OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium
(All Concert Band Members)

BAND PARENT MEETINGS SPRING, 2024

2nd Tuesday of each month

**Check the OJR MPO website for locations &
details – www.ojrbandmpo.com**

All Parents Invited!



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

2024 “WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT

Tentative

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

- TUESDAY, JULY 16th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, JULY 23rd (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, JULY 30th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
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FRESHMAN DAY:

(For ALL freshman and/or newcomers to the band)

- THURSDAY, AUG 1st (9:00am to 12:00pm)
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BAND CAMP:

- AUGUST 5th through 9th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUGUST 12th through 16th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 20th (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 22nd (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
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COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION WILL HAVE THEIR OWN SEPARATE REHEARSALS PRIOR TO BAND CAMP. THOSE SCHEDULES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE COLORGUARD AND PERCUSSION INSTRUCTORS.

All Rehearsals are mandatory. Please keep in mind that your attendance is critical, particularly at band camp. We cannot learn the show without you there! If you chose to be a member of the marching band, then you are expected to make a commitment to being at all functions. Please contact either Mr. Mengel or your instructor ahead of time with any problems you may encounter with the schedule.

**AUTHORIZATION TO USE FUNDS FROM
INDIVIDUAL STUDENT FUNDRAISING ACCOUNTS**

**OJR MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPRING TRIP
CLEVELAND 2024**

DEPOSIT #2 - \$333.00
Checks Payable to "OJR MPO"

Due on or before JANUARY 22, 2024

(Return this form to your music teacher **ONLY** if you want to use money in your fundraising account.)

Student Name _____

_____ I would like to use \$_____ from my MPO Student Fundraising Account.

(Check) \$ _____ + (Student Account) \$ _____ = \$333.00

Please make all payments in checks and payable to: **"OJR MPO"**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Any questions about student account e-mail: treasurer@ojrbandmpo.com