



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



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1. **MARCHING BAND BANQUET:** Our annual marching band banquet will be on Thursday, Nov. 7<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:** Any 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade band member interested in auditioning for district band must register by November 6th (see Mr. M for more details). District band auditions themselves will be on Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at West Chester East High School. For those who qualify, District Band is a two-day festival (Jan 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<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>
3. **HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our annual OJR Band Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the high school auditorium and will feature our 150 member Concert Band and our Jazz Band. We hope to see all band families on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 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

- 11/1/24 HOME GAME (vs. Neshaminy)
  - Report 5:15pm
  - We perform PRE-GAME
  - Finish / Pickup approx. 9:45pm
- 11/7/24 MARCHING BAND BANQUET - 6:00pm - HS Cafeteria  
See attached letter which indicates what you are asked to bring.
- 11/12/24 OJR BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm
- 11/23/24 District Band Auditions
- 12/10/24 OJR BAND PARENT (MPO) MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm
- 12/19/24 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

### **SAXOPHONE:**

1. Bob Schwanger 610-906-2428
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. Ryan Gerberich 215-272-7549

### **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

### **GUITAR:**

1. Rick Taylor 610-913-7225

### **TUBA:**

1. Brian Schultz 610-948-4541
2. Ian Shafer 610-489-3676
3. Harry Oehler 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 2024

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 7th at 6 pm** in the high school cafeteria for our annual marching band banquet. We will share a meal and watch another fantastic performance from the band. We will recognize students, staff, and parents for their numerous accomplishments and unimaginable help during the season, and sections will have time to present their seniors with senior gifts after the banquet ends.

To say that our band family is large would be an understatement, so we ask that you please view the attached sheet regarding food and drink donations to supply the band's meal for the evening. The band's appetite is seemingly endless, but so is the generosity and helpfulness of you all.

We encourage you to invite 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 end and celebration of the hard work and accomplishments from everyone in the marching band community.

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

With Pride,  
Band President Brynn Hayes  
Vice President Adam Mumma



# BANQUET INFORMATION

Where: Thursday, November 7th in the High School Cafeteria.

What to Bring (Everyone is asked to bring two items):

- ★ **EVERYONE:** Please bring one main food item of your choice. Popular suggestions include pasta, chicken, potatoes, meatballs, pizza, sandwiches, and salads, as well as vegan and vegetarian options. Our band is 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.
- ★ 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.

