



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: January, 2023

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1. **GREAT HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Nice job at our holiday concert on Dec. 21st by everyone involved. Many thanks to Mrs. Kelly Erb for coordinating the holiday poinsettias for our stage and thanks to our audio team of parents for setting up all of our sound equipment and running sound that evening!
 2. **CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Congratulations to the following band members for qualifying for the very prestigious PMEA District 12 Band Festival this year: Austin Spranger, Matthew Mulholland, Jake Ambrosio, Jenn Felice, and Reagan Morrison. Everyone is welcome to attend the concert which will be held at Great Valley High School on Saturday, Feb. 11th.
 3. **OJR JAZZ BAND & GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA:** The high school Jazz Band will be performing alongside the World Famous **Glenn Miller Orchestra** at Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown on Thursday, April 27th. This is a tremendous opportunity for our jazz band, and a wonderful honor for the OJR School District. We need to sell 1,000 tickets to the performance and will need the help of our entire OJR community. Watch for additional information, ticket ordering process, etc. in the weeks ahead.
 4. **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.
 5. **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. Attached here is a list of private lesson teachers in our area. Feel free to contact any of them to talk about available options.
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SPRING, 2023 - A LOOK AHEAD

- April 27 Glenn Miller Orchestra & OJR Jazz Band
Performance at Sunnybrook Ballroom in Pottstown
- May 4 **Spring Band Concert & Senior Awards - 7:00pm**
- June 9 Band Performance at OJR Graduation - 6:30pm - Stadium
(All Concert Band Members)

BAND PARENT MEETINGS SPRING, 2023

2nd Tuesday of each month

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

All Parents Invited!



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

2023 “WILDCAT” MARCHING UNIT

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

BRASS & WOODWIND SECTIONALS:

- TUESDAY, JULY 18th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, JULY 25th (10:00am to 12:00pm)
 - TUESDAY, AUG 1st (10:00am to 12:00pm)
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FRESHMAN DAY:

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

- THURSDAY, AUG 3rd (9:00am to 12:00pm)
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BAND CAMP:

- AUGUST 7th through 11th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUGUST 14th through 18th (2pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 22nd (5:30pm to 8:30pm): All Units
 - AUG. 24th (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.

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

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