

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

Congratulations to All students who participated in the SIUE Bi-State Band Festival this past weekend. All three bands performed a variety of exciting music. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students at this event. All student names will be posted soon on our website under awards.

Tuesday - Jazz Band rehearsal

Wednesday - Booster Meeting & 8th Grade Orientation meetings at Milburn given by the OTHS Guidance Department. After both of the full meetings there will be a brief band meeting that will be available for incoming 8th grade students and families. This brief meeting will occur in the Milburn band room. We will send out the information presented to all students through their respective band teachers.

Thursday - Jazz Band rehearsal

Monday - All Solo Ensemble registration sheets are **due** to the band office or Dr. G. If students need help finding music, please contact Dr. G at this time. We are also looking for additional piano players to accompany the students for the IHSA Solo Ensemble Contest.

***ILMEA Jazz Band Preview Concert** - in the OTHS Panther Center - Smiley Campus - 7pm - EVERYONE is WELCOME 😊

****ILMEA ALL STATE STUDENTS** - please turn in your permission slip to the band office on Tuesday. Any questions, regarding All State, see Dr. G.

*****Jazz band students** - Mr. Carter will have a full itinerary for you for the jazz band trip to ILMEA this week.

Symphonic Winds - Information was sent out regarding the WIU trip in February. More details will be available regarding the schedule for this trip.

PRIVATE LESSONS - this is the time of year that we are deciding on concert band rosters and planning the upcoming marching band season. If your student is interested in private lessons, please email John Langham at langhamj@oths.us

~Dr. G, Mr. Carter, and Mr. Murphy



Now Hiring Interns - Education & Advocacy



Apply for an Internship with Music for All!

Applications are now open for the three paid internships with Music for All's Education & Advocacy Team! Interns get real work experience in a fast-paced, exciting environment - including on-site at events.

One paid internship will be offered in each of the following seasons:

- Summer 2023
- Fall 2023
- Spring 2024

Apply by end of day January 27, 2023 for consideration.

[Apply Now!](#)



Reaching Higher: Tips for Mastering the Break and Altissimo Register

with Dr. Bonnie Campbell

JANUARY 17, 2023

7:00 pm CT | Via Zoom

FREE Master Class



Dear Melissa,

VanderCook College of Music is hosting a **FREE virtual CLARINET master class** with Dr. Bonnie Campbell on **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7PM Central via Zoom!**

Do your students find it challenging to transition smoothly over the infamous register break? Do your students dread playing altissimo notes? Have your students take their tone and technique to the next level. They will learn proven strategies for gaining fluency and finesse when transitioning between registers, as well as developing a secure, yet supple, sound on the notes above the staff.

Please, use the link below to **register** or to **share** this event.

Musically,

Admissions Team

[Registration Form](#)

[All Spring Master Classes](#)



Winter Guard

~ Winterguard Competitions ~

- Jan 28 Wentzville Liberty
- Feb 18 Francis Howell
- Feb 25 Edwardsville
- Mar 18 MCCGA – O’Fallon Township High School
- Mar 30 Winterguard Parent Preview
- Apr 1 Championships – Springfield, MO

~ VOLUNTEER/SHADOW NEEDS ~

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you have any questions, please contact any one of our board members.



Secretary

Treasurer

General Fundraising Lead

Concessions Lead: (1) Special Events/ (1) Football Games

O’That Jazz Lead

IHSA Solo Ensemble Contest – Saturday, March 4th – at Alton HS

IHSA and OTHS Solo Ensemble Rules – *Not including instrument choirs, you may perform up to 3 instrumental events and 3 vocal events. All music must be 64 measures or 90 seconds in length. You must have the original of your music to present to the judge. Additional requirements will be given for all solo work. In order to perform a solo, you must have a private teacher (instrumental requirement). If an accompaniment is required for your piece, then you must provide this. Piano accompaniments will be available through OTHS at the cost of \$40.00, or you may provide your own. You will have until the second week in January to change or pull out of an event without a financial penalty.*

*Ensembles – submit by one member only.

Name _____

Event 1: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

Event 2: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

Event 3: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

Event 4: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

Event 5: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

Event 6: _____ (solo / type of ensemble)

If ensemble (names of performers) _____

WINTER WONDERLAND

Roller Skating Party

OTHS Band Fundraiser

Tuesday, January 31st

6-8pm

Admission \$7.00
(skate rental \$4.00)

Bring your friends and family for a FUN skate party event for the students, staff, family,
and friends of the OTHS Band!

\$5 worth of game play for each paid skater!

**\$4 Meal Deals
Available!**

**2 Slices of cheese pizza
& a drink
OR
Hot dog, chips, & a drink**



BELLEVILLE
1400 WEST BLVD
(618) 234-4502

www.skatecityfunspot.com

~ Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times ~

Parent meetings will be held in person in the Smiley Cafeteria starting at **6 PM** on the following dates:

- **January 18th**
- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 12th
- May 10th
- June 14th
- July – NO MEETING
- August 16th



Spirit Wear Store

****NEW ITEMS**** see store for more items! If you have a request or

idea, please contact chris.kirk@yahoo.com.

Go check it out:

<https://othsband.com/store>



Photographs!!!

Did you miss event? Did you sit on the wrong side and not see your student? Check out our smugmug site and see if you can find your student(s). Thanks again to our photography

team for their work, capturing memories in the making!

Check out all of the photos here (Unlock password is "Tarp"):

<https://marchingpanthers.smugmug.com/2022>

~ Wish List ~

Check out the bands' wish list of items. Some of the items are a one-time purchase others will be ongoing, and more items will be added as needed so check back often. [Wish list on AmazonSmile](#)



AmazonSmile is a way customers can support Ofallon Panther Band Boosters Inc every time you shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. *Amazon has paid us **\$3,158.47***

as of September 2022! Friends and family can use AmazonSmile too, not just band families!!!

Customers who shop at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice.

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.



Formerly ShopWithScrip



Things to know:

- 5 organizations will be selected from a random drawing to win free shipping for the remainder of 2023 (March – December).
- Every participant order placed January 16 - 31 is a qualified entry for your organization.
- All brands and card types are eligible.

Prize Details

5 organizations will win free shipping for March – December 2023. Includes up to 44 organization order shipments using any UPS method. Valued at up to \$16.75 per order.

New Brand: Fresh Thyme Market

Earn 5% with reloadable physical gift cards, available in \$25 and \$100 amounts.

Product Update: Walgreens

Walgreens physical gift cards are now back in stock in addition to the recently launched eGift cards. Physical cards are available in \$25 and \$100 amounts with 5% earnings

[Click Here](#) to view current bonuses

Next RaiseRight order is due Tuesday, January 31st

Shipping fee is \$10.50. Please make sure your rebate total is at a minimum of \$5 to help cover the shared shipping cost. Eleven family physical card orders help keep the shipping cost to under \$1 per family.

- **Milburn Students:** Due 2pm, Main Office. Label envelope RAISERIGHT, student name, & Attn: Mrs. Hosen
- **Smiley Students:** Due 5pm, **Yellow** Marching Panthers Payment Drop box in the band room. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student's name.
- Or drop off at the coordinator's house by 6pm on due date.

Email Lety with any questions at MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com



1/18 Parent Booster Meeting
1/18 Freshman Orientation (incoming 8th graders)
1/20 Freshman/Sophomore One Act Auditions
1/23 Early Bird Jazz Preview Concert
1/25-1/28 ILMEA All-State
1/28 Winterguard – Wentzville Liberty
1/31 Roller Skating Fundraiser
2/7 Booster Board Meeting
2/7 2023 MARCHING BAND MEETING
2/9 Essentially Ellington Festival
2/10-2/11 Frolics
2/15 Parent Booster Meeting
2/18 Winter Guard – Francis Howell High School
2/20 NO SCHOOL
2/24-2/25 WIU Showcase
2/24 Thespian Showcase/One Act
2/25 Winter Guard – Edwardsville
2/28 Concert – All Bands
3/4 IHSA Solo & Ensemble
3/7 Booster Board Meeting
3/15 Parent Booster Meeting

3/18 MCCGA
3/24 SIUE Jazz Festival TBD
3/25 E-recycling
3/30 Winterguard Parent Preview
3/31 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/1 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/1 Winterguard Championship
4/2 Spring Musical ~ Beauty and the Beast
4/4 Booster Board Meeting
4/12 Band Booster Kick-Off
4/14 IHSA Music Contest
4/15 Music for All Concert Band Festival
4/21 Yard Sale Set-up
4/22 Spring Yard Sale
4/28-4/29 ISU Concert Band Festival
5/2 Booster Board Meeting
5/5-5/6 SuperState TBD
5/6 Prom
5/9 Concert – All Bands
5/10 Parent Booster Meeting
5/12 Band Banquet
*5/18 Last Day of School *if no snow days*
5/27 Graduation