

OTHS BANDS Week of August 8th – August 14th

We are so excited to begin the 2022-2023 School Year!

We are already off to a wonderful start.

The two videos below talk through the Band Class Syllabus (which will be posted on Blackboard next week) and the Band Class Schedule, including the afterschool rehearsals for Marching Band.

<https://youtu.be/8PcOC6yqt2o> - Band Class Syllabus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WI0GSG0ucDg> - Band Class Schedule

Wednesday, August 10 - Marching Band Rehearsal at Smiley from 5:30-8:30pm - students will be given a grade for this rehearsal. Every Wednesday evening, brass, woodwinds, and percussion need to be wearing the rehearsal attire. The rehearsal attire is part of the grade expectation for this rehearsal, which also includes being on time for the rehearsal and being a productive member of the band.

Thursday, August 11 - Day 1 of school

We will review the Syllabus and policies with all students. We do plan to PLAY the first day of school for all classes. We will **NOT** be going outside this day or holding an afterschool rehearsal. We wanted students to have a first day where they could acclimate back to school and see teachers after school if necessary.

*At this time, we encourage students to sign up for private lessons and begin preparing for ILMEA Auditions. If your student does not have a private teacher, please email Mr. Langham at langhamj@oths.us. If you need ILMEA audition music, please see Dr G for all brass and woodwind etudes and see Mr. Murphy for the percussion audition music.

If a student needs a school instrument, we will be issuing those this first week.

All music and important documents for class will be posted on the respective Blackboard page for each class.

If you have any question or concerns going into the school year, contact any director:

Melissa Gustafson-Hinds - gustafson-hindsm@oths.us

Philip Carter - carterp@oths.us

Matthew Murphy - murphym@oths.us

John Langham - langhamj@oths.us

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

Senior Banner Opportunity



Senior Color Guard and Marching Panther Students and Parents. We have the opportunity to have senior banners, like what you see at sporting events, made for our seniors. All Seniors will be photographed. Photos will be taken on 8/8 starting at 5:15 PM (arrive no earlier than 5PM) and enter from the MPR door. Guard and Marchers will wear their parade uniforms and have their parade instrument and/or raffle. Long hair may be worn down but should not be sloppy. We have 60+ students to photograph and will get as many as we can completed in a 1 1/2 hour window. If we don't get everyone's picture taken, we will work to get them taken ASAP. The cost is \$40, and each senior

will be able to take their banners at the end of the season (12/7/22). Another note will go out to the whole band if we need sponsors. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sarah Koester (sarahjimkoester@gmail.com or 618-973-6732) At this time there are 11 sponsors available. There will be a make-up date scheduled, sign-up now and send me an email and I'll note the need and be in contact.

Senior families click [here](#) to sign up.

For anyone that would like to sponsor a senior click [here](#)

Rehearsal Viewing

The last hour of Wednesday rehearsals are a fun time to come out to the stadium and watch the progression of the show.



******WARNING******



Please DO NOT share any videos of the show until marching band season is over. This is to protect the show and our kids. We don't want anyone judging us prematurely and it keeps our show exciting. You may see videos shared in private Facebook group pages and that is OK. You may also upload on YouTube but keep the link private or unlisted so you may share with family/friends that are not able to attend our shows.

~ Volunteer Opportunity ~ See Charms for more information



- August 26-27 Yard sale
- August 28 – Mattress Sale 18 Shifts
- September 10 – MEMC (Metro-East Marching Classic) This is an all-hands-on deck (required shifts for all band and guard parents) event. Sign up early to get your preferred shift.
- Football Concessions
 - Aug. 26
 - Sept. 2
 - Sept. 24
 - Oct. 14
 - Oct. 21
- November 4-6 Craft Fair



HELP SUPPORT

OTHS Marching Panthers

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WHEN: Mon, Aug 22nd

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**Services vary by cafe.

6th Annual Mattress Fundraiser

Here is the link to the Facebook event, where we will post about our products, payment options, and other event information. [FACEBOOK LINK](#) Click "GOING"! "INVITE" your friends! "SHARE" our posts!

The flier to share with family and friends to support the O'Fallon Township HS Band Mattress Fundraiser is below. There will be over 25 beds on display for customers to try. The beds are new, brand name, made to order, available in all sizes, and cost less than retail stores. In addition to beds, there will also be luxury pillows, sheets, adjustable power bases, and even massage chairs!

Visit the Facebook event. [FACEBOOK LINK](#) Click "GOING", INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! SHARE OUR POSTS!

Check out how it works: [WATCH HERE](#)

6TH ANNUAL

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- ✓ All sizes available
- ✓ 25+ styles on display
- ✓ Brand new with full factory warranties
- ✓ Delivery available
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- ✓ **Financing Available**



SUN. AUG 28

10AM-5PM

@O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HS

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cfsstlouis@cfsbeds.com

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~ Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times ~

Parent meetings will be held in person starting June 15th in the Smiley Cafeteria starting at **6 PM** on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month and conclude in time to watch rehearsals in the stands.

- **August 10th**
- September 14th
- October 12th
- November 9th
- December 14th

Spirit Wear Store

We'll add new designs and products from time to time.

If you have a request or idea, please contact chris.kirk@yahoo.com.

Go check it out:

<https://othsband.com/store>



Photographs!!!

There are many photos from the last couple of years that our talented photographers have graciously posted to Smugmug. If you would like to look at them, here is the info:

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

The Unlock Password is "Tarp"



Our band needs your assistance. We have a number of paper files that we need to have digitalized. If this is something you or a couple of families can work on together, please contact Chris Kirk (chris.kirk@yahoo.com) for details.

The following positions are open and are in URGENT need of being filled:

Concessions – Contact John Valentine (johnvalentine@charter.net)

- help with ordering food, overseeing volunteers, prepping the band wagon

Clarinet Band Together Lead – Contact Lety Cornejo (letycno7@gmail.com)

- help with clarinet specific questions, email families new to program, post on social media

Concert Uniform Shadows – Contact Lisa Reed (Lisa.reed@yahoo.com) or Jamie Glover (jk.glover@me.com)

- help with fitting concert uniforms, small alterations

The following positions need shadows for the coming year:

Hospitality – Contact Stacy Mitchell (stacylmitchell@msn.com)

- coordinate events that need food/snacks

General Fundraising Chair – Contact Sabrina King (kingkrew@charter.net)

- seek out vendors to raise funds for the whole program

~ 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 \$2,883.34*

as of June 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.

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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.



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScrip

P: Overwhelmed with the costs for band/guard? Not sure how to pay for the 2023 Macy's Trip? Create an account with RaiseRight- it is a year-round fundraiser. Earning money towards your student's account to help offset fees is as easy as purchasing gift cards. Your friends and family can create accounts to help earn money for your student. You would be surprised how quickly your purchases add up.

Start earning by purchasing physical or e-gift cards for the back-to-school shopping needs (clothes, shoes, supplies, etc.)!



Purchase a Panera physical or e-gift card to use at the next dining out fundraiser to benefit the band

August 22, 2022

Next RaiseRight order is due Wednesday, August 17th

- Milburn Students: Due 2pm, Main Office. Label envelope RAISERIGHT, student name, & Attn: Mrs. Horsens
- Smiley Students: Due 3pm, Yellow SCRIP/Boutique box in band room. Label envelope RAISERIGHT and student name.
- Or drop off at the coordinator's house.

Email Lety with any questions at MarchingPanthersRaiseRight@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND

The following items have been turned in from band camp. Please try and collect them so we don't have to put them in the yard sale. Water bottles & lunch boxes are under the sink between the main Band Room & the storeroom. Clothes are in a box on a table in the main Band Room.





2022-2023 OTHS Marching Band Agreement – Commitment – Financial – Volunteer FORM Students & Parents

AGREEMENT/COMMITMENT

- In becoming a member of the OTHS Marching Band, I agree to do my personal best to carry on the tradition of excellence and success both musically, academically, and personally. I realize that conscientious attendance and preparation for rehearsal and performances are essential for the OTHS Band to

operate successfully and that my opportunity to perform will be determined upon my attendance, efforts, and rehearsal performance. I have permission from my parents to attend all extracurricular performances for all ensembles in which I am a member.

- I am aware that participation in this band will place me in a position to be recorded in both still photos and video. My parents grant my permission to the band, any governing body and host at the competition, and any news media, to record, use for promotion, and/or publish without any compensation to me or to my family for the use thereof.
- I understand that my and my parents' contact information will be kept confidential and be shared only with band staff and booster parents used for band related communications and activities.
- I fully understand the conditions and guidelines set forth in the yearly, updated handbook and agree to abide by them. I agree to follow these policies and procedures in order become a successful member of the O'Fallon Township High School Band Program. In addition, all participating students need to comply with OTHS Student Code of Conduct (review on OTHS website). OTHS Student Activity fee is \$150 – payable to OTHS. The band & booster handbook is subject to change*. *All Booster Parents/Guardians are to also conduct themselves as representatives of OTHS, and are encouraged to be respectful, positive, and supportive of the Marching Panthers and other organizations we compete with.

FINANCIAL & VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT - Parents

By allowing my child to participate in the OTHS Band Program, I agree to abide by ALL conditions and guidelines to set forth in the handbook and to encourage my child to do the same.

- I have reviewed and understand the financial requirements for my child to participate in the OTHS Marching Band or Color Guard Program. I understand the **financial and fundraising obligations** to which I must adhere and hereby agree to abide by and **fulfill all the obligations**.
- I agree to make my payments on time & pay all amounts due in full by the published due dates. If circumstances arise that impact my ability to support or meet my financial obligations to the organization, I understand I should contact the Band Director, Booster Student Account Manager, and/or the Booster Treasurer to discuss options. The goal of this discussion will be to develop a strategy to address the issue and remain in good standing.
- I understand my account must be current, without past due balance, to participate in performance and competition activities.
- I also understand that **active participation in fundraising and volunteering** is vital to the success of the band program. It takes **EVERYONE** working to provide the required funds to continue to operate this outstanding program. I am aware of the expectation that all band parents and students WILL volunteer to work shifts for the program to remain successful. The following is a list of mandatory events & requirements:
- **FALL & SPRING YARD SALE** - 1 PARENT & 1 STUDENT SHIFT
- **MEMC-2nd Saturday in September** - 1 PARENT & 1 STUDENT (TBD)
- **MCCGA-Saturday in mid-March** - 1 PARENT (TBD)
- **CRAFT FAIR-1st weekend in November** - 2 PARENTS & 2 STUDENTS

Additional 1 shift from any of the following (**others may be developed**):

- FOOTBALL-BAND WAGON CONCESSIONS
- O' THAT JAZZ EVENT
- BAND BANQUETS



8/10 Teacher's Institute

8/10 Parent Meeting

8/11 First Day of School

8/19 Blue & Gold Game

8/20 SIUE Percussion Festival - TBD

8/20 O'Fallon Fest Parade

8/22 Panera Dining Out Fundraiser

8/26 Yard Sale Set-up

8/27 Yard Sale

8/28 Mattress Fundraiser

9/6 Booster Board Meeting

9/10 MEMC (Metro-East Marching Classic)

9/14 Parent Booster Meeting

9/17 BOA (Bands of America) Regional – Clarksville, TN

9/24 Feeder Football Game

10/5 Booster Board Meeting

10/8 Ft. Zumwalt Competition

10/12 Parent Booster Meeting

10/14 BOA Super Regional St. Louis

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10/19 Homecoming Parade

10/29 Greater St. Louis Marching Band Competition – Belleville West

10/31 Trunk-or-Treat