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From the High School Podium

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We welcome all of our new students from Cardinal Heights and all around the country as well as our returning leaders from last years' SPSH Bands – it is great to see everyone!

We got off to a quick start here at SPSH! SOSB performed at our all district opening day for staff, Epoch has performed at Football games and clinicians from around the country have been in contact with us to set up masterclasses for our students. Rehearsals have begun for the pit orchestra of “Peter Pan” and our concert Bands are off and running with better sounds and better intonation than I can ever remember.

In addition we have our percussion ensemble, flute choir and students participating in the “Lesson Academy” over at Cardinal Heights. Don't forget that Jazz Auditions will be held on September 24 and 25 with the first rehearsals starting the week beginning September 28. There is plenty going on and more to come!

Each student has a list of this year's main events and concerts along with a brief listing of many aspects of the high school band program. This includes: concert schedule, fundraising opportunities, explanation of how to access fundraising account funds and more. We also will have a band “**Handbook**” on the booster website. This will give a few more details about the program, philosophies and policies. I hope you find it helpful and please let me know if we should add or delete anything. If you did not get a copy, I highly recommend downloading it from the www.spbb.org website or picking up a hard copy at the first concert on October 20, at 8pm in the SPSH PAC. The **handbook** is a **valuable reference** for both old and new High School band parents and students.

Fundraising has begun (**Bucky Books** – available through your band director and at Band Booster meeting) – as well as **concession** events at UW sporting events) Every concert band student will be going “on tour” this year, with a cost between \$50 and \$100 so fundraising through concessions is a great way to meet others who share your sons or daughters' interest in music while defraying the cost of a trip or a summer camp or Sound of Sun Prairie, etc. For a detailed description of how fundraising works, see the September 9 meeting handout at www.spbb.org.

Uniform reminder: Male students will need a collared white shirt, black, calf length, socks and black dress shoes to go with their school issued tux. Female students will need black dress shoes to compliment the school issued band dress.

Locker reminder: Please encourage your son or daughter to lock their band locker. Since our lockers are located in a public hallway and not inside the band room, this is more important than ever. They must be vigilant in locking their lockers to avoid theft or losing their lock (replacement of lock is \$12). We strongly discourage students to leave their backpacks in the hall during rehearsals – again if someone is in the hall during class, unsupervised or if there were a fire drill, etc. this could become an issue.

Our first concert is Tuesday, October 20th at 8pm in the SPSH PAC. There is an admission fee of \$2 adults and .50 for students. Seniors and young children are admitted free! This fee supports our commission project and other special guests for the concert program throughout the year. All concerts are **webcast** at <http://www.sunprairie.k12.wi.us/performingarts/>. All three concert bands will be performing in under an hour as well as a percussion ensemble coordinated by Cindy Terhune and flute choir directed by Victoria Rockman.

Below is a listing of the high school band directors and what they teach:

Bruce Hering - Jazz Ensemble II

David Rush - Symphonic Band, Epoch Sound and Jazz Ensemble III

Steve Sveum - Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble I and jazz combo coordinator, Pit Orchestra.

I hope to see you at one of the Band Booster meetings or at one of the many events scheduled for this year!
We are glad you are here!

Sincerely,

Steve Sveum
David Rush





Jazz Program



Welcome to the nationally recognized Sun Prairie Area School District's jazz program! The benefits of jazz include our fabulous teachers, workshops with internationally known jazz educator/performers, and hosting the premier Jazz Festival in Wisconsin!

The jazz program has been a great asset to the community, as well as to the students that participate. Because it is a very active program, it requires dedication from the students and help (at times) from the parents. We are really lucky to have such fabulous band teachers in the SPASD, but they can't run this program without assistance.

Below is the typical calendar of jazz events and a brief description of the types of help that are needed over the year. Please remember that jazz is just one piece of the band program and that some of the other groups will be asking for your help throughout the year as well! Hopefully the following will help you to plan ahead and to avoid band burnout!

We will be sending emails to parents in advance of the various events requesting assistance where needed. Please consider volunteering when the time comes.

We're looking forward to a GREAT year of jazz!

Julie and Tim Keal
jazzchairs@spbb.org



Events and Volunteer Opportunities for Jazz

1) Saturday, December 5 - Big Band Dance

This event is usually held at Angel Park Pavilion. It features bands from SPHS, CHUMS, and SPHS Alumni Jazz Ensemble. The kids love this and frequently will dress up for the dance. We decorate the Angel Park Pavilion and sell concessions.



2) Saturday February 20 - Jazz Festival

This is a huge, annual event for the jazz program which features HS bands from around Wisconsin (usually around 12 bands). This is an all-day event, going from ~7:00 in the morning and ending with an evening concert. This event requires considerable help/time from jazz parents and is a major fund raiser for our organization, in addition to being a great educational event for the kids. The festival is a competition, with judges, but also includes clinics with jazz educators and professionals and ends with a concert and awards. Several scholarships are given out to students for summer jazz programs. We typically need 40-60 volunteers to help with this event in various capacities (office work, hallway monitor, running the judges' hospitality suite, organizing, cooking and serving ~320 people lunch). Beginning in January we will start requesting help with this event.

3) Tuesday, April 5 - Spring Jazz Concert

This is a standard jazz concert, with all of the SPHS jazz bands performing several songs.

5) Saturday, March 12 - Swing Into Spring

Swing Into Spring includes all of the jazz bands and is held at one of the middle schools.

6) Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition in NYC

For the past several years, Jazz I has submitted an audition CD to the Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition, put on by the Jazz at Lincoln Center for High School Jazz bands all over the country. The top 10 bands are selected to go to NYC and compete at Lincoln Center. SPHS Jazz I has been selected to compete in NYC several times, most recently in 2015. The recording for the audition CD occurs in January and the band finds out in late February if they are finalists and are invited to NYC. If selected, the jazz program has just a few weeks to raise the funds to send the band. We try to raise enough money that we only have to charge the students a nominal amount.

All jazz students will attend a jazz festival at some time during the school year. Parents may do fundraising through the Band Boosters (working concessions, selling fruit and Bucky Books, etc.) to offset their child's costs for these and other events.



From the CHUM

Welcome!

We would like to welcome all of the 8th and 9th grade families to the Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School band program and our *“vision of students as accomplished learners and evolving musicians in pursuit of artistry.”*

Band Lessons

- Students have a band lesson every week during their study hall. They are either assigned to their first study hall or second study hall of the week.
- Lessons are where much of the assessment occurs and instrument curriculum is taught. If you have any questions about what your band student should be practicing please take a look at their quarter lesson planner and band notebook. You can find copies of these at our web site <http://www.spbb.org/cardinal-heights-bands.html>

Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy - Launching this fall!

The Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy has been created to provide convenient access to quality private instrument instruction for students in the Sun Prairie Band Program. The program is designed to give students access to one-on-one instruction on their instrument with professional musicians/teachers that specialize on specific instruments right at Cardinal Height after school on Tuesdays. Students will focus on fundamental skills that are particular to his or her instrument. Instructors provide individualized assignments and instruction specific to the student’s particular abilities. The benefits of private instrument instruction include: accelerated study of instrument technique and repertoire, preparation of audition materials, or study of subjects of particular interest (e.g. solo literature or improvisation). Private study is a powerful tool in supporting musical growth in students. This program is organized by the Sun Prairie Band Boosters as a service to band students in Sun Prairie Schools.



Learn more about the Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy at <http://www.spbb.org/spbb-lesson-academy.html>

Sun Prairie Honors Band - just around the corner (audition recordings due October 21 - festival on November 21)

In 2004 the Sun Prairie Honor Band began and included students from each school in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. In 2014 the event expanded by inviting students from other area schools to audition by recording and adding a 9th grade band to create the "Sun Prairie Honors Bands." The festival includes two bands, one consisting of 7th & 8th grade students and another consisting of 9th grade students. The goal is to provide inspiring musical opportunities for our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade band students. Lunch, Dinner, a festival T-shirt, and a commemorative DVD are included as part of the tuition.

Learn more about the Sun Prairie Honors Band at <http://www.spbb.org/sun-prairie-honors-band-registration-page-2015.html>

Cardinal Heights Jazz!

Jazz season will be kicking off shortly with auditions for jazz bands at the Upper Middle School. There is a place for everyone; the audition helps place students in an appropriate ensemble. Students interested in participating in jazz band will audition by performing "Blues by Five," some sight-reading, and the option of soloing over a Bb blues. For more information please visit <http://www.spbb.org/chums-jazz-audition-page-2015.html>

Rehearsals will begin September 28th.

Jazz I will rehearse Mondays and Thursdays 7:00-7:45am.

In October, Rhythm Section will meet on Tuesday mornings 7-7:45am, instead of Mondays.

Jazz II: Saxophone, trumpet & trombones rehearse Tuesday and Friday 7:00-7:45 a.m.

Rhythm section rehearses Wednesday and Friday 7:00-7:45 a.m.

Music Uniforms

All Upper Middle School students should have been fitted for a concert uniform. The school will provide black tuxedo pants, black vest, and black tie for gentlemen. Gentlemen are responsible for providing their own white collared shirt (long sleeves), black socks (calf length), and black shoes. The school will provide a floor length black dress for ladies. Ladies are responsible for providing their own black dress shoes.

Instructions on care and hemming music uniforms are available at our website: [spbb.org/cardinal-heights-bands](http://www.spbb.org/cardinal-heights-bands), under downloads *OR*

http://www.spbb.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22215324/chums_uniform_info_2014.2015.pdf

Fundraising Opportunity for Band

The Sun Prairie Band Boosters are an essential component of the Sun Prairie Band Program. One of the ways they “boost” the program is through fund raisers that help support numerous programs, including bringing in guest artists and conductors. One of the projects the Band Boosters has supported at Cardinal Heights is a conductor in residency program. This program has brought nationally recognized conductors to Sun Prairie to work with Cardinal Heights students. Students can also earn credit to their individual band ledger that can be used for field trips, summer camps, and Sound of Sun Prairie fees. For more information please visit, spbb.org and click on “Band Boosters” at the top.

Their current fund raiser is selling Bucky books – available from Mr. Melrose – ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org

Wind Symphony & 9th Grade Band Lock-In, Oct. 9-10

Both the Wind Symphony and 9th Grade Band will host a “lock-in rehearsal” on Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10. Students report to the band room at 4pm on 10/9 and can be picked up Saturday 10/10 at 8am. Students will participate in teambuilding, rehearsals, sectionals, guest clinicians, and games throughout the evening and spend the evening at Cardinal Heights. More information about the schedule and what to pack will be sent home with students.

If you are interested in chaperoning (the few, the proud, the chaperons!) please contact Mr. Mesner – jmesne@sunprairieschools.org.

Thank You!

Thank you very much to all of the parents who continue to make Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School a success. Sun Prairie has a long and outstanding tradition of fine bands and great learning opportunities through band. We are thrilled to continue this tradition at the Upper Middle School and would like to express our gratitude to all of the families that make Sun Prairie a special place for bands and students. Your help and support make a difference for young people in our program. Thank you and we hope you are looking forward to a great year of band at the Upper Middle School.

Enthusiastically,
Joe Mesner, Ian Melrose





Patrick Marsh News



Full Steam Ahead!

And so another year begins! We are less than a month in and great things are already happening. The kids are full of artistic energy and have been exploring music with creative minds and enthusiasm every day! Our 6th graders, 120 students strong, are digging into their lesson packets. Their goal is to complete the packet and move into their lesson books by their first concert on October 13th. The 7th Grade Bands, with over 100 members, are starting band lessons. They will continue to charge forward in their green books and prepare for the Sun Prairie Middle School Honors Band Auditions on October 21st.

Fall Concert

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 13th! This is the very first concert of the school year and it will be held in the Patrick Marsh Middle School Cafetorium. Due to the number of students in band we will have two separate concerts. The 6th Grade band concert will begin at 6:30 PM. 6th Grade Band members need to be at PMMS by 6:10 for warm-up. The 7th Grade Band concert begins at 7:30 PM. 7th Grade band members need to be at PMMS by 7:10 PM. Following are some guidelines for PMMS Band Concerts:

More specific information about the concert will be sent home soon! However, please note that our concerts are on the web. If you have family and/or friends who had hoped to attend the concert but are unable to make it, they can stream the performance online at Livestream.com! Signing up for an account is free! It only requires an active email or Facebook account and about 3 minutes to set up. Share this link with family and friends so they don't miss out on our performances!

<http://new.livestream.com>

7th Grade Band Jump Start

During the week of August 17th, the 7th Grade Bands came together for several afternoons of rehearsing, community building and fun! The goal of this event is to promote teamwork, review fundamental skills, start on some new music, and play some games!

We jumped right in with large group rehearsals and sectionals. Each day was capped off with group activities including a heated Kickball match, a round of Ultimate Rock-Paper-Scissors and get-to-know you games. To wrap up the week, the kids made the mud fly on a super-sized slip-and-slide behind the school!!! Together, students got energized for band to start up again this school year!

6th Grade Team Building

Band is where students learn how to contribute to a group effort and create something as a team. In the second week of classes, 6th grade band members got together on two separate afternoons for team building. We did a variety of activities and games where students worked together to problem solve and reach a goal. They also got to know their fellow bandmates with whom they will interact and connect with on a deeper level. In music we learn to be leaders, collaborators and creators. Our team building events got the 6th graders even more prepared

for success in band, and jump-started lifelong relationships with fellow students and music. We are excited to see where the year takes us!

Harpist Lauren Hayes Visits PMMS

On September 9th, harpist Lauren Hayes visited PMMS and performed her harp for the band students. Lauren grew up in Whitewater. Attend the University of Arizona for Harp performance, has performed a solo recital at Carnegie Hall and is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London! She talked to the students about the importance of practice and how to practice effectively.

Jazz Signups

Patrick Marsh Jazz is just around the corner! Here are some important dates and information regarding the program:

Jazz 6 meets every Tuesday after school from 3:00-4:00 PM in the band room. All instruments are welcome to come check out a popular genre of music!

7th Jazz Ensemble meets every Tuesday, Wednesday from 7:00-7:35 AM. Jazz Ensemble is a larger group focusing on traditional jazz charts and begins exploring the art of improvisation.

ComMission Possible 6

Another commission project is underway for PMMS 7th Grade Band! Very soon, composer Alex Shapiro will begin composing a brand new work for our band! Students have already Skyped with Ms. Shapiro and been given the concept for the piece “rocks.” Students will receive a visit from UW Geologist, Dr. McCarthy soon to talk about rock and soil features in our area and around Wisconsin. Ms. Shapiro has asked the band to capture rock sounds that she could use in the electronic music that will accompany the band in the performance! She will begin working this fall and will send us the final product in February or March. The world premiere performance of the students’ musical ideas will take place at the Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 10th. This is an experience the kids will never forget and you will not want to miss!

If you would like to make a donation to support this project please consider purchasing a lapel pin (\$2.50 each) or send a check made payable to PMMS with the words “ComMission Possible 6” in the memo line. Thank you!!!

Friday Ensembles

Trumpet/Horn Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Low Brass Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble are open to all 6th and 7th Grade Band members. These ensembles will meet on Friday mornings from 7:00-7:35 AM beginning Friday, October 16. More information including a signup sheet will be provided at the Fall Concert (October 13th).

Any questions? Give us a call or email us!

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Notes from the View!

Taking Note of All Things Band!

Welcome to band at Prairie View Middle School. We are part of an exceptional band program in the Sun Prairie Schools, with a long, rich history of excellent musical experiences for students!

By the time you read this, the Prairie View 7th grade band will have performed in their first all school assembly of the year for the Fun Run. They are now preparing for several upcoming events including...

- Our first concert is Oct. 13th. Our 6th grade's World Premier!!
- Honors auditions recorded before Oct. 21st.
- Sun Prairie Middle Level Honors practice and performance on Nov.21st.

Jazz Band will start in mid-October for the 7th graders. They are meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:55am. If you have a 7th grader interested in jazz, have your musician let Mrs. Sederquist know! Our 6th graders start jazz later in the school year. Mr. Quaglieri will keep you posted!

To succeed in band at Prairie View (and in life!) make sure you practice, follow directions, practice, put your assignments in your google calendar, practice, have a pencil and Chromebook with you in class and PRACTICE!! Lessons, written projects, practice, performance projects (like SmartMusic), daily participation and concert attendance (which is required) are all part of the band grade. Communication between home and the band room will ensure that all students succeed in band.

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Fundraising Opportunities

Fall Fruit and Cookie Dough Sale!

Preparations are underway for our fall fruit and cookie dough sale. This is an important fundraiser for the Band Boosters and we would like to encourage everyone to participate! **The sale will run from Monday October 23rd to Saturday November 11th. Pick up is scheduled for Saturday December 12th. Money will be due December 19th.** More information will be coming to you by email in a couple of weeks!

If you have any questions, please contact Bill and Ann Nelson at FruitSale@spbb.org

Concessions!

Working concessions can help earn money for your student(s) ledger as well as help the Band Boosters provide funding for guest conductors, equipment, the new lesson academy, and transportation among other things! To sign up for the concessions list and help both your student and the Band Boosters go to <http://www.spbb.org/concessions.html>



A Note from the Treasurer

When working or fundraising for your student(s), please note the **student's legal name**, not their nickname. Charms, our accounting system, lists the student's legal name (the name the school has on file). When the Treasurer enters a name it is importing from the school district. It does not recognize shortened names or nicknames.

Example: Kat Jones, is that Kathy Jones, Katherine Jones or Kathryn Jones. The Treasurer wants to ensure the correct student gets the credit.



A Fireside Chat from the President



If you didn't see my initial email, I want to welcome you back to the new school year. I am sure your student is all geared up to return to class time, homework and 7 AM ensemble practices. As many of you know, we are truly blessed to have one of the finest music departments in the state of Wisconsin. This is thanks to all of the outstanding staff of teachers, private instructors and parents motivated to provide the best opportunity in bringing music into our children's lives. Having your student in music already makes you a **Sun Prairie Band Booster!**

Did you know we have an organization just for you?

Did you know one reason we have an outstanding music department is because of the Band Boosters?

The Band Boosters is a volunteer parent organization that promotes and supports all bands in the Sun Prairie school district. Not only do we provide moral support but financial support as well. The fundraising opportunities help offset costs of band field trips/clinics, Jazz clinics/festivals, music summer camp as well as tuition/supplies for SOUND of SUN PRAIRIE. It helps offset costs of Honor bands and different music ensembles. The most recent addition is offsetting the costs of private lessons including the new SPBB Lesson Academy. There are guidelines and restrictions that apply and can be discussed with music teachers.

Our organization has made payment easier for the Lesson Academy by using the PayPal system. The Band Boosters have committed to covering the 2.3% PayPal fees to help keep the costs down for instructors and students.

As the fire burns down, I would like to close with the encouragement to all families to be active Band Boosters! We have many opportunities throughout the year to support the bands with service and fundraising opportunities. We currently have the Bucky Book sale and working the UW football games selling concessions. I would love to see each family work at least one concession event in football or basketball. The work is not difficult and it allows you to meet other families involved in the music program. Right now, we have a handful of families covering all the concession events. I don't feel this fair and as the old cliché says, "Many hands make little work."

If you have any questions or concerns, the SPBB officers are here to help all band families. Our SPBB general meetings are scheduled for Sept 28, Nov 16, March 1, May 29 and July 18. Meetings are held at SPHS Orchestra room at 7 PM. (September 28 will meet at 6 PM). Hope to see you there!

Stephen DeWitt
SPBB president

Student Ledger Policy

The table below outlines all of the different ways in which you can use fundraising dollars to help your student in band!

<p><i>Policies on how SPBB Student Account Ledgers are used:</i> <i>- Accounts are to be used within 1 SPBB Fiscal year (October 1 - September 30)</i> <i>- All Student Ledger funds not used within fiscal year, are transferred to SPBB General Fund on October 1 of following fiscal year</i></p> <p>Use of Student Ledger Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs listed are estimates • Meals may not be included 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Band field trips/clinics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. HS Wind Ensemble Spring b. HS Symphonic Band Spring c. HS Concert Band d. CHUM Wind Symphony/9th Grad e. CHUM 8th Grade-Kalahar 2. HS Jazz Groups Festivals/Clinics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Generally \$30-\$40 per day plus meals b. \$100 overnight plus meals c. New York- fundraising and TBD 3. Other trips TBD 4. Sound of Sun Prairie <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fee of \$700-\$800 b. Uniform Parts and Accessories c. Shoes, Gloves d. Extra parade shirts beyond the one included with their fees e. Other uniform parts as determined by the director 5. Summer music camps <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing proof of registration b. Submit the bill to the Band Booster's secretary for payment directly to the camp c. If you do not attend the camp, you will need to reimburse the Boosters the cost of the camp 6. Honors Ensemble tuition, if accepted. This includes WI State Honors Ensembles, WYSO, Winds of Wisconsin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Providing proof of registration b. Submit the bill to the Band Booster's secretary for payment directly to the camp c. If you do not attend the camp, you will need to reimburse the Boosters the cost of the camp 7. Private Lessons including lessons through the SPBB Lesson Academy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lesson teachers must be approved by SPASD Band Director b. Maximum of \$500 use per fiscal year (October 1-September 30) c. 2 weeks before payment is needed, send email request to SPBB Vice President (vicepresident@spbb.org) and they will send you a form d. Check will be made out to the private lesson teacher and can be picked up from CHUMS band director, Ian Melrose (ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org) e. If enrolled in the SPBB Private Lesson Academy, you can pay via PayPal
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