



As you read this newsletter, we hope you enjoyed **SPRING BREAK**! It sure took a while to get here but hopefully there was time to catch up, recharge, get away or get done whatever you had hoped to get done. We are now officially entering the "Home-Stretch"!

Congratulations to your sons and daughters for a nice **concert** just before spring break. They continue to grow in the musical process and we are privileged to be a part of it. I mentioned it before, but if you would ever like to see them "at work," please give us a call in advance to set up a day – they really do great work on a daily basis!

We hope you had an opportunity to enjoy the amazing **United States Navy Band** from Washington DC right here in our own PAC. The band played a wonderful variety of music at a very high level. The vocalist Courtney Williams is also somewhat of a legend as he has been the voice of the presidential inaugurations for the past 3 presidents. We were also pleased to offer 10 of our students to join the Navy Band in performing John Phillip Sousa's, "Washington Post"

Congratulations to all students who qualified for the **State solo/ensemble Festival held at UW-Whitewater on Saturday, April 29**^a. Just a note: students/families will be responsible for their own transportation to state. We will also have information on how to order both district and state medals in the next newsletter.

Students have been busy with **SOSP** beginning – thanks to all students for a great start! See other areas of the newsletter for more information on SOSP.

Jazz I is working toward their goal of a great performance in New York at the "Essentially Ellington" finals. 10 of the 18 members of the band are new this year and will be experiencing "EE" in New York for the first time. Jazz Ensemble I has and will perform several concerts in preparation for this capstone event:

April 5 – J@LC clinic with Reggie Thomas – 12:30-4:30pm, SPHS Band Room

April 19-20 – clinic with Ron Carter

April 22 – National Deca Performance, 7:15-8am, Monona Terrace

May 1 - State Title I recognition - State Capitol Rotunda - Noon

May 7 – New York send-off concert 7:00pm at the PAC.

This Concert will feature the tunes that the band will be competing with in New York as well as other special surprises. We will also do an auction of a flight with Mr. Fisher.

Jazz I is also in the midst of selling **raffle tickets** (see website for list of prizes <u>www.spbb.org/jazz</u>) and their latest **CD entitled**, **"Old School Swing"** The CD features a sampling of live Jazz I performances from the past seven years. Individual donations are also being accepted via the website (<u>www.spbb.org/jazz</u>)

Jazz I/New York Performance will be broadcast live on the internet at <u>www.jazz.org</u>

Please check out the <u>www.spbb.org</u> website under the High School tab to see photos of some of the good things that students have been doing here in the SPHS band department.

Thank you for all you do, batten down the hatches, here we go!!!

Steve Sveum Dave Rush





Jazz Program

Sun Prairie High School's Jazz I band has been selected to perform and compete in the twenty-second annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band and Festival in New York City.

This festival has been referred to as the "Super Bowl of high school jazz bands" by members of the jazz community. Based on a blind audition in January comprised of approximately 100 bands from around the country, Sun Prairie Jazz 1 was selected as one of only fifteen finalists. This year is Sun Prairie High School's <u>fifth</u> consecutive year as a finalist in the festival and competition, and their eleventh year attending.

Jazz 1 has had several concerts and special practices and clinics with renowned jazz performers in preparation for this year's festival and competition. The band has also been doing many fund raising events, as they have to raise approximately \$35,000 to pay for their trip. Their largest fundraiser is a raffle. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased from band members for \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Donations are also accepted online at <u>spbb.org</u>.

Jazz 1 will be performing a final send-off concert on <u>**Sunday, May 7, at 7:00 P.M.*</u> It will be held at Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center, 888 Grove St, Sun Prairie. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.

Raffle tickets will be available for sale until the concert begins. During intermission there will be an auction for an airplane ride with pilot Bruce Fischer (a former Jazz I parent). The second half of the concert will include the raffle drawings for 40 great prizes.

The band will travel to New York on May 10 and return May 14. The festival is held at Jazz at Lincoln Center's home, Frederick P. Rose Hall, on May 11–13 at the Time Warner building in Rose Hall at the edge of Central Park in Manhattan.

You can find more information at their website:

http://www.spbb.org/jazz-i-nyc-2017.html and https://mail.spbb.org/attachments/Jazz1Poster2017.pdf

Thank You,

SPBB Jazz Chairs





Final Concert – Wednesday May 24th, 7:00pm & 8:00pm at Cardinal Heights

Come join us for our final concert of the year and enjoy some great music by all bands. Students have made tremendous progress this year and it will be a great celebration of all their work.

Performance times will be the same as our March Concert:

7:00pm - 8th Grade Bands (6:30pm warm-up) 8:00pm - 9th Grade Band & Wind Symphony (7:30pm warm-up)

We are excited to welcome composer, Dr. Jack Stamp, as our guest that week. All of the Cardinal Heights concert bands will perform a work composed by Mr. Boysen Jr. The Eighth Grade Symphonic Band will perform *Song of Hope*, the Eighth Grade Concert Band will perform *Prelude & Dance*, the Ninth Grade Band will perform *Elegy & Affirmation*, and the Wind Symphony will be performing *Miniature Overture*.

Things to turn in at Concert:

- 1. **Uniform on a hanger, please** (students should bring change of clothes, so they can turn in the uniform after the concert)
- 2. Home Practice Instrument (if you have a school home pratice instrument)

Volunteers Needed:

We could use 8 volunteers to help get uniforms turned in after the concert. Please contact Joe Mesner (318-8137 or <u>irmesne@sunprairieschools.org</u>) if interested.

Eighth Grades Bands at Kalahari

On Thursday May 25th, 8th Grade Bands will participate in the Kalahari Band Festival. Students will have the opportunity to perform for renowned music educators, participate in clinics, attend other bands' performances, and enjoy some well deserved free time at the water or theme park.

Basic Itinerary - Thursday 5/25/17

7:40am - arrive at CHUMS, report directly to band room, depart for Kalahari AM - Performances & Clinics PM - Lunch (pizza & soda lunch included) & Free time at parks 6:00pm - Arrive Sun Prairie

Chaperones - If you are still interested in chaperoning on that day, please contact Mr. Melrose

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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 5/24 CHUMS Spring Band Concert w/ guest composer Andrew Boysen Jr. (7pm & 8pm): All Bands
- Thurs 5/26 8th Grade Bands @ Kalahari Band Festival, 7:40am 6pm: 8th Grade Bands only

Thank you to everyone for your efforts on behalf of Cardinal Height's students. We are very proud of all of the growth and great accomplishments by band students this spring. We can't wait to see what students will do on the final concert!

Thank you!

Joe Mesner 318-8137, <u>irmesne@sunprairieschools.org</u> Ian Melrose 318-8134, <u>ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org</u>



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PMMS Music Department on "Tour"

The 7th Grade Band, Choir, Orchestra, Fiddle Club and Jazz Ensemble toured Northside and Bird Elementary Schools on Wednesday, April 5.

Spring Band Concert (May 9)

Our final concert of the year is always amazing! It will be held in our beautiful Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Sun Prairie High School. This concert is significant for a few reasons:

- All of the PMMS Bands are in the same concert!!
- We do the world premiere of TWO new works written for us! "Twittering Machine" by Brian Balmages "The Cat's Pajamas" by Pierre LaPlante Both composers along with Congressman Gary Hebl will be in attendance!
- We get to celebrate another great year and take a look back at some great accomplishments.

Date/Time?

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017. Concert Starts at 7:00 PM in the High School PAC. Students are expected to remain for the entire concert. Concert will end by 8:20 PM.

Concert dress is the band uniform. Students who usually use school instruments will need to bring their instruments from home unless they check one out from school. The concert will conclude with our Annual Year-in-review DVD. The concert will again be shown via the internet. Tell family and friends to go to Livestream.com and search for "PMMS Bands".

**Don't forget - 7th Mandatory Rehearsal on Monday, May 8 from 7:00-8:30 PM. This is a very necessary and important rehearsal. Thank you!







Brian Balmages

Twittering Machine Pierre LaPlante

Cat's Pajamas

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2017 National Teacher of the Year **FINALIST**



For the first time in 50 years, a Wisconsin teacher interviewed to be the National Teacher of the Year! <u>Chris Gleason</u>, a middle school instrumental music director at Patrick Marsh Middle School in Sun Prairie, has been identified as one of 4 finalists for National Teacher of the Year. He is one of only six Wisconsin teachers ever selected to be a Finalist, and if chosen, he'll be only the second Wisconsin Teacher of the Year to serve as the National Teacher of the Year. Beyond that, he would be only the fourth teacher of the arts selected to be a National Teacher of the Year in the history of the program (dating back to 1952!)

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Chris will find out the results in Washington, DC, April 23-28 when he and the other 55 State Teachers of the Year visit the White House.



Notes from the Band Room



April showers bring more than just flowers at Prairie View-there are lots of exciting events that occurred and ones to look forward to in band!

Band O'Rama: On Monday, April 3, virtually every band student in the school district came together for one large performance at the High School Fieldhouse. The concert featured a guest appearance by State Superintendent Tony Evers and a clothing drive to raise funds for the Sunshine Place and CARDS closet.

7th Grade Tour: The PVMS 7th grade band performed at Horizon, Westside, and Creekside elementary schools during the school day on Wednesday, April 19.

May Concert: All of our bands are already preparing for our final concert of the year on **Tuesday**, **May 9**. Once again, this will be a split performance with the 6th grade bands performing at 6:30 PM and the 7th grade bands performing at 7:30 PM. We hope you will be able to join us at Prairie View, however, the concert will also be webcast at <u>www.spbb.org/pvms</u>.

Memorial Day Parade: The 6th and 7th grade bands will be performing in the Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 29**. While this is a required performance, we will be flexible with attendance as we do realize that families have plans for the holiday. Please let Mr. Quaglieri or Mrs. Sederquist know ASAP if your student will not be able to make it to this performance.

Summer School Opportunities: We are excited to offer two summer school opportunities for band students in grades 6-8. Summer Concert Band and Summer Jazz Band are offered for both summer school sessions and are a great way for students to continue playing their instrument while meeting other students from Patrick Marsh and Cardinal Heights. Please see the Summer School Course Guide for more information and email Cardinal Heights Band Teacher, Mr. Mesner (irmesne@sunprairieschools.org) if you have any questions!

UW-Whitewater Band Camp: The University of Wisconsin Whitewater offers a summer band camp specifically designed for middle school band students in July! This is a great chance students to make significant growth on their instrument and meet other band students from other schools around the region. There is also a discount available for groups of 8 or more students who register together! See Mr. Quaglieri for more information if you are interested!

For more information on all things band at Prairie View (and in Sun Prairie!) go to <u>www.spbb.org/pvms</u>.

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Anne Sederquist and Matt Quaglieri





SOSP had a fantastic start on Saturday 3/11 for its 45th season of summer marching band. Students did a great job of creating a warm, welcoming, and positive environment. There were simply lots of smiles. We look forward to building on that for this entire season. Great work SOSP!! This is also Cardinal Guard/SOSP reunion year. We are working on making connections between our current group and former members.

Forms & Payment:

At this point all forms and first payment should be in. We may be contacting you soon if there were minor errors to correct.

Absences:

Thank you for all your efforts to keep absences at a minimal – we know this can be really tricky during the spring.

If you do have an unavoidable absence (appointment, game, performance, etc...) please email director, Ann Sederquist, as soon as possible. If students email, they need to copy a parent on that email This helps us plan rehearsals for the benefit of all students. Additionally, students are responsible for knowing what they missed so they are caught up as quickly as possible.

Check Off Responsibilities:

As we get closer to the summer, individual student goals become more pressing. Each week members have one part of their show, parade, or fundamentals routine to show they have it accurately memorized and performed.

We suggest they find practice buddies (and meet some new folks!) to work on this task, physical conditioning, or anything else SOSP related. Working together is always more fun and hopefully productive! If students get behind on their responsibilities, we may ask them to come early or stay during lunch to get caught up. Staff members associated with each section will make these arrangements with students.

SOSP Physicals

This year members will again be asked to have a completed physical on file. If a student already has a physical on file with the school district from athletic teams or from SOSP, they are complete (these are valid for 2 years). We will post lists of who needs an updated physical for this year.

- Physicals dated on or after 4/1/15 will be good for the 15-16 and 16-17 school years, including this summer.
- Physicals dated on or after 4/1/16 will be good for the 16-17 and 17-18 school years. If you need a physical, wait until after 4/1 then it will be valid until the summer of 2019!!

SOSP email List:

If you haven't already, you may also want to sign yourself up for the SOSP email list to receive future SOSP information: <u>https://mail.spbb.org/mailman/listinfo/sosp</u>

Upcoming Dates:

In April we being our "9-9's" which are broken into 9 – noon, 1:30 – 4:30, 6 – 9pm

April 29: 9-9 (State Solo & Ensemble) May 6 &7:Overnight Camp Weekend #1 until Sunday 5pm May 13: 8 – noon (Prom Weekend) May 20: 9-9 (MS Bands rehearse with SOSP in AM) May 27 & 28: Overnight Camp Weekend #2 until Sunday 5pm, picture day on Sunday May 29: Memorial Day Parade Performance – AM only June 3: 9-9 June 11: Summer Season Begins!

LOVE THAT SOUND!

Ann Sederquist – Director aeseder@sunprairieschools.org 608-834-7825



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This is easy and free for the Boosters and for you as a customer!

Instead of shopping from Amazon.com directly, shop at Amazon Smile (http://smile.amazon.com). The first time you sign in you will be prompted to select a charity to receive your donated percentage. Just use the search box and search for **Sun Prairie High School** Band Boosters, Inc. and select us as your charity of choice! After that, just log into Amazon Smile first to check to see if your product is available.

You can also use our direct personal link by visiting:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7314095

Please don't let our name fool you. This is a great way to help out all of the students in the band program from grades 6-12, and not just the high school students. The Sun Prairie Band Program has grown in leaps and bounds throughout the years and now includes not only Sun Prairie High School, but also Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School, and Prairie View and Patrick March Middle Schools, and it is all supported by the Sun Prairie Band Boosters.

This is also an easy way to have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, coworkers, or anyone else you can think of help out the Boosters without having to hit them up to purchase anything they weren't planning to buy anyway.

If you have any concerns, you can get to this site from Amazon directly, and Amazon has a great set of what they call "Program Details" available on their site:

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/aw/ch/about

Especially if you're going to be shopping at Amazon anyway, please take the opportunity to help support all of the students in the Sun Prairie Band Program! The directors thank you, the Boosters thank you, and most importantly the hundreds of Sun Prairie band students thank you!

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Truck for Sale!!!

Hey Sun Prairie music families and friends!!

Thank you for all the support this past year allowing us to help purchase a new truck to be used by the music department.

With that said, we have a truck for sale!

We are first going to offer it up for purchase to a music family member or friend before going public with it.

Here are the details:

1997 White Chevy C3500 4 x 2 Automatic transmission, 8 cyl 5.7 liter/350 cubic" Crew cab Dual rear tires Gooseneck hitch Only 99,500 miles

Has a minor rust spot on passenger side, loose mount on passenger mirror and AC needs some work KBB.com has it listed for \$3800.

Our price to you "as is" \$3500

If interested contact Steve DeWitt <u>sdewitt4@charter.net</u> 220-2521



Sun Prairie Band Boosters Student Ledger Usage Guidelines:

- 1. Ledger balances can be found on CHARMS <u>charmsoffice.com</u>
- 2. Ledgers are to be used within the fiscal year they are earned, no later than August 1st of the preceding school year.
- 3. All Student Ledger funds not used within the fiscal year, are transferred to SPBB General Fund on August 1 of following fiscal year.
- 4. Requests for use of Student Ledgers for below items require a 2 week notice to the treasurer (<u>treasurer@spbb.org</u>) in order to properly process the information and write a check, unless otherwise noted.
- 5. All *field trip requests* must have a printed statement from CHARMS showing the student's balance and the amount you would like to use from the ledger. Please staple this statement to the permission slip.

Approved Sun Prairie Band Boosters Uses & Estimates

*Please note - any trips may not include some meals expenses

1. Band field trips/clinics

- a. HS Wind Ensemble Spring-\$100+ approx
- b. HS Symphonic Band Spring-\$100 approx.
- c. HS Concert Band-\$TBD
- d. CHUM Wind Symphony/9th Grade-\$90 approx.
- e. CHUM 8th Grade-Kalahari-\$40 approx.

2. HS Jazz Groups Festivals/Clinics

- a. Generally \$30-40 per day plus meals approx.
- b. \$100 overnight plus meals approx.
- c. New York- fundraising and TBD approx.
- 3. Other trips TBD

4. Sound of Sun Prairie

- a. Fee-\$700-\$800 approx.
- b. Uniform Parts and Accessories
 - i. shoes
 - ii. gloves
 - iii. extra parade shirts beyond the one included with their fees
 - iv. other uniform parts as determined by director.
- 5. Summer Music Camps, approved by band director.
 - a. providing proof of registration
 - b. submit bill to boosters for payment directly to camp.
 - c. If you do not attend the camp, you need to reimburse boosters the cost of the camp.

- 6. **Honors Ensembles tuition**, if accepted; including Wisconsin State Honors Ensembles, WYSO, Winds of Wisconsin.
 - a. providing proof of registration
 - b. submit bill to boosters for payment directly to WSMA.
 - c. If you do not attend the Honors camp, you need to reimburse boosters the cost of the camp.

7. Private Lessons

- a. Lesson teachers must be SPASD Band Director approved
- b. Maximum of \$1,000 use per school year (October 1 and paid out by August 1)
- c. 2 weeks before payment is needed, log into CHARMS, and confirm your ledger balance covers the cost of lessons and then email <u>treasurer@spbb.org</u> with your request to use the student ledger to pay the private teacher.
- d. Check is made out to private lesson teacher and can be picked up from CHUMS band director, Ian Melrose (<u>ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org</u>)

8. Band Lesson Academy

- a. Lesson teachers are SPASD Band Director approved.
- b. Maximum of \$1,000 use per fiscal year(October 1 and paid out by August 1)
- c. 2 weeks before payment is needed, log into CHARMS, and confirm your balance covers the lessons and then email <u>lessonacademy@spbb.org</u> with your request to use the student ledger to pay for Band Lesson Academy lessons.

Band Field Trips & How to use SPBB Fund Raisers:

Fundraising helps you earn funds for band boosters and also your student ledger. This ledger can be used to pay for field trips, private lessons, Sound and Jazz fees and many other band related expenses. For families wishing to use their student's ledger to pay for this field trip, please go to <u>charmsoffice.com</u>. Log in as a parent. Our school code is **SunPrairieASBand**. Use your student's school ID number as the temporary password if this is your first time in Charms. Click the "financials" icon and view your student's statement.

If you would like to use all or a portion of your student's ledger balance towards the cost of the trip:

- 1. Print the statement
- 2. Indicate how much you would like to use and staple it to your student's permission slip along with a note requesting the use of the ledger to pay for the field trip.
- 3. Return both to your director prior to the trip. * ***Statements/requests returned after the trip cannot be honored***

Varsity Awards—How do I earn awards by participating in Band?

- 1 point per semester in Band
- 1 point per semester in Jazz (one point given for Essentially Ellington in NYC)
- 2 points for participation in Epoch Sound (1 football and 1 basketball)
- 3 points per season in Sound of Sun Prairie (entered in July)
- 2 points for participation in SPHS "Pit" Orchestra
- I point for participation in Solo & Ensemble (no points for "Solo Night")
- 1 additional point for participation in State Solo & Ensemble
- 1 point for WYSO
- 1 point for High School Honors Band
- 1 point for Winds of Wisconsin
- 1 point for Full Orchestra
- 1 point for Winter Guard
- 1 point for Chamber groups (.5 point per semester)

Varsity Letter	12 points or greater
Instrument Pin	24 points or greater
Ribbon	36 points or greater
Medallion	48 points or greater

Varsity letters and pins will be awarded at the

Spring Band Concert and at the end-of-season Sound picnic.



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