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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' SPHS Bands – it is great to see everyone!

We have already had a jazz clinic and performance, worked concessions, started selling Bucky Books and SOSOP participated in a home football game and the fire department parade...and we are just getting started!

We welcome **Erin Edington-Zabel** as a student teacher for the first several weeks of the semester. Mrs. Zabel earned a saxophone performance degree from the University of Minnesota and a music education degree from UW-Milwaukee. She is teaching lessons on all instruments and assisting with the Concert Band Red.

Our concert Bands are off and running. We are pleased to have 4 concert Ensembles this year - the Concert Band Red (Mr. Sveum), Concert Band White (Mr. Rush), Symphonic Band (Mr. Rush) and the Wind Ensemble (Mr. Sveum). Our concert bands are our non-auditioned group while our Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are both auditioned.

Jazz Auditions were the week of September 19-23. We are short on saxophones and bass players so it looks like two jazz ensembles this year. We are pleased to welcome back **Mr. Hering** as our Jazz II director - his expertise is amazing and he brings a lot to our jazz education table! It should be a great year with a guest groups from Germany, New York and our usual Big Band Dance and Jazz festival.

NOTE: The Big Band Dance may be moved back a week this year due to a schedule conflict at Angell Park - **tentative big band date is Saturday, December 10 at Angell Park.**

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.

On the www.spbb.org website, under the High School Tab, you will find the **Class Syllabus, Quarter Requirments, Concert Calendar, Equipment recommendations** and more. This is a valuable resource and also a source of news in the High School Band Department.

Fundraising has begun!!! **Bucky and Entertainment Books** are available through Mr. Sveum until October 28, 2016 cost is \$35 per book and at least a third of that goes to your student account. We also work **concessions** at UW sporting events. Sign up for these events under the Band Booster tab on www.spbb.org.

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, please visit www.spbb.org and look under the Band Booster tab. There you will find information on what fundraising can be used for, how to access it and how to look up your current fundraising balance.

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. All students will have the school issued part of their uniform by the week ending September 23. **Please check for fit at home!**

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 18th at 8pm in the SPHS PAC. There is an admission fee of \$2 adults and \$1 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 four 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.

We 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



Overview and Helpful Hints regarding volunteering to help with events

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!

Events and Volunteer Opportunities

1) Big Band Dance – TBD but tentatively December 10th

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 and sell concessions.

2) Saturday February 18 - 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) Spring Jazz Concert –March 28

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

4) Swing Into Spring - March 11

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

5) 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 15 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 2016. 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 Cardinal Heights Band



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>

Wind Symphony to perform at Wisconsin Music Educators Association Conference

The Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony has been invited to be a featured performing ensemble for the Wisconsin Music Educators Association Conference at 8:00 a.m. October 28 in the Madison Ballroom at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. We are excited for students to share their music with music educators from around the state. Please join us for this performance!

Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy

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 19 - festival on November 19)

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 & 10th 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 & 10th grade students. The goal is to provide inspiring musical opportunities for our 7th, 8th, 9th, & 10th 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.html>

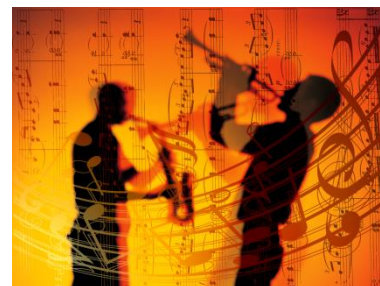
Cardinal Heights Jazz!

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-2016.html>

Auditions will take place September 26 - 28 and rehearsals will begin October 3rd.

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

Jazz II: Saxophone, trumpet & trombones rehearse Tuesday and Friday 7:00-7:45am. Rhythm section rehearses Wednesday and Friday 7:00-7:45am.

**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, under downloads.



Fundraising Opportunity for Band

Boosters” at the top.

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 fundraisers 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

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

Wind Symphony & 9th Grade Band Lock-In October 14-15

Both the Wind Symphony and 9th Grade Band will host a “lock-in rehearsal” on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th. Students report to the band room at 4pm on 10/14 and can be picked up Saturday 10/15 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 – jrmesne@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 11th. The 7th Grade Bands, with nearly 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 19th.

Welcome Student Teacher Dominic Leising!



Hi, my name is Dominic Leising, and I am very excited and grateful to be student teaching here at Patrick Marsh! I am from UW-Whitewater, and I will be completing my bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education with student teaching this semester. I am a native of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and an alumnus of Fall River High School. Outside of the regular school day, I teach marching band for a few nearby districts, operate a private trombone and guitar lesson studio, and direct the Friesland Community Band. I look forward to the new and exciting challenges and opportunities that I will have at Patrick Marsh for the 1st quarter of the school year, after which I will complete my student teaching at Beaver Dam High School.

Fall Concert

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 11th! 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.

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 22nd, 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 and team building. 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. On Sept 13 the brass got together and on Sept 14 the woodwind and percussionists 6th grade band members met after school from 3-4 pm. We did a variety of activities and games where students worked together to problem solve and reach a goal. They got to know their fellow bandmates with whom they interacted and connected with on a deeper level. In music we learn to be leaders, collaborators and creators. Our team building events get the 6th graders even more prepared for success in band, and jump-started life-long relationships with fellow students and music. We are excited to see where the year takes us!

7th Band Trip to UWEC - October 6



On Thursday, October 6th the 7th grade bands will travel to UW-Eau Claire to work with Dr. Phil Ostrander and Dr. John Stewart. The group will also have the opportunity to play alongside the UWEC Symphonic Band and participate in sectionals with its members. Parents/Guardians please read the information shared with you regarding the permission slip, lunch choice, chaperones and itinerary for this trip. Looking forward to another day of amazing growth and fun!

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 7

Another commission project is underway for PMMS 7th Grade Band! Very soon, composer Brian Balmages will begin composing a brand new work for our band! The concept of the piece will be based on artist Paul Klee's painting "Twittering Machine". Students have already started working on researching the art and speculating on what it means to them. These "speculations" will be shared with the composer and become part of the inspiration for the new work. The world premiere performance of the students' musical ideas will take place at the Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 9th. This is an experience the kids will never forget and you will not want to miss!

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 14. More information including a signup sheet will be provided at the Fall Concert (October 11th).

Any questions? Give us a call or email us!

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Notes from the View!



After a great group of kids attended “Band Starts Now” and “Band Jump Start,” the 7th grade band at Prairie View has its first performance completed and is getting ready for our October 11th concert.

Here's what's happening at the View;

- The 7th grade band performed at our Fun Run on September 16th. Students worked hard preparing the National Anthem, On Wisconsin, and the Hey! Song. They also ran in the event and several band students were among the fastest runners in their grade!
- Final registration is happening for the Band Lesson Academy. We are so excited to have some great teachers come to the View to work with our students! It's not too late to sneak in if you are still interested in boosting the quality of your playing.
- Hand in hand with the Academy are students taking advantage of every opportunity to practice. Even 10 minutes working out a difficult passage is a great investment in your overall success when playing. Every minute you practice adds up to greater confidence. Success breeds success! The band room is open most days from 7am-4pm. Check ahead to make sure we don't have a meeting or other conflict after school.
- Students all have access to the lesson schedule in their “drive,” as well as having it embedded in our weekly newsletter and posted in the music area. The better the lesson attendance for students, the more we can do to help them achieve their goals.
- The Sun Prairie Honors Band for 7th and 8th grade students will meet for a festival on November 19th, 2016. This ensemble serves students from several school districts in southern Wisconsin. It is a one day commitment for participants. Prairie View band students can audition for the ensemble following directions found on the SPBB website. Just the process of preparing for the audition will help your child make great gains in their playing. This is an excellent opportunity for Prairie View students to sit side by side with the strongest players in our area. Students who have been a part of the group in the past have enjoyed how this experience has stretched them musically and allowed them to meet new people who are also in band. Please contact Mrs. Sederquist if you have questions!
- We do have some ongoing projects at Prairie View. If you are interested in volunteering helping with clerical tasks, please contact Mrs. Sederquist or Mr. Quaglieri. Tasks are simple in nature but will help us stay organized when working with students.

Thanks for allowing us to work with your great kids! As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Sederquist and Mr. Quaglieri



Happy Fall!

It's great to be back to school and into the routine of the school year. Over the last 2 months, Sound has performed at a football game, the opening convocation for teachers, and the parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of our volunteer fire department. Many thanks to students and families for making adjustments to their plans so students could be part of these community events. Please join us at the Band Booster Meeting on Monday, Sept. 26th 7:00 pm at the high school.

Sound of Sun Prairie - Preparations for 2017 underway!

SOSP 2016- what's going on right now?

- Show preparations are underway. Do you have ideas for music or a theme? Pass them along!!
- Look for DVD & Memory Book Release Party in December!
- Setting Rehearsal & Performance Calendar (looks to be similar as last year with the season tentatively ending around July 17th).
- Plans being made for the celebration of 45 years of the Cardinal Guard/Sound of Sun Prairie. The buzz from the alumni is *electric*!

SOSP 2017 - What can you do to make it great?

- How can you apply SOSP to your everyday life (School, Friends, Family)?
- There are a lot of 8th graders very interested in SOSP based on their experience with the group (actions speaking louder than words!!!). How can you reach out to new students and families to encourage and educate them about why you love SOSP?
- Practice!
- Exercise - more fun in groups!

Many people will look at last year as a success because of a number on a page. As we learned from Coach Wooden & Kid President - success is based on our self-satisfaction of our doing our best in daily actions and choices. The emotions and performance that flew off the field at UW-Whitewater are unforgettable and a testament to the many daily successes students create for themselves.

The motto for our success - Work, Together. How can we make our work more efficient, more productive? How can we do that together - recognizing everybody's strengths, weaknesses, and talents? Those are the objectives worth striving for. Can't wait to get started in January!!

Love that Sound!

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Welcome to the 2016-2017 school band program!!

This year, as always, will be filled with the sweet sounds of beautiful music in all of our schools. Our music program is one of the finest in Wisconsin and we should all be proud to have such exemplary teachers, instructors, facilities, and opportunities for our kids. It is for that very reason that I am excited to be involved in the band booster organization.

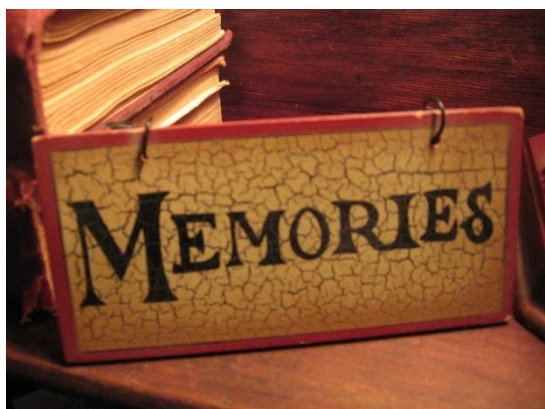
I hope for many of you that you consider helping out the organization in one way or another. Whether it is attending concerts, supporting your child with private lessons, carpooling students to events, helping with concessions, supporting our fundraisers....the list goes on! To start with we would welcome you to attend our monthly booster meetings that are held monthly. As a parent with a child in the band program you are automatically a member! Without parental involvement our music program would not be able to provide the amazing opportunities that it has today.

Fundraising is such an integral part of our organization and there are so many ways to help out! From our annual fruit sale, Bucky Book sales, working UW concessions, and new this year--one of the easiest ways yet! If you purchase items from Amazon, we would ask that you log in to www.smile.amazon.com (instead of amazon.com) and pick the Sun Prairie High School Band as the organization. Once logged in, make your purchases as you normally would only then our organization receives a 0.5% kickback from your purchases! If you are like me and did a lot of holiday shopping on Amazon last year, imagine how easily the 0.5% kickback can add up!! This is just one easy way to help out the entire band program.

I hope to see and meet a lot of new band parents this year! For those of you who do not know me I currently have two boys in the band program; one in 7th grade and another in 11th grade. My oldest son graduated in 2011, participated in band for 6 years and has continued his love of music by participating in Drum Corps and teaching. I have seen the benefit of how the band program has enriched all of their lives and helped them achieve personal goals and a love of music.

On behalf of the Sun Prairie Band Boosters I encourage you to be involved in any way you can--one concert, one event--your involvement will be noticed and appreciated by the band community and more importantly, your child. They are only young once....make a difference in their 'musical' lives today.

Cathy Brock
President, Sun Prairie Band Boosters



Match the Executive Board Member with their favorite Sun Prairie band memory (answers at the General Band Booster Meeting and in the next issue of *The Booster Beat*):

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| ___1. Cathy Brock | a. Watching my kids make pudding cups |
| ___2. Ann Sederquist | b. Spending time in downtown Traverse City with the kids during free time |
| ___3. LeAnn Monson | c. Watching my child make a lot of friends and loving band |
| ___4. Ian Melrose | d. Watching my child at the end of the Sound of Sun Prairie's 2014 show...the "hook" was set and he will do all 5 years! |
| ___5. Chad Geidl | e. While chaperoning: finding that my child was the only band member who did not put his uniform away after a performance. |
| ___6. Tracie Ruether | f. When my child came home for the first time and tried to explain "summer marching band" and how it had nothing to do with football. |



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! More information will be coming to you by email in a couple of weeks!

If you have any questions, please email 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>



Current opportunities

Times and open slots found at <http://www.spbb.org/concessions.html>

UW Football

October 15 and 29
November 12 and 26

UW Basketball

October 23 and 30
November 11, 17, 27, and 29
December 3, 7, 14, 23, and 27
January 12, 17, and 24
February 5, 12, and 19
March 2 and 5



The Band Boosters have been presented with an exciting new fundraising opportunity through Amazon Smile. Through this program, Amazon (through the Amazon Smile Foundation) donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of the customer's choice.



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.

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. The Sun Prairie Band Program has grown in leaps and bounds throughout the years and 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>

It may seem a little early, but Christmas shopping is coming, and if you’re going to be shopping at Amazon anyway, please take this opportunity to help support all of the students in the Sun Prairie Band Program! The teachers thank you, the Boosters thank you, and most importantly the hundreds of Sun Prairie band students thank you!



A Note from the Treasurer

Here are the answers to some of the most commonly asked questions regarding Charms. If you have specific questions or questions that are not addressed, please feel free to email the SPBB Treasurer at treasurer@spbb.org.

Charms Account Access

How do I Access My Student's Ledger?

- Please go to www.charmsoffice.com
- Log in as a parent
- Our school code is: **SunPrairieASBand**
- Use your student's school ID number (usually 5 digits...you may need to ask your student) as the temporary password if this is your first time in Charms. (You will be prompted to change the password for future visits to the site).
- Click the “Finances” icon to view your student's statement
- Listed as TOTAL BALANCE DUE, if there is a Credit Balance, your student has earned fundraising monies. If there is a Debit Balance, your student owes for fees of some sort.
 - All fundraising money and fees will be explained in the sections below the initial summary, so just scroll down for more details.

How Do I Use Funds for a Field Trip?

- Follow the above steps to access your student's account
- Once you are looking at your student's statement, you'll need to print (usually CTRL+p). You will only need to print the first page (summary).
- Staple the statement to the field trip form and return to the instructor and write on the form how much of your student's funds you want to use toward field trip fees.
 - If you are using a partial fundraising payment, please also attach the remaining balance due to the field trip form as per usual.
- The band director will send a list to the Band Booster Treasurer at the time of the trip of everyone using funds and the amount each student is using.
- Please note that the Transfer Funds tab will not work for field trips as those requests go directly to the Treasurer and field trip forms and fees need to go through the teacher first. For some Sound of Sun Prairie fees the Transfer Funds tab will work and will send an email to the Band Booster Treasurer, but unless there are enough funds to cover all of the fee, he or she will not be able to actually transfer the funds.
 - For instance, if your student has earned \$250 in fundraising credits and owes \$35 for shoes, \$10 for gloves, and \$800 for fees, you can request a transfer for the shoes and gloves, but until the remaining \$595 payment is made, the partial payment cannot be transferred to the fees.

When Are Funds Available for Use?:

- Fundraising monies are available in Charms as soon as possible, but we do have to wait until we receive payments from our vendors or parents depending on the fundraiser. Some of our fundraisers involve hundreds of checks, so please allow a few days or sometimes up to a couple of weeks for processing. Please remember that all of our chairpersons and board members are volunteers, most with full-time jobs.
- Please be patient as some of these fundraisers involve several steps with several parent volunteers involved, but if you have any questions about a particular fundraiser, please feel free to contact the Band Booster Treasurer at treasurer@spbb.org. He or she will do his or her best to either answer your questions or put you in contact with someone who can. ☺



Sun Prairie Band Boosters

Student Ledger Usage Guidelines:

1. *Ledger balances can be found on CHARMS - charmsoffice.com*
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 (treasurer@spbb.org) 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 treasurer@spbb.org 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 (ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org)
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 lessonacademy@spbb.org with your request to use the student ledger to pay for Band Lesson Academy lessons.



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
- 1 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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