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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 two concert band workshops sponsored by VanDoren and D'addario, worked concessions, staffed a station at the Ironman, started selling Bucky Books, had a personal invitation for our students to audition for Winds of Wisconsin by Scott Teeple...and we are just getting started!

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.

We are really excited our **Symphonic Band** will be sharing a special concert with Scott Teeple's **MATC Wind Symphony** here at the SPHS PAC on **Thursday, December 7th**. This should be a wonderful collaboration of musicianship!

We are also very honored to have our **Wind Ensemble** preparing to play at **Carnegie Hall** in New York this coming February - it is the first time a performing musical ensemble from Sun Prairie High School will be taking the stage in this World Famous Venue!!! The concert will occur on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at Carnegie Hall**. There will be clinics leading up to the performance and we have already been collaborating with composer (and Carnegie clinician) **Frank Ticheli** in preparation for this event.

The **Wind Ensemble** has also been selected to perform at the **State Education Convention** in **Milwaukee in January**. This is looking to be one fantastic year for the Wind Ensemble.

Jazz Auditions were the week of September 19-23. We are hoping to have enough student interest to have three jazz ensembles this year. We are pleased to welcome last semester's student teacher, **Ms. Renee Lechner** as our **Jazz II director** (see her welcome note elsewhere in this newsletter). **Mr. Rush will direct Jazz III** and **Mr. Sveum will direct Jazz I**. We already have clinics scheduled with **Carl Allen** (percussionist and former director of the Juilliard Jazz program in New York) and **Ron Carter** - retired hall of fame educator and longtime friend of Sun Prairie Jazz. Jazz I will also be performing as demonstration group at the **Wisconsin State Music Convention** with NIU educator and jazz pianist, **Reggie Thomas** - this performance will be **Thursday, October 26th at 8:35am at Monona Terrace in Madison**. On October 12, **Kenny Rampton** from the **Jazz at Lincoln Center** Orchestra will stop by SPHS for a couple of hours to work with members of Jazz I.

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 HS Band Department. Our **first concert band Concert** is on **October 17, at 8pm** in the SPHS PAC. Please be advised- there will be **no charge** for **ANY** concerts this year!!!! Thanks for the Band Boosters for supporting our **commission** consortium, this year featuring a new work by writer **Viet Cuong**.

Fundraising has begun!!! **Bucky and Entertainment Books** are available through Mr. Sveum until October 29, 2017 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 concessions tab at 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.

A note from our student teacher, Renee Lechner.

Dear Sun Prairie family and friends,

My name is Renee Lechner and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Sun Prairie Jazz II Director for this school year! I recently earned a Bachelor's degree in Music education in May 2017, having studied both classical and jazz saxophone with Daniel Wallach. In addition to being the new director of the Sun Prairie Jazz II ensemble this year, I will also be working part-time at Sherman Middle School in Madison as their new 6th-8th grade band director.

I am very excited to continue to work with the Sun Prairie Jazz program as I also assisted the Jazz I Ensemble last semester in their preparation for the Essentially Ellington National Jazz Competition and Festival during my student teaching, under the mentorship of Steve Sveum.

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 29. **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 17st at 8pm in the SPHS PAC. Please note that we will be taking our **group yearbook photos that evening beginning at 7pm.** Photo order will be:

7:00pm - Concert Band White - Mr. Rush
7:10pm - Concert Band Red - Mr. Sveum
7:20pm - Symphonic Band - Mr. Rush
7:30pm - Wind Ensemble - Mr. Sveum
7:40pm - All Band Seniors

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.. We hope to see you at one of the Band Booster meetings or at one of the many events scheduled for this year! Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns.
We are glad you are here!

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Jazz Program



Welcome to the nationally recognized Sun Prairie Area School District's jazz program!

The jazz program is a great asset to the community, as well as to the students that participate. It is a very active program and requires dedication from the students and help from the parents. Below is the typical calendar of jazz events and a brief description of the types of help that are needed over the year.

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!

Cheryl Keating
jazzchairs@spbb.org



Main Events and Volunteer Opportunities

2) Saturday, December 2, 2017 - Annual Holiday Big Band Dance –

The Big Band Dance typically features performances by the Sun Prairie High School Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combo, CHUMS Jazz Ensembles, the Sun Prairie Alumni Jazz Ensemble, and the Polkateers. This event will be held at the Angel Park Pavilion which offers a great dance floor, so put your dancing shoes on and get ready to swing!

Volunteer opportunities include decorating the Pavilion, selling tickets, selling concessions, and take down.

3) Saturday February 17, 2018 - The Regional “Essentially Ellington” Sun Prairie Jazz Festival

This is a huge, annual event for the jazz program. Sun Prairie is the host for this non-competitive jazz festival. Jazz ensembles from around the state will once again convene at Sun Prairie High School for a day of clinics, performance and pure swing! The students in the bands will interact with some of the finest jazz educators/performers in the country. The event will culminate with an evening performance in the Sun Prairie Performing Arts Center. Several scholarships and awards are given out to students.

This is an all-day event and requires considerable help from jazz parents. Many volunteers are needed to help with this event in various capacities (office work, hallway monitor, running the judges' hospitality suite, organizing, cooking and serving lunch).

5) Swing Into Spring Big Band Extravaganza - March 16, 2018.

This is a great family friendly event that features loads of Big Band music! Swing Into Spring typically includes all of the jazz bands (from PMMS, PVMS, CHUMS, and HS). It is held at one of the middle schools.

6) Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition in NYC- For the past several years, SPHS Jazz I has submitted an audition recording to the Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition for the chance to be selected as one of the 15 finalists who participate for three days every May at Lincoln Center. Jazz 1 performed at Lincoln Center this past May—for the fifth straight year and 11th time since 1998. The recording for the audition 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.

7) Concerts and Clinics – In addition to the above events, each Jazz band from all the schools will have concerts and clinics 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>

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 Heights 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

interested (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 18 - festival on November 18)

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-2017.html>

Auditions will take place September 25 - 28 and rehearsals will begin October 2nd.

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

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, under downloads.

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 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 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. 20-21

Both the Wind Symphony and 9th Grade Band will host a "lock-in rehearsal" on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21. Students report to the band room at 4pm on 10/20 and can be picked up Saturday 10/21 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.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 10/18 - Recorded auditions due for Sun Prairie Honors Band
- **Tuesday 10/24 - Fall Concert** (7pm - 8th Grade Band, 8pm - 9th Gr. & Wind Symphony)
- Saturday 11/18 - Sun Prairie Honors Band
- **Monday 12/18 - CHUMS & SPSHS Band Concerts @ SPSHS** (9th Grade @ 8pm, 7:30pm warm-up)

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,

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PMMS BAND 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, 130 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 10th. The 7th Grade Bands, with 114 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 18th.

Welcome PMMS Band Intern - Jacob Klingbeil



Wisconsin conductor and trumpeter **Jacob Klingbeil** has worked with ensembles, both wind and orchestral, of all levels throughout the United States. He has worked as a conductor and educator at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Illinois State University where he taught a portion of the concert ensembles and courses in conducting.

Mr. Klingbeil holds degrees in trumpet performance and instrumental conducting from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the University of Wisconsin-Madison respectively. He also holds memberships with the National Association for Music Education, National Band Association, College Band Directors National Association, and the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia national fraternity.

Fall Concert

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 10th! 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!

7th Grade Band Jump Start

During the week of August 21st, 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 a 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!



7th Band Trip to UWEC - October 5

On Thursday, October 5th 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

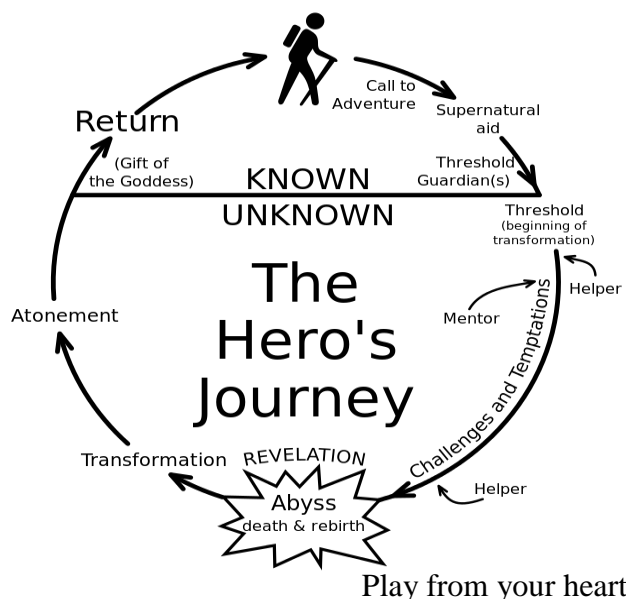
Patrick Marsh Jazz is just around the corner! Here are some important dates and information regarding the program:

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 8

Another commission project is underway for PMMS 7th Grade Band! This time we have commissioned composer Andrew Boysen Jr, to write a piece of music for our school. In addition to working with Dr. Boysen Jr., students will also work with visual artist, Dr. Erik Evenson. Together Dr. Boysen Jr. and Dr. Evenson will create a storyboard "movie" that will be accompanied by our 7th grade band playing music written by Dr. Boysen Jr. Our students will study how some literature and movies follow a similar pattern called "The Hero's Journey." The students will use this knowledge to help shape both the auditory and visual aspects of the new work. The world premiere performance will take place by our 7th Grade Band at our Spring Concert on May 8, 2018.



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 13th).

Any questions? Give us a call or email us!

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Notes from the PV Band Room

After a great group of kids attending “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 10th concert. The 6th grade had a good turnout for the first social gathering as they become a “team!” Here’s what’s happening at the View;

- The 7th grade band performed at our Fun Run on September 15th. For those keeping score, that would have been the 9th day of school. 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 child’s playing.
- Hand-in-hand with the Academy is 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. Students can also find this information in google classroom in the “about” section of that page. 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 18th, 2017. 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 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 student.

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

Follow us on Instagram: [pvmsband](#)
Like us on Facebook: [Sun Prairie Bands](#)

Anne Sederquist and Matt Quaglieri





Sound of Sun Prairie News!

October 2017

Happy Fall!

I need to start with a **HUGE thank you** to all the great parents that volunteered with Sound this past summer. It takes a village to raise a marching band and every little bit helps! It was super fun for me personally to watch connections form between parents as you all worked together. Again, thank you all!

It's great to be back to school and into the routine of the school year. Sound welcomed teachers into the high school after the opening convocation in August, and teachers loved it! Many thanks to students and families for making adjustments to their plans so students could be part of this event.

Please join us at the Band Booster Meeting on Monday, Sept. 25th 7:00 pm at the high school. We'll have ice cream and information about how band boosters support our efforts as a band department and how you can fundraise fees for SOSB, field trips, private lessons and if you're in Wind Ensemble, the Carnegie Hall trip!

Sound of Sun Prairie - Preparations for 2018 underway!

SOSB 2017- what's going on right now?

- Show preparations are underway. Do you have ideas for music or a theme? Pass them along!!
- We are collecting your FAVORITE PHOTOS from the 2017 Season! We'll use them in the memory book and video. Please email them to me!
- Look for video & Memory Book Release Party in December!
- Setting Rehearsal & Performance Calendar (looks to be similar as last year with the season tentatively ending around July 16th)

SOSP 2018 - 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!

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 during our performances are 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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Director, Sound of Sun Prairie



The Band Boosters have been presented with an exciting 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.

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!



*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.

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 charmsoffice.com. 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 SPS "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
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