

THE B STER BEAT

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Booster Meeting: November 16, 7pm, SPSHS Music Area

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From the High School Podium



Happy Almost November everyone! The days have been flying by!! This has been an eventful Fall thus far. All of the bands did good work in preparation for the first concert. The fall is always a time of reviewing fundamentals and learning how to budget our time to fulfill our commitment to the other members of our ensemble – we are much closer to that ideal than we were just a few weeks ago.

The **Pit Orchestra** is working hard for their shows November 13-15 and 20-22 and all students will soon be selecting solos/and ensembles for February. Come and see *Peter Pan* if you can!

Lessons – students should be practicing outside of class and making progress on all 12 of their major scales as well as working on the fundamentals of playing their instruments. Concert Band and Wind Ensemble students should also have a **lesson book**:

Concert Band – 40 Rhythmical Studies

Wind Ensemble – Rubank Advanced Method, vol. II

We want all students to feel like band is a worthwhile investment – in order to get the dividends, one must invest. In our case, the greater the investment, the greater the return. I wish the stock market worked like that...

We had/have many special guests coming to visit us!

Tuesday, October 27 - 9am- 12:30pm – Brass and Woodwind clinic - All Band Classes

Tom Curry - Tuba - He is currently the tubist in the Wisconsin Brass Quintet and the principal tubist of the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra. He has performed with the Joffrey Ballet, the Chicago Philharmonic, the Madison Symphony Orchestra, the Ars Viva Symphony, and many other orchestras.

Wesley Warnhoff - Clarinet - has developed a unique pedagogical approach that provides a new perspective on creating the ideal embouchure and sound concept, and it is this dedication to the art of teaching that makes Dr. Warnhoff a sought after clinician throughout the United States.

Wednesday, October 28 - UW – River Falls Wind Ensemble - All Band Classes 9am - 12:30pm

The **UW-River Falls Wind Ensemble** presented a concert to band classes, featuring composer **Jack Stamp** (Composer of “Gavorkna Fanfare” that the SPHS Wind Ensemble performed at our first concert) for all bands. These performances will be in preparation for the ensemble’s performance at the Wisconsin State Music Convention.

Monday, November 30, 7pm - UW-Eau Claire Jazz I with SPHS Jazz I & II

Bob Baca and the **UW-Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I**, with SP Alum Sam Olson on Bass, will present a **public concert** with SPHS Jazz I and II in the SPHS PAC. The concert will cap a day of clinics at the high school with all three jazz ensembles.

Speaking of funds, **Fund-raising** is in full swing (Bucky Book sales actually just concluded) – with opportunities for working **concession events at UW sporting events**. The **Fruit Sale** has begun and is a tradition here in Sun Prairie. Forms are available from your son or daughter’s band director. Every band student will be going “on tour” this year, with a cost of around \$100 (and \$250 for Wind Ensemble), 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. For a detailed description of how fundraising works, see the Parent meeting handout as archived on the www.spbb.org website under the SPHS tab. Remember you can see your current account balance by accessing the booster homepage at www.spbb.org and under the home tab, click on CHARMS. Here you can log in to see how much money you have raised for your account.

Jazz Ensembles

All three Jazz Ensembles are up and running. Mr. Rush is directing a New Orleans/Brass Band, Mr. Hering, Jazz II and Mr. Sveum, Jazz I. Dan Wallach will be working with students on improvisation to prepare students for the numerous opportunities to improvise and perform throughout our community. **Ron Carter** will make a return to Sun Prairie High School on **November 11th to work with Jazz I, II and the Brass Band**. Also, looking ahead, all three bands will play at the **Annual Big Band Dance** back again at Angell Park on **Saturday, December 5 from 7-9pm**

Winter Epoch/Pep Band

We are still looking for more members to join us for our winter sports season. All are welcome to come enjoy social music making as we support our athletic teams. See Mr. Rush for details.

Upcoming Band Highlights include:

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| November | 11 – Ron Carter Jazz Clinic |
| | 30 – UW-Eau Claire/SPHS Jazz I & II Concert, 7pm PAC |
| December | 5 – Holiday Big Band Dance – 7-11pm, Angell Park Pavillion |
| | All three HS Jazz Ensembles & Alumni Band with CHUM Jazz, and more! |
| | 9 – UW-Madison Wind Ensemble/CHUM Wind Symphony, SPHS Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, SPHS PAC |

December 14 – Holiday Band Concert – see below

The Holiday season will also include our holiday concert on **Monday, December 14** with two shows, one at **6:30pm** featuring the CHUMS 8th grade bands and our HS Concert and an **8pm** Show featuring the 9th grade bands, HS Symphonic Band and SPSHS Wind Ensemble – these concerts are **FREE!!!**

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 hope to see you soon at one of our many events!

Sincerely,

Steve Sveum
David Rush



Jazz Program



Saturday, December 5, Big Band Dance –AT ANGELL PARK PAVILION

Once again, the Big Band Dance will be held at Angell Park Pavilion. All of the Jazz ensembles will be involved in this event.

We will need quite a bit of help with: decorations prior to the dance, selling tickets, selling concessions during the dance and cleaning up afterwards. This is a really fun event, but it does take quite a few people to pull it off. We will be sending out requests for help very soon.

Julie and Tim Keal
jazzchairs@spbb.org

Events and Volunteer Opportunities for Jazz



1) Saturday, December 5, Big Band Dance

2) Saturday February 20 – “Essentially Ellington” 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) April 5 Spring Jazz Concert

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

4) Swing Into Spring - March 12

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 10 bands are selected to go to NYC and compete at Lincoln Center. SPSHS Jazz I has been selected to compete in NYC several times, most recently in 2015. The recording for the audition CD occurs in January and the band finds out in late February if they are finalists and are invited to NYC. If selected, the jazz program has just a few weeks to raise the funds to send the band. We try to raise enough money that we only have to charge the students a nominal amount.

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





FROM the Cardinal Heights Band



It is exciting to witness all of the growth by band students at Cardinal Heights this fall. Typically our students experience an increase in the momentum of their musical evolution in the second quarter of the year. Hopefully you are hearing thoughtful, goal oriented practice at home. Practice is an investment in progress and growth. Consistent practice leads to consistent progress and growth.

Cardinal Height Jazz has Begun!

Jazz ensembles auditioned at the end of September and began rehearsing in early October. We are pleased to have 2 very full jazz ensembles that allow all interested students to learn the great American art of jazz.

Both groups are gearing up for our first performance at the annual Big Band Dance, scheduled for Saturday December 5th, 7:30pm – at Angel Park Pavilion.

Please help us begin rehearsals on time by having students at the school no later than 6:50am.

Cardinal Heights Jazz I:

Director: Mr. Melrose

Rehearsals: Monday & Thursdays 7:00 – 7:45am

Cardinal Heights Jazz II:

Director: Mr. Mesner

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.

Sun Prairie Middle School Honor Band (8th & 9th Grade):

We are pleased to welcome Melody Snyder (Edina Minnesota) & John Stewart (UW-Eau Claire) as our guest conductors for this year's honor bands. This honor band is an opportunity to work with outstanding educators, learn new concepts, meet other students that share similar interests, and put together a challenging concert in only 1 rehearsal.

Saturday November 21st

8:30am - Registration

6:30pm - Concert (open to public)

CHUMS Wind Symphony, HS Wind Ensemble, & UW Madison Wind Ensemble Concert - Tuesday, December 8th, 7:30 pm @ High School PAC!

The Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony will join the SPS Wind Ensemble and the UW Madison Wind Ensemble for a joint concert.

CHUMS December Concert – Monday Dec. 14th @ High School PAC!

The High School and Cardinal Heights will share the PAC stage for the Winter Concert.

- 8th Grade Bands and the High School Concert Band will perform at the 6:30pm Concert.
- 9th Grade Band and the High School Symphonic Band will perform at the 8:00pm Concert.
- Admission is free!

Sun Prairie Band Booster Fundraisers:

Band Fundraisers do 2 great things – they help raise funds for the band boosters, that in turn go back to boost your child's music education through clinics, concerts, and other opportunities. Students can also earn credit towards their individual ledger as a part of fundraising. Many students fully pay for their clinics or tours through SPBB fundraisers.

Cardinal Heights Band clinics and tours this year include:

- 8th Grade Bands to Kalahari Band Festival (April 25, 2014), cost around \$40
- 9th Grade Band & Wind Symphony performance & clinic tour (March 5-6, 2014), cost around \$90

Current fundraisers include:

- Fruit Sale (beginning soon)
- Concessions (UW home athletic events year-round).

Please see Mr. Melrose or go to spbb.org for more information!

Ian Melrose
Joe Mesner





Patrick Marsh News



We are now working into the second quarter and everyone is settling into the school year. After a great first couple months, we have lots to look forward to! The following is what you should keep a lookout for:

Winter Concert

After a successful Fall Concert, we are diving right back in and preparing for our Winter Concert! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3rd for another showcase of your students' hard work and progress!

Location: PMMS Cafetorium

Time: Sixth Grade Bands 6:30 PM (here and ready for warm-up at 6:10 PM)

Seventh Grade Bands 7:30 PM (here and ready for warm-up 7:10PM)

Attendance requirements, concert dress, and expectations for concert etiquette remain the same as for the Fall Concert. For those of you who cannot make it in person, livestream the performance online at Livestream.com! (<http://new.livestream.com>)

Jazz Ensemble

Patrick Marsh Jazz is in season! Here are some important dates and information regarding rehearsals and the program:

JAZZ 6 3:00-4:00 PM Tuesdays after school in the band room (open to all 6th grade students) **Starts Nov. 10**

JAZZ 7 7:00-7:35 AM Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with rotating sectionals on Thursdays (open to all 7th grade students) **Started Oct. 27**

JAZZ COMBO 3:00-4:00 PM on Thursdays in the band room **Starts Nov. 5**

Notes: *It is important for the students to be on time and at each of the morning rehearsals. There are no auditions for any of the jazz groups. All instruments are welcome!*

PERFORMANCES

- Middle School Jazz Festival -- February 19 (7th)
- Swing Into Spring -- March 12 (6th & 7th)
- Elementary School Tour -- April 6 (7th)



Friday Ensembles

We offer seven small ensembles at Patrick Marsh. All groups meet from 7:00-7:30 AM on Fridays in the band room. Students must be at and on time to every rehearsal each week. Small ensembles are open to students in both 6th and 7th grade and there is no cost to be a part of a group.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Taught by Mr. Gleason **(Starts Nov 6)**
 FLUTE ENSEMBLE - Taught by Mrs. Rockman **(Started Oct 23)**
 CLARINET ENSEMBLE - Taught by Mr. Lensmeyer **(Starts Nov 6)**
 SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE - Taught by Mr. Rayford **(Starts Nov 6)**
 TRUMPET/HORN ENSEMBLE - Taught by Mrs. Haraldson **(Starts Nov 6)**
 LOW BRASS ENSEMBLE (tbone, euph, tuba) - Taught by Mr. Davison **(Starts Nov 6)**

Important Friday Ensemble Dates

December 11 - Hallway Holiday Music, Halls of PMMS, 7:30 AM
 February 13 - WSMA District Solo Ensemble, Patrick Marsh Middle School (time TBD)
 February 23 - Early Spring Band Concert, PMMS Cafetorium
 February 24 - Ensemble Party & Celebration (last day of ensembles), PMMS Band Room
 7:00-7:30 AM

CoMission Possible 6

The 7th grade commission project is underway! Composer Shapiro has received the rock recordings and has started to work on the new composition! More information to come soon!



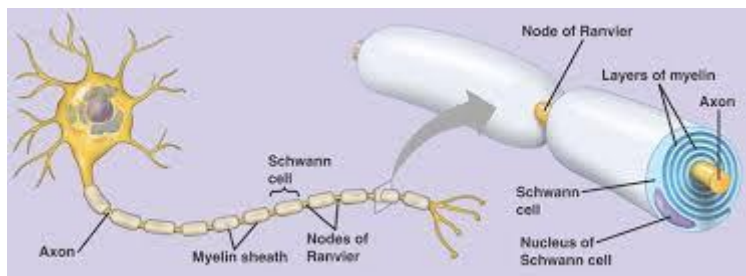
How Is My Child Assessed In Band?

The goal of assessment is to provide feedback to the student, teacher, parents, and other stakeholders. Research has shown that students who practice self-reflection and self-analysis do better and accomplish more. Our goal is to provide students the opportunity to practice self-reflection and self-analysis while receiving feedback from their teachers. This process will also provide you with a multifaceted report on student progress. These reports will be sent to you in the form of a PDF once per quarter and will give you more information than what you will see in their official grades.

1. Individual skills - Demonstrates appropriate skills and techniques in small group settings (lessons).
2. Ensemble skills - Demonstrates appropriate skills and techniques in large group settings.
3. Imagination, Creativity, Composition, Improvisation & Innovation - Develop the powerful skills of divergent thinking.
4. Literacy - Read, Write, Listen, Speak and Think
5. Analysis & Evaluation - Respond to music through analysis and evaluation
6. Connections - Demonstrate connections between art, cultures, history, community, and self.
7. Building Myelin – Demonstrate goal-oriented practice, practice strategies, and self-evaluations.

Band Swag - We are very excited to share with you our new district-wide **Sun Prairie Band Wear**. The clothing contains a great looking logo with words from our band mission statement "Move Beyond The Notes". You can view these items and place orders all year long using the online store at <http://stores.inksoft.com/spbands>

Items will also be displayed at all of the Fall Band Concerts. Paper order forms will be available at the Fall Concerts as well. Orders placed by **November 2** will be delivered to your child's school for distribution on **November 20**. Orders placed at other times of the year can shipped to you via USPS shipping.



Tired of nagging your kids to practice?

Recently in band we spoke to your kids about the purpose for practice, how to practice and Myelin. I created a video just for parents/guardians with this same information. Watching the video will give you some insight into what we discussed and some of the new research about how we learn and develop skill. Here is the 10 minute video: <https://youtu.be/LZTgXN-4lno?t=5s>

Chris Gleason
Sharon Haraldson
Patrick Marsh Band Directors



 **Notes from the View!** 

Just a quick note (no pun intended) to keep all of you up to speed with what's going on in band.

- Congrats to all the Prairie View kids that auditioned for our honor band. Lots of learning happens while students are in the process of preparing for the audition. They are doing a great job of preparing for the rehearsal and performance.
- Our concert on Dec. 3 is taking on a slightly different format. The 6th grade portion of the concert will begin at 6:30 pm with students at school to warm up at 6:00 pm. The 7th grade will begin at 7:30 pm Prairie View, warming up at 7 pm. This will hopefully alleviate the overcrowding for our families. Check out the webcast at <http://www.spbb.org/pvms.html> and click the "Concert Webcast" link.
- We are looking for a performing opportunity for our low brass players. Stay tuned, we'll let you know as soon as we know.

Seventh grade jazz band is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 6:55 am. Be at school early enough to be ready to play with the group at 6:55 am. Students should be entering the #9 door in the back of the school.

Students have lots of things they can be working on. There are several performances coming up in the near future. That music should be practiced every day. They are preparing a solo to record in February and they could also play it at Solo/Ensemble Festival. To get everything ready to go, students need to make a plan and then work the plan!!

We are thankful for the wonderful students and supportive parents we work with every day!

Have a great Thanksgiving break and a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Sederquist and Mr. Quaglieri





Happy Fall SOSP Families!!! Believe it or not lots of preparations for Sound of Sun Prairie 2016 are taking off. Rick Kirby has already begun writing the music for the first 2 movements of this year's show and some SOSP staff will be attending the Bands of America Championships in November.

SOSP 2016 Kick-Off Dates:

SOSP 2015 DVD & Memory Book Release / SOSP 2016 Show Announcement

- Thursday December 10th, 6:30pm @ SPHS Band Room (Enter Door #3)

SOSP 2016 Open Rehearsal - see below

- Sunday January 10th, 12:30 - 3:30pm, location TBD

SOSP 2016 Kick-Off Meeting (for all returning & interested SOSP members & parents)

- Tuesday March 1st, 7pm @ SPHS (Enter Door #3)

SOSP 2016, Rehearsal #1!!!!

- Saturday March 12th, 9:00am - 5:00pm @ SPHS (will lunch break from 12:00 - 1:30)

SOSP Percussion Rehearsals begin in January!

Winter rehearsal dates for students interested in the Sound of Sun Prairie marching band percussion section will begin in January 2016. These rehearsals are open to anyone interested in SOSP Percussion. Students and staff will begin work on building the skills and fundamentals to jump into learning our marching band show in the spring.

- January 12, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS (also SOSP Open House Date)
- January 31, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- February 21, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- March 6, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS



SOSP Color Guard Updates:

We are close to confirming our guard staff for the 2016 season. While we won't be having a winter guard again this year, we are hoping to have an active winter season with rehearsals beginning in January and possibly attending a WGI Show (Winter Guard International) as a social and educational opportunity. STAY TUNED!!!

Love that Sound!

Ian Melrose

ipmelro@sunpraireschools.org

(608)318-8134

Director, Sound of Sun Prairie

**From The Concession Stand**

Concession sign-up is open. The schedule can be viewed at spbb.org under Band Boosters / Concessions. Every student in band benefits from the commissions earned from concession events. We get docked commission money when we are short workers. If we can fully staff all events we will get a bonus which will help increase the credit value. If you have never

worked a concession event, give it a try. It is a great way to meet other band members and families, as well as helping the band program.

We will be staffing a water station at the Madison Marathon on Sunday, November 8th. Volunteer spots were quickly filled. We are excited to include band members under 16 years old in a concession event.

UW Football Concessions Opportunities:

October 31—2 people still needed!

November 21—13 people still needed!

UW Basketball Concessions Opportunities:

November 4, 13, 15, 17, and 25th

December 5, 9, 12, 15, 23, and 29th

January 2, 9, 17, and 26th

February 4, 10, 21, and 28th

Sign up online!



The Fall Fruit and Cookie Dough Sale STARTED OCTOBER 23rd!

The fall fruit and cookie dough sale begins on Friday October 23rd. Forms are available to download on the booster website or you can get packets from your band director. Bill and Ann Nelson are co-chairs for the fruit sale again this year and can be contacted at fruitsale@spbb.org if you have any questions. We will be working with MinnTex for fruit and Hansen's for cookie dough again this fall. Profits range between 40-50% on all products sold!

Important dates to note:

Oct. 23rd - Sheets are available from band directors or from the SPBB website for students to start selling.

Nov. 14th - Orders are due to group chairperson.

Dec. 12th - Fruit pick-up and delivery day.

Dec. 19th - Money due to group chairperson.

Selling Ideas

The Band Boosters have been selling fruit for many years and the community has always been great about supporting this fundraiser. Many folks comment year after year how much they enjoy the fresh oranges and especially the grapefruit! This is an easy fundraiser because the fruit practically sells itself. We put an add in the Star so many of our regular customers are waiting for a call! Be sure to contact everyone who has ordered from you in the past! If you have a friend who recently graduated, ask them for a list of the folks they have sold to in the past. Call families of recent SP band graduates! Remember to bring along the order forms when you go to meetings, or a friend's house. The fruit boxes are a great holiday gift idea and will keep well past holidays as long as it is stored in a cool, dry place. People want to support you and the band; you just need to ask them for the support!

*Do not collect money until you deliver the fruit and cookie dough. Also, please do not sell cookie dough to school staff before or during school!

Please turn in all forms by noon on Saturday, November 14th to your group chairperson (See group chair listing below). You will also want to make a copy for your records! **Pick-up is scheduled**

for Saturday, December 12th at

7:30 AM* Please note the location for pick up will once again be at the Tech Ed Garage at the High School which is located in the back of the High School at doors #3, 4, 5. *** Please be on time to help sort fruit and compile your order. Bring your parents and plan on spending at least 1 hour!**

Group Chairs - **These are the people you should be turning in your forms to!

Student last names A thru F: Bill Nelson

Address – 944 Eddington Drive

[608-225-5282](tel:608-225-5282)

fruitsale@spbb.org

Student last names G thru K: Randy Kaminski

Address: 4994 Creek Haven Rd Cottage Grove

[608-837-3068](tel:608-837-3068)

kamfam5@frontier.com

Student last names L thru R: Jennifer Leclaire

1818 Frawley Dr

[608-834-1007](tel:608-834-1007)

bennifer00@aol.com

Student last names S thru Z: Steve Smith

Address: 382 N Westmount Drive

Steve: [608-628-3677](tel:608-628-3677) or Kimberly: [608-712-1192](tel:608-712-1192)

scsmith.wi@gmail.com



A Note from the Treasurer

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

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



A Fireside Chat from the President



Hope everyone has been enjoying the incredible fall weather. We are hitting concert season where we all will enjoy the fruits of our children's hard work over the first part of the year. I ask you to expand the community's awareness of how good our music program is. Invite someone that doesn't have a student in music. Invite a family member that usually doesn't attend, maybe an aunt or uncle. Invite a friend or neighbor. Let them enjoy our experiences that our children work so hard in completing.

Couple of business notes:

- Bucky Book s closed up on Friday October 16th. If you haven't, send all money and unsold books to their music directors ASAP. We have 2 weeks to close this out and we want to lessen the work of our chairs in tracking these down.
- The famous SPBB Fruit/cookie dough sale has begun. Forms will be available on our web-site www.SPBB.org. We are so fortunate how our community supports this sale. Get out and ask your friends and neighbors to support the bands. The fruit is fantastic!
- We have a new volunteer calendar tab under to home tab at our web site. This is something new and has already been embraced by wonderful parents wanting to help with small needs our music program needs like selling tickets or working backstage at our concerts. This calendar will allow our teachers or committee chairs seek out help in music related events. It's easy to use and hopefully cut down on all the email requests. Please check it a couple times a month and sign up for things you feel comfortable in doing. Many hands make smaller work. Our leadership works so hard with all of the planning and managing of these projects, if we can cut down the time of recruiting, everyone is happier.

In closing, concessions have been going strong. Thank you to the veterans and all the new faces we have seen this year! We have a 2 more UW football games upcoming to finish the football season, but UW basketball season starts soon. Schedule of home games with sign up is on our website. Please take a look at the schedule and sign up. The largest percentage of money raised in all of our efforts comes from the concessions. We want this to continue strong in our future!

Thanks for listening and helping out!

Stephen DeWitt
SPBB president

How Fundraising Helps ALL Band Students!

SPBB Funded "Big Ticket" Items in 2014-2015

1. Truck Matching Fund-\$25,000
2. Clinicians/Guest Conductors/Artists-in-Residence-\$10,000
3. Vehicle Expenses-\$3,300
4. Awards (Letters, Pins, Dinner, etc.)-\$2,750
5. Professional Development Support for Band Directors-\$2,600
6. SPBB Private Lesson Academy Subsidy (PayPal fees)-approx. \$1,200

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

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