

# THE B STER BEAT

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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 so far. All of the bands did good work in preparation and performance of their first concert. Thank you for your positive comments on the students' performances – it is always great to hear feedback from those in attendance. 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.

Congratulations to **Lauren Rault** who will be performing with **the Wisconsin State Honors Band** at the Overture Center on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations as well to **the Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony** and the **SPHS Jazz I rhythm section** who performed at the State Music Convention held at Monona Terrace in Madison.

**Winter Epoch/Pep Band** will be getting underway in late November. Mr. Rush is still working out the schedule with Mr. Nee. 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. Mr. Rush will post the schedule on his office window very soon.

Students will soon be **selecting solos/and ensembles** for February. Remember that at the high school, **ALL** students must perform either a solo or ensemble at either solo night or Solo/Ensemble district festival as part of their third quarter requirement.

**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. All Woodwind students should also have a red **lesson book provided by the school**.

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.

The **Pit Orchestra** this year is comprised of mostly adults and is very small – there are only 6 of us. If you would like to hear some of your teachers in performance, by attending a performance of “Urinetown” you can hear Mr. Quaglieri on Bass and Bb clarinet, Mr. Leising (Mr. Gleason's student teacher) on Trombone and Euphonium, Mr. Baldwin (our Lesson Academy Drum Set teacher) on Drums and Percussion, Mrs. Odorizzi on Piano, Michael Otto on Bass, and Mr. Sveum on Soprano and Alto Saxophone. Of course we have many band students on stage and behind the scenes as well. Performances are November 11-13 and 18-20, 2016.

We have many special guests that have come/are coming to visit us

### **Monday, October 24 - 7am- 10am – Caili O’Doherty Trio**

Featuring **Caili O’Doherty** on piano, Caroline Davis on saxophone and Cory Cox on Bass and Drums, the Trio worked with Jazz students on learning to improvise on “Blue Bossa” and then taught the Concert Band Red students to improvise on the beginning chord progression to “Russian Christmas Music.” All students who cared to improvise (most of them) contributed a rhythmic solo for the band to respond to.

**Dr. John Climer**, Wind Ensemble director at UW-Milwaukee, was also in to work with the Wind Ensemble. He was in town to audition students for the upcoming UW-Milwaukee Festival band. This band is comprised of students from many of the outstanding programs in the Chicago area as well as here from Wisconsin. Dr. Climer had many great observations to contribute to the band.

### **Wednesday and Thursday, October 26 and 27 – Dr. Jerry Tolson, Louisville**

**Dr. Jerry Tolson** from the University of Louisville spent two days with both the Jazz I rhythm section and Jazz I students in preparation for their performance at the Wisconsin State Music Convention on Friday, October 28 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Dr. Tolson used the Jazz I rhythm section as his student demonstration group at the convention.

### **Thursday, October 27 – Dr. Matthew Schlomer, Interlochen Arts Academy**

Dr. Matthew Schlomer, band conductor, classical saxophone instructor and conductor of the Interlochen Symphony Orchestra held a clinic for the SPSHS Wind Ensemble. He informed students on the many opportunities afforded students who attend both the Interlochen Arts Academy outside of Traverse City, Michigan as well as the immersive Interlochen summer arts programs.

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](http://www.spbb.org) website under the SPSHS tab. Remember you can see your current account balance by accessing the Booster homepage at [www.spbb.org](http://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**

We have two Jazz Ensembles this year. **Mr. Bruce Hering** is directing Jazz II (still need another saxophone player or two) and Mr. Sveum will be directing Jazz I. **Ron Carter** will make a return to Sun Prairie High School on **November 7<sup>th</sup> to work with Jazz I and II**. We are also fortunate to welcome **Mr. David Bixler** (alto saxophone of Birch Creek and New York City) to work with our saxophone players and bands on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Also, looking ahead, both bands will play at the **Annual Big Band Dance** back again at Angell Park on **Saturday, December 10, from 7-10pm**

**Band Highlights** include:

**October**      24 – Caili O'Doherty Jazz Trio/John Climer Wind Ensemble clinic  
26 – Dr. Jerry Tolson, rhythm section clinic 3:30pm  
27 – Dr. Jerry Tolson jazz clinic with Jazz I, 6:45am  
27 – Dr. Matthew Schlomer, Interlochen Arts Academy, Wind Ens.  
28 – SPHS Jazz I rhythm section @ State Music Convention, 8am

**November**    7 – Ron Carter Jazz Clinic – Jazz I and II Noon-3:30 (split clinic)

**December**    5 – David Bixler Saxophone/Jazz Clinic – 1:15-5:30pm  
- Jazz I and Jazz II as well as saxophone players

**10 – Big Band Dance – Angell Park Pavilion – 7-10pm**

**December**    12 – Holiday Band Concert – see below

The Holiday season will also include our holiday concert on **Monday, December 12** with two shows, one at **6:30pm** featuring the CHUMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands and our HS Concert Band Red and Symphonic Band and an **8pm** Show featuring the 9<sup>th</sup> grade band, HS Concert Band White and CHUMS Wind Symphony and the SPHS 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





**Big Band Dance – Saturday, December 10,  
at the ANGELL PARK PAVILION**

The Big Band Dance will be held at the Angell Park Pavilion on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. We will need quite a bit of help with this event starting with set-up and decorating on Friday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, and with selling tickets, selling concessions during the dance, and cleaning up afterwards on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a *really* fun event for everyone, but it does take quite a few people to pull it off.

Volunteering is a great way for parents to share a students' musical journey through high school. We appreciate your support, and ask you to please sign up to help at the Big Band Dance by going to the volunteer calendar at <http://www.spbb.org/volunteer-calendar1.html> or go to [www.spbb.org](http://www.spbb.org) and under the "Home" tab, click on "Volunteer Calendar."

Thank you!

Cheryl Keating and Terri Lamprech, Jazz Committee Co-Chairs

Send an e-mail to [jazzchairs@spbb.org](mailto:jazzchairs@spbb.org) with any questions.





## 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 as we approach the second quarter of the year. Hopefully you are hearing thoughtful and 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 scheduled for Saturday December 3rd here at Cardinal Heights.

*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  
Woodwinds & Brass 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 Rich Tengowski (Kohler, WI) & Dr. Glenn Hayes (UW-Whitewater) 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 19th

8:30am - Registration

6:30pm - Concert (open to public)

We will be needing a handful of volunteers that day to help with registration, serving meals, and general help. Stay tuned for more specifics and times and talents we could use - check the SPBB Volunteer Calendar for all sorts of ways to help out: <http://www.spbb.org/volunteer-calendar1.html>

**CHUMS December Concert – Monday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ High School PAC!**

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

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands and the High School Symphonic Band will perform at the 6:30pm Concert.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Wind Symphony and the High School Wind Ensemble will perform at the 8:00pm Concert.
- Admission is free!

\*Students will be responsible for transportation of their instrument to and from this concert. Please plan ahead and let us know if you are in need of assistance.

**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:**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands to Kalahari Band Festival (Thursday May 25, 2017), cost around \$40
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & Wind Symphony performance & clinic tour (March 2-3, 2017), cost around \$90

**Current fundraisers include:**

- Fruit Sale
- Concessions (UW home athletic events year-round)
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***Please see Mr. Melrose or go to [spbb.org](http://spbb.org) for more information!***

Enthusiastically,  
Joe Mesner, Ian Melrose





## 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 1st 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. 12**

JAZZ 7 7:00-7:35 AM Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with rotating sectionals on Thursdays (open to all 7th grade students) **Started Oct 25**

**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 17 (7th Jazz)
- Swing Into Spring -- March 11 (6th & 7th Jazz)
- Elementary School Tour -- April 5 (7th Jazz)



## 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. There is a \$3 fee to be in ensembles.

**PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Band Room Taught by Mr. Gleason.**

**FLUTE ENSEMBLE - Room 125 (Art Room) Taught by Mrs. Rockman.**

**CLARINET ENSEMBLE - Room 112 (Copy Machine Room) Taught by Mr. Lensmeyer.**

**SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE - Room 119 (across from band room) Taught by Mrs. Haraldson**

**TRUMPET ENSEMBLE - Room 111 (Choir/Orch room) Taught by Mr. Sveum**

**HORN ENSEMBLE - Room 103 (Panther Den) Taught by Mrs. Davison**

**LOW BRASS ENSEMBLE (Tbone, Euph, Tuba) – Stage Taught by Mr. Davison/Mr. Leising.**

## Ensemble Performance and Rehearsal Schedule

- Fri. Nov 4 – Rehearsal
- Fri. Nov 11 - No Rehearsal - No School
- Fri, Nov 18 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Nov 25 – No Rehearsal (Thanksgiving Break)
- Fri, Dec 2 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Dec 9 - **Performance** of Holiday Music in the hallways before school
- Fri, Dec 16 – No Rehearsal (Directors at Band Convention)
- Fri, Dec 23 – No Rehearsal Winter Break
- Fri, Dec 30 - No Rehearsal Winter Break
- Fri, Jan 1 – No Rehearsal Winter Break
- Fri, Jan 6 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 13 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 20 – Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 27 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Feb 3 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Feb 10 - Rehearsal
- Sat, Feb 11 - **Performance** at WSMA District Solo/Ensemble @ PVMS.
- Fri, Feb 17 - Rehearsal
- Tues, Feb 21 - **Performance** at Early Spring PMMS Band Concert 6:30 pm



### ComMission Possible 7

The 7th grade commission project is underway! Composer Balmages has received the video and paragraphs created by the students about Paul Klee's painting "The Twittering Machine" and has started to work on the new composition! More information to come soon!



## How Is My Child Assessed In Band?

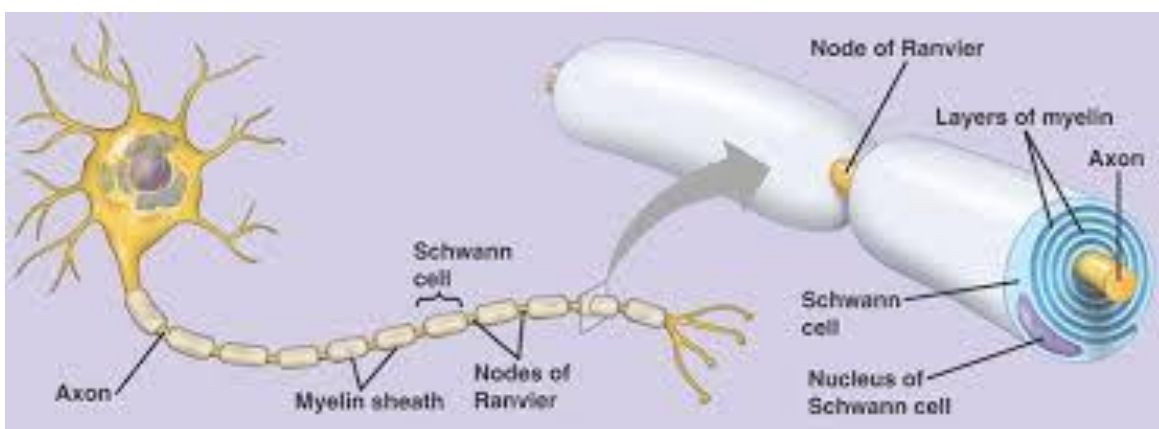
The goal of assessment is to provide feedback to the student, teacher, parents, and other stakeholders. Research has shown that students who practice self-reflection and self-analysis do better and accomplish more. Our goal is to provide students the opportunity to practice self-reflection and self-analysis 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.

## 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>





## Notes from the View!

**Band Concert: December 1, 6:30pm 6th grade, 7:30pm 7th grade**

Our-Holiday concert is coming up! We will be splitting the concerts into grades with the 6th graders arriving **no later than** 6pm to warm up for the 6:30pm concert. Seventh grade students should plan on arriving at Prairie View **no later than** 7pm for their 7:30pm concert.

All students should be wearing their band shirt and black pants. The concert will be webcast for friends and family members who are not able to attend. Check our website ([www.spbb.org/pvms](http://www.spbb.org/pvms)) for more details!

We are also in need of a few volunteers to help during our concert. Jobs include taking pictures, proofreading the program, leading students, and running the camera for the webcast. **We promise that you will be able to watch your student perform!** To sign-up, please see the band department volunteer calendar at [www.spbb.org/volunteer-calendar1](http://www.spbb.org/volunteer-calendar1).

### **SPBB Band Lesson Academy-Up and Running**

It's exciting to hear all the wonderful sounds coming out of our lesson academy rooms on Wednesday evenings! We would like to thank the Sun Prairie Band Boosters for supporting this project! There are 22 students studying with 7 different instructors who each specialize on their specific instrument this fall. Watch for information of spring registration coming soon!

### **Swinging We ARE!**

The 7th grade jazz band is swinging every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:55am-7:35am! We are trying to remember that friends only let friends clap on 2 and 4, and that jazz is something you need to feel with your entire body. We are listening to great artists and trying to figure out the building blocks of improvisation.

### **Solo/Ensemble Festival Sign Up**

Many of our 7th graders will be participating in WSMA Solo/Ensemble festival on February 11th at Patrick Marsh. We have a handful of 6th graders as well. The sign up deadline will be in early December so be on the lookout for information from your musician if they are planning on participating in this festival. From both a parent and teacher point of view, this is my favorite time of year. Students experience so much musical growth preparing for this.

### **Is there music in your home?**

We sure hope so! Your student's instrument should be going home on a regular basis for some quality practice time. Research shows that when it comes to practicing any skill, the quality of time spent is much more significant than the amount of time spent. 15 minutes can go a long way for students if spend that time working on the things that are hard for them.

The band room is open from 7:00 AM-4:00 PM most days and students are more than welcome to come down to practice before school, after school, during lunch recess, and during study hall. You student will be surprised how far some quality time on their instrument can go!

**Follow us on Instagram: pvmsband**



Happy Fall SOSP Families!!! Believe it or not lots of preparations for Sound of Sun Prairie 2017 are taking off. We are working on our show concept for the summer and have several unique and fun ideas that we are sorting out. If you have an idea you are interested in us looking at, please email Mrs. Sederquist and we'll add it to our "go to" list. We will also have some SOSP staff who will be attending the Bands of America Championships in November.

We are looking for students that would like to be part of a video that would help others thinking about Sound see what the group is all about. If you are interested in this, please email Mrs. Sederquist. If you have ideas for things that should be included in the video, share those as well!

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#### **SOSP 2017 Kick-Off Dates:**

#### **SOSP 2016 DVD & Memory Book Release / SOSP 2017 Show Announcement**

- Thursday December 8th, 6:30pm @ SPHS Band Room (Enter Door #3)

#### **SOSP 2017 Open Rehearsal - see below**

- Sunday January 8th, 12:30 - 3:30pm, CHUMS

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

- Tuesday Feb. 28th, 7pm @ SPHS (Enter Door #3, location TBD)

#### **SOSP 2017 Registration**

Saturday, March 4th 9-11am @SPHS Band Room

#### **SOSP 2017, Rehearsal #1!!!!**

- Saturday March 11th, 9:00am - 5:00pm @ SPHS (will lunch break from 12:00 - 1:30)

**SOSP Percussion and Color Guard Rehearsals begin in January!**

Winter rehearsal dates for students interested in the Sound of Sun Prairie marching band percussion section will begin in January 2017. 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.

**SOSP Color Guard Updates:**

We are close to confirming our guard staff for the 2017 season. While we won't be having a winter guard 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!!!

**Tentative schedule:**

- January 8, 12:30 – 3:30pm, CHUMS (also SOSP Open House Date)
- January 29, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- February 12, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- February 26, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- March 5, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

Love that Sound!

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Director, Sound of Sun Prairie





### **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!



### **Current opportunities**

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

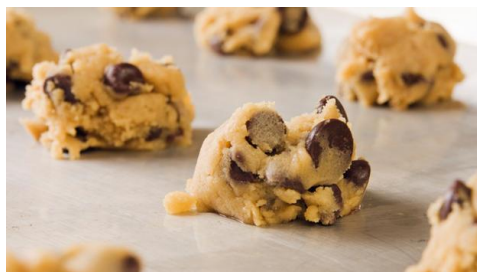
### **UW Football**

November 12 and 26

### **UW Basketball**

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 Fall Fruit and Cookie Dough Sale is Underway!**



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! 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. **This is split 30% to the student and approximately 15% to the band program.**

**Orders are due** by noon on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>; please turn in **both the Cookie Dough & Fruit Order forms** to your group chairperson (See group chair listing below). Please total your forms horizontally and vertically, and double check your math to reduce errors. **You will also want to make a copy for your records!**

**Pick-up/Delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**

The money is to be turned in to your group chair (see below) by **noon on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Any cash should be converted to a check payable to “Sun Prairie Band Boosters” before being turned in.

Bill and Ann Nelson are co-chairs for the fruit sale this year and can be contacted at [fruitsale@spbb.org](mailto:fruitsale@spbb.org) if you have any questions.

### **Group Chairs**

Student last names A thru F:

Bill Nelson  
Address – 944 Eddington Drive  
Ann: 608-225-5282 or Bill: 608-630-4004  
[fruitsale@spbb.org](mailto:fruitsale@spbb.org)

Student last names G thru K:

Tim Heckman  
Address – 156 W. Kohler Street  
608-921-2795  
[Tim.heckman.wi@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.heckman.wi@gmail.com)

Student last names L thru R:

Billie Streich  
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608-852-5804  
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Student last names S thru Z:

Steve Smith  
Address: 382 N Westmount Drive  
Steve: 608-628-3677 or Kimberly: 608-712-1192  
[scsmith.wi@gmail.com](mailto:scsmith.wi@gmail.com)







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.

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>



It may seem a little early, but Christmas shopping is coming, and 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 teachers thank you, the Boosters thank you, and most importantly the hundreds of Sun Prairie band students thank you!



## ***Raising \$\$ for band through eating????***

The Sun Prairie Band Boosters is partnering with the Watertower Chop House to raise funds! 15% of the proceeds will go to SPBB. What a delicious way to help our band kids!



### **Meal Details**

Where: Watertower Chop House  
109 W Main Street

When: Wednesday November 16, 2016  
4:00pm-9:00pm.

We must have at least 20 people signed up or the meal will be canceled. Please sign up following the link below. It is quick and easy!

<http://www.groupraise.com/events/17765>

## Message from the President

Fall is upon us and our bands are in full swing with concerts over the past few weeks, various ensembles starting and jazz groups gearing up for another season.

I am always amazed at the number of opportunities provided to our band students. It never ceases to astound me the amount of support they receive from the teachers, parents and peers. We truly have an outstanding music program that is not seen in many other school districts.

To provide these opportunities we need to help support our students through fundraising efforts and volunteering. There are so many opportunities for every one of us to get involved. Below is part of an ever expanding list of fundraisers...look it over and see how you can help.

- Fruit and Cookie Dough Sale- going on right now!
- Watertown Chop House- 11/16/16 4pm-9pm - we will get 15% back from all sales that night.
- Concessions are in full swing, UW Football is almost over but UW Basketball games could use more volunteers.
- Coming soon: Fish Fry at the Round Table, Steve DeWitt will be the chair for this fundraiser and will need many volunteers to help make this a successful event. Look for additional information coming soon.

Please take some time to look through the volunteer calendar located on the SPBB website. I encourage each and every one of you to find ONE way to help out this amazing program this year. It truly takes a village to keep this program going; it runs better with the help of many hands.

I hope to see many new faces at the next SPBB meeting scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>!!

Cathy Brock, SPBB President



## Answers from last edition!



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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|---------------------|---|
| E 1. Cathy Brock    | a. Watching my kids make pudding cups   |
| D 2. Ann Sederquist | b. Spending time in downtown Traverse City with the kids during free time   |
| F 3. LeAnn Monson   | c. Watching my child make a lot of friends and loving band  |
| A 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!              |
| B 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.            |
| C 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. |

## Chris Gleason named Wisconsin Middle School Teacher of the Year and...



In a surprise ceremony at his school, Chris Gleason, a band director and instrumental music teacher at Patrick Marsh Middle School in the Sun Prairie Area School District, was named Wisconsin's Middle School Teacher of the Year for the 2016-17 school year. State Superintendent Tony Evers made the announcement during an all-school assembly.

Learn more from [DPI's Press Release](#)

Then, just weeks later, he was named Wisconsin's overall Teacher of the Year and will represent Wisconsin in the National Teacher of the Year program! You can read more about this honor from the Sun Prairie Star here:

[http://www.hngnews.com/sun\\_prairie\\_star/article\\_d1cbfd36-870f-11e6-9cfb-c32c79329253.html](http://www.hngnews.com/sun_prairie_star/article_d1cbfd36-870f-11e6-9cfb-c32c79329253.html)

But, wait, there is more!

Mr. Gleason was also named as one of twenty-five semi-finalists for the 2017 Music Educator Award created by the Recording Academy and Grammy Foundation to recognize "current educators who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education."

Read more about it: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/2017-grammy-music-educator-award-semifinalists-revealed/>

***A heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Mr. Gleason!***





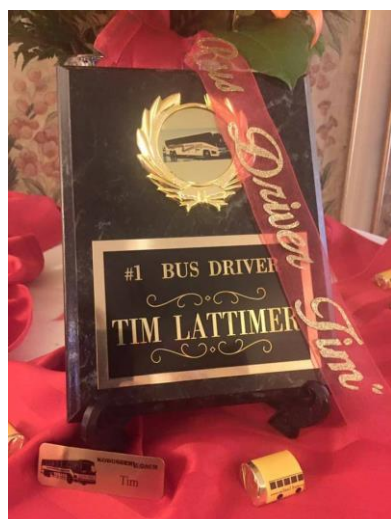
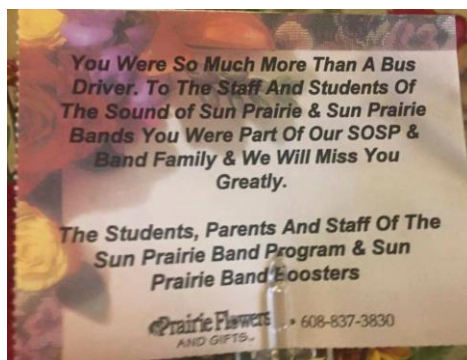


Sun Prairie Band Boosters lost a dear friend most recently. Tim Lattimer, long time bus driver for the Sound of Sun Prairie and or many other Sun Prairie Band trips passed away unexpectedly on October 26, 2016.

His full obituary can be found here:

<http://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/169155/Tim-Lattimer/>

He will be sorely missed.



*Sun Prairie Band Boosters****Student Ledger Usage Guidelines:***

1. *Ledger balances can be found on CHARMS - [charmsoffice.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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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