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From the High School Podium



Happy Holidays!

I continue to be amazed at all the great work our students, staff and parents continue to do to make the Sun Prairie Band Program the ever changing and dynamic program that it is. In the spirit of Thanksgiving - THANK YOU!!

It sure has been a busy fall - if you are interested in seeing some of the great things that have occurred, please visit the spbb.org website and click on the high school tab.

Congrats to all of our Jazz Ensemble students who are working hard at preparing for our Big Band Dance December 2nd. It will be an enjoyable evening of dancing and music. Special thanks to Cheryl Keating and Geri Rault, our jazz chairs, for all of their hard work on this event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to one of our **holiday concerts** on **Monday, December 18** at either **6:30pm or 8pm**. These concerts will feature student musicians from both the High School and Cardinal Heights. As a special feature we will also include the flute choir and percussion ensemble as part of the featured performance. Before the first concert, Michael Wu will perform some piano/holiday music. Between concerts Michael will play some selections from a recent recital as well as the saxophone quartet playing some holiday music.

As a **fund-raiser** that evening, we are asking for donations that will be matched by the Maureen Mengelt foundation. **Maureen's match** will match up to **\$2,500** making it possible for us to raise **\$5000** in one night to help reduce the cost of the **Carnegie Hall**. So if you have a loose change jar sitting around at home, please bring it and contribute to the cause!!! **Donations** will also be counted that are done through the **paypal button** on the spbb.org website.

Wind Ensemble members will return in January to enjoy a three hour clinic, from **6-9pm** by legendary east coast retired band director, **Stephen Massey**. Mr. Massey taught for 40 years at Foxborough High School in Foxborough, MA. He will join us on **Thursday, January 4th** and will impart some great information on how we can raise our musicianship.

We are now entering the **solo/ensemble** season – every high school band student is required to play either a solo or ensemble at either **solo night (Tuesday, February 6** at the high school) or at **District Solo/Ensemble (Saturday, February 10** at Prairie View) Due to the **Wind Ensemble** performance in New York, Wind Ensemble students will need to move their Solo/Ensemble Date to **February 23**. Students received their solo back in November and should be well on their way to having all the notes down. The solo/ensemble is part of our third quarter curriculum.

Jazz I will be recording their “Essentially Ellington” selections the week after finals as well. “Essentially Ellington” is a national festival in which 15 bands are selected nationwide via blind audition to participate. The “finals” are in New York City the first week of May. Students should remember to listen to the music as much as possible to make their parts an extension of themselves and not just notes on a page. We also have SOSP kickoffs coming up, lots of concession/fundraising opportunities, the second fruit sale and a whole lot more! Hope to see you soon at one of the many exciting upcoming events!

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Jazz Program



Sun Prairie High School Annual Holiday Big Band Dance 2017

The Sun Prairie High School Band Boosters presents the Annual Holiday Big Band Dance, Saturday, December 2nd, 7:30-10:30 p.m., at the Angell Park Pavilion in Sun Prairie. The Annual Holiday Big Band Dance features performances by the Sun Prairie High School Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combo, Cardinal Heights Jazz Ensembles, and the Sun Prairie Alumni Jazz Ensemble. Food and beverage will be available for purchase and the dance is open to the public.

Ticket prices: \$10 adult, \$5 student & senior, kids 12 and under free with a paying adult.

We are requesting help with this event starting with set-up and decorating on Friday, Dec. 1st and with selling tickets, selling concessions during the dance, and cleaning up afterwards on Saturday Dec. 2nd. This is a really fun event for everyone, but we need volunteers to make it happen.

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 and under the "Home" tab, click on "Volunteer Calendar."

Thank you!

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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



CHUMS December Concert – Monday Dec. 18th @ 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 Symphonic Band will perform at the 6:30pm Concert.
- 9th 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.*



Solo & Ensemble Season is coming! – Saturday February 10, 2018 @ Prairie View

Students have all selected a solo or duet for this important project. This is a long-term project to help foster individual musicianship and growth.

Students have 2 options for their performance grade:

1. Saturday 2/10/18 – at the official WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, Prairie View
Fees are involved to cover registration and optional medals
2. Thursday 2/8/18 – Solo Night @ CHUMS, 3 – 6pm
There are no fees involved for Solo Night. This is designed for students who are not able to attend on Saturday or would prefer a different option

Help Needed!

Email - knrush@sunprairieschools.org OR sign up on-line at <https://goo.gl/Hs2AWk>

****Please consider helping out to make this event a success on Saturday February 10, 2018. It takes a couple hundred volunteers to put on this festival between donating food, being a door monitor, helping in the cafeteria, and helping set up and teardown.****

Cardinal Heights Jazz Dates:

- February 16 - Sun Prairie Middle Schools Jazz Festival (PV, PM, & CH at Cardinal Heights)
- March 16 – All Jazz ensembles – “Swing into Spring” Big Band Extravaganza @ Patrick Marsh

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday 12/18 - CHUMS & SPSHS Band Concerts @ SPSHS (9th Grade @ 8pm, 7:30pm warm-up)
- Sunday 1/7 - Sound of Sun Prairie Open Rehearsal @ CHUMS, 12:30 - 3:30pm
- Friday 1/12 - 2nd Annual Sun Prairie Band Booster Fish Fry @ the Round Table (5-8pm)
- Thursday 2/8 - CHUMS Solo Night, 3 - 6pm *(for those students not performing at WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday)*
- Saturday 2/10 - WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Tuesday 2/13 - WSMA District Piano Solo Night
- Friday 2/16 - Sun Prairie Middle School Jazz Festival (all day @ Cardinal Heights)
- Tuesday 2/27 - Sound of Sun Prairie Kick-Off Meeting, 7pm @ SPSHS
- March 1 & 2 - Wind Symphony & 9th Grade Band Tour
- Thursday March 8 - CHUMS Band Concert
- March 12 - 15 - Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony Auditions for 2017 - 2018
- Friday March 3/16 - Swing Into Spring Jazz Extravaganza @ Patrick Marsh

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PMMS BAND 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

Thank you for supporting your child's efforts by attending our Winter Concert! We are very proud of their overall growth and look forward to the next concert on Feb. 19.

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 Dec. 5**

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

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 16 (7th Jazz)
- Swing Into Spring -- March 10 (6th & 7th Jazz)
- Elementary School Tour -- April 4 (7th Jazz)

Friday Morning Ensembles 2017-2018

We are so excited to offer six small ensembles at Patrick Marsh this year. A few reminders for you as we begin:

1. Ensembles will rehearse every Friday 7:00-7:30 am starting Oct 13 and ending Feb 19.
2. Please be on time so that ensembles can begin at 7:00 AM sharp!
3. Please enter in door #9 (by the band room) at PMMS.
4. Small ensembles are open to students in 6th and 7th grades.

Performances and Rehearsal Schedule

- Fri, Dec 8 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Dec 15 – **Performance** of Holiday Music in the hallways before school
- Fri, Dec 22 – No Rehearsal - Directors at Convention
- Fri, Dec 29 - No Rehearsal Winter Break
- Fri, Jan 5 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 12 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 19 – Rehearsal
- Fri, Jan 26 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Feb 2 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Feb 9 - Rehearsal
- Fri, Feb 16 - Rehearsal
- Mon., Feb 19 - **Performance** at Early Spring PMMS Band Concert 6:30 pm

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE - Band Room Taught by Mr. Klingbeil

FLUTE ENSEMBLE - Room 119 (Across from Band Room) Taught by Mrs. Rockman

CLARINET ENSEMBLE - Room 103 (Panther Den) Taught by Mrs. Haraldson

SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE - Room 112 (Copy Machine Room) Taught by Ms. Lechner

TRUMPET/HORN ENSEMBLE - Room 111 (Choir/Orch Room) Taught by Mrs. Davison

LOW BRASS ENSEMBLE - Stage (Tbone, Euph, Tuba) Taught by Mr. Powell

PMMS 6th Grade Solo Night - Thur., Jan. 11

Each year the 6th Grade Band Members have the opportunity to work on a solo for our second quarter solo project. The solo is a great vehicle to help students achieve new levels of technique and musicianship on their instrument. Students choose a solo, practice it and perform it for a guest music teacher at the required 6th Grade Solo Night at PMMS on Thursday, January 11 between 5-7:35PM.

The students will perform in classrooms located in the music wing of Patrick Marsh at a specific time between 5 PM and 7:35 PM. Each performance lasts 5 minutes. Students should report to the PMMS Band Room 15 minutes before their performance time, perform, fill out a reflection questionnaire, and then are free to leave when they are done. Student performance times are listed at this link:

<https://goo.gl/Y7QfYN> If you need to change your child's performance time, please contact Mrs. Haraldson via email: smharal@sunprairieschools.org. We will do our best to accommodate your family's' schedule. The performances are free and open to the public. We would love to have family and friends there to support the students.



PMMS 7th Grade Solo Night - Thurs., Jan. 16

Similar to the 6th Grade Solo Night, 7th graders get the opportunity to perform a solo for a guest clinician. However, 7th graders get to select their solo (with teacher guidance). 7th graders are required to perform their solo at the 7th Grade Solo Night on Jan. 16 **or** at the WSMA District Festival on February 10th (fee associated with the Feb. 10 event).

The students will perform in classrooms located in the music wing of Patrick Marsh at a specific time between 5 PM and 7:15 PM. Each performance lasts 8 minutes. Students should report to the PMMS Band Room 15 minutes before their performance time and are free to leave when they are done performing. Student performance times will be communicated following the Winter Concert. The performances are free and open to the public. We would love to have family and friends there to support the students.



EPOCH Sound Pep Band Night - Thur., Jan. 16

We are going to have a Band Party in conjunction with a music event! Epoch Sound, the high energy high school pep band that performs at the HS football and basketball games, has invited interested middle school 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade band students to join them for a performance at the HS Basketball game on **Friday, January 26**. We have created parts so that all middle school band students, regardless of their performance level

or the instrument they play, can participate. **Note- the pep band will only play pre-game.**

Friday, Jan. 26

- 2:50 pm – Interested 6th and 7th students meet in the band room
- 3:00 pm – Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm - Watch Drum Corps International, Sound of Sun Prairie, and Badger Band.
- 4:45 PM – Pizza in the band room (bring own drink).
- 5:30 PM – Load Bus going to the HS (one way...must find a ride home after perform).
- 6:00 PM - MS musicians meet in the band room of SPHS to rehearse w/ Epoch Sound.
- 6:45 PM - Set-up in Fieldhouse of SPHS
- 7:00 PM – Pregame music will begin.
- 7:30 PM – Game Begins - students file out, put instruments away and are excused.

Students can stay for the remainder of the game, however they will not be supervised by Mr. Gleason or Mrs. Haraldson. Again, transportation home from the HS is the responsibility of the student's family. Student's will need to take their instruments home from the HS as well and return them on Monday.

How do you participate??

- 1) Sign-up on the Epoch Sound Sign-up Sheet at Winter Band Concert table.
- 2) Pay at concert or return \$5.00 for pizza & bus (cash please)
- 3) Music to be handed out in January.

PMMS Parent Band - Mon, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19

As a part of our learning process in band, the students of the 6th and 7th grade level bands will be teaching a parent or guardian to play their instrument. They will explain how to begin on their instrument, they will teach you the first 5-7 notes on their instrument, and they will coach you through a piece of beginning band music. The "final exam" will be a performance at our Early Spring Band Concert, **Monday, February 19!** We are planning to have one **short rehearsal** on **Monday, February 12th** from 7:00-7:30 PM in the Patrick Marsh Band Room. Please consider this enriching opportunity to help your child learn and learn for yourself some of the same things your son or daughter does every day.

How do you sign-up? Sign-up at one of the tables at the Winter Concert or email Mrs. Haraldson and let her know. Parent Band Music will be available at the concert or will be sent home with your child.

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ComMission Possible 8 (2018)

Andrew Boysen Jr. (composer) & Erik Evensen (artist)

Composer Andrew Boysen Jr. will join forces with artist Erik Evensen to create a storyboard type movie that band will accompany with original music written by Mr. Boysen Jr. The students will play a role in the creation of the music and explore the intersection of visual art and music!



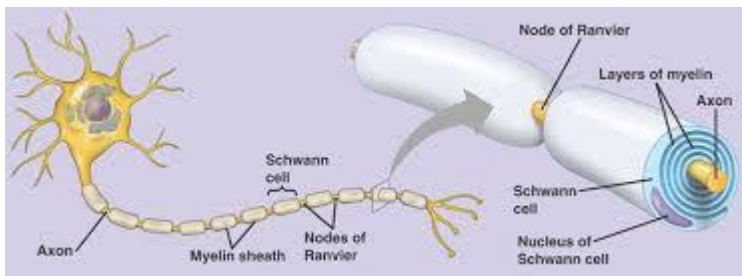
Mark your calendars!!! The World Premiere of this new piece for our students will be on May 8, 2018 at our Spring Band Concert.

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/LZTqXN-4Ino?t=5s>



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“Notes” from Band

Holiday Band Concert: Dec. 7, 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** 6:10 PM to warm up for the 6:30 PM concert. Seventh grade students should plan on arriving at Prairie View **no later than** 7:00 PM for their 7:30 PM 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) for more details!



7th Grade Jazz Has Begun!

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. The kids are doing a great job of being ready to play on time! That helps us all be successful!



Solo/Ensemble Festival Sign Up

All 7th graders have selected a solo to work on from the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) festival list and will have the opportunity to perform at the District Solo & Ensemble festival on **Saturday, February 10** at Prairie View. This event is designed for students to perform alone or in groups for an official adjudicator licensed by WSMA and is a great opportunity for students to receive feedback from someone who is an experienced specialist on their instrument. Look for registration information for this event to be coming home soon! Forms will be due Dec. 11th.

There is also a WSMA Piano Festival on Feb. 13th at the high school. If your child is studying piano with a teacher, that teacher will help your child pick and learn a solo from the WSMA music list. This festival follows the same deadlines as the Solo/Ensemble festival.

6th Grade Solo Night

All 6th grade students will participate in our own version of "Solo & Ensemble" from 5:30-8:30 PM on **Wednesday, January 10** at Prairie View. Students will be scheduled for a 10 minute time slot (25 minutes for percussionists) to work with a local teacher on their instrument. If you need to request a specific time for your student, please let Mr. Q know ASAP as this is a required performance.

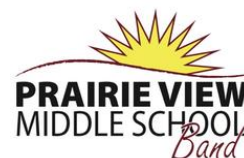
Amazon Smile!



The holidays are approaching and registering your Amazon account with Amazon Smile is a quick and easy way to support band in Sun Prairie! Just visit smile.amazon.com to enter Sun Prairie High School Band Boosters, Inc. as your charity of choice and 0.5% of your orders will be donated to the Band Boosters. That's it! There is no door-to-door stops or meals to pay for and the money goes toward supporting the lesson academy, student scholarships, visiting artists, and much more!

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!

Nov/Dec. 2017

Happy Holidays SOSP Families!!! Lots of preparations for Sound of Sun Prairie 2018 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 had 6 SOSP staff members who attended the Bands of America Championships in November. It was very healthy to see what others are doing with marching arts.

SOSP 2018 Kick-Off Dates:

SOSP 2017 DVD & Memory Book Release / SOSP 2018 Show Announcement

- Friday, December 15th, 6:30pm @ SPHS Band Room (Enter Door #3)

SOSP 2018 Open Rehearsal - see below

- Sunday January 7th, 12:30 - 3:30pm, CHUMS

SOSP 2018 Kick-Off Meeting (for all returning & interested SOSP members & parents)

- Tuesday Feb. 27th, 7pm @ SPHS (Enter Door #3, location TBD)

SOSP 2018 Registration

Saturday, March 3rd 9-11am @SPHS Band Room

SOSP 2018, Rehearsal #1!!!!

- Saturday March 10th, 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 2018. 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 2018 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 7, 12:30 – 3:30pm, CHUMS (also SOSP Open House Date)
- January 21, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- February 4, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- February 25, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS
- March 4, 12:30 – 3:30pm, SPHS

Love that Sound!

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

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