

# THE B STER BEAT

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## From the High School Podium



Happy New Year!

First of all, Congratulations to all for a wonderful Holiday Concert! 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.

We are in the solo/ensemble season now – every high school band student is required to play either a solo or ensemble at either **solo night (Tuesday, February 7** at the high school) or at **District Solo/Ensemble (Saturday, February 11** at Patrick Marsh) 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.

Also, congratulations to the SPSHS Wind Ensemble who appeared on NBC-15's holiday special, **"Sounds of the Season"**. The band played the second half of LeRoy Anderson's, "Christmas Festival". If you would like to view it, the performance can be found at <http://www.nbc15.com/soundsoftheseason> or by visiting [www.nbc15.com](http://www.nbc15.com).

**Jazz I and II** will record 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.

**All three jazz ensembles** are in preparation for the **Sun Prairie Jazz Festival** which will be held on **Saturday, February 18** at Sun Prairie High School. For the fifth consecutive year, we have been designated an "Essentially Ellington" regional festival. Both SPSHS bands will participate in the all-day clinic and will also perform in the evening concert. Clinicians this year are from all over the country. This year will include a special appearance by the MVP Quartet that includes, Bobby Watson on Saxophone, Ray Drummond on Bass and Marvin "Smitty" Smith on Drums. We are concurrently running an improvisation/rhythm section clinic for teachers and music education students as well. This session will be led by Reggie Thomas and will be taped by Wisconsin Public Television for their "Young Performers" series to be aired at a later date. Another great festival is on queue, though we will need a lot of help to make this one of the best festivals yet – if you can help out on this day, please contact any of the jazz chairs.

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!

Steve Sveum & David Rush  
SPHS Band Directors



## Jazz Program



Thank you all who braved the weather and attended the Big Band Dance. It was great listening to the music and the dancing was fun! A *special thank you* goes out to *all of the volunteers* who helped out. We cannot put on this event without the volunteers!

Mark your calendars! **Coming February 18, 2017: Sun Prairie Jazz Festival!** This is another BIG jazz event and many volunteers will be needed. This is an all day and evening event. More information to come!





## FROM Cardinal Heights Band



### **Solo & Ensemble Season is coming! – Saturday February 11, 2017 @ Patrick Marsh**

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 selected one of the following 2 options for their performance grade:

1. Saturday 2/11/17 – at the official WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, Patrick Marsh
  - a. Registration & Fees have already been collected
2. Thursday 2/9/17 – Solo Night @ CHUMS, 3 – 6pm
  - a. No fees involved & registration will take place the week before the event
  - b. This is designed for students who are not able to attend on Saturday or would prefer a different option

### **Help Needed!**

Email - [cchamme@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:cchamme@sunprairieschools.org)

*Please consider helping out to make this event a success on Saturday February 11, 2017. 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 tear down.*

### **Course Scheduling for next school year**

Students will soon be registering for classes next year (whether in 10th Grade @ SPHS or 9th Grade here at CHUMS). If you have any questions about how to fit music into your schedule, feel free to contact one of the directors and we'll help you navigate the scheduling options.

### **Sun Prairie Middle School Jazz Festival - Friday, February 17 @ Cardinal Heights**

All Middle School jazz students (Prairie View, Patrick Marsh and Cardinal Heights) will have a great opportunity to work with clinicians to work on swing feel, style, listening, and improvisation. Students will have clinics during the school day at Cardinal Heights and after school work with our clinicians on improvisation and rhythm section. The day concludes with a free concert featuring all 5 bands and our clinicians!

### **Wind Symphony & 9th Grade Band Tour, March 2 – 3**

Thursday, March 2nd the Wind Symphony and 9th grade band will depart for clinics at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. Bands will have the privilege of working music faculty and students at this University. Permission slips and itineraries will be coming home with students soon. Cost is expected to be around \$85 – fundraising opportunities still exist. Visit [spbb.org](http://spbb.org) for more information.

***Remember to join us for our concert March 9th at 7:00 when we welcome Dr. Peter Haberman Director of Bands at Concordia College***

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Sunday 1/8 - Sound of Sun Prairie Open Rehearsal @ CHUMS, 12:30 - 3:30pm
- Thursday 2/9 - CHUMS Solo Night, 3 - 6pm (for those students not performing at WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival)
- Saturday 2/11 - WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Tuesday 2/14 - WSMA District Piano Solo Night
- Friday 2/17 - Sun Prairie Middle School Jazz Festival (all day @ Cardinal Heights)
- Tuesday 2/28 - Sound of Sun Prairie Kick-Off Meeting, 7pm @ SPHS
- March 2 & 3 - Wind Symphony & 9th Grade Band Tour to Lawrence University
- Thursday March 7 - CHUMS Band Concert w/ guest Conductor Dr. Peter Haberman, Concordia University
- March 13 - 16 - Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony Auditions for 2017 - 2018
- Friday March 24 - US Navy Band Concert, 7pm @ SPHS

***Thank you!***

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# PMMS Band News

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through the year! So much has happened already, but there is much yet to come. Read on to find out more!

## EARLY SPRING CONCERT INFO

When...**Tuesday, February 21**

6th Grade - 6:10 PM warm-up, 6:30 PM performance

7th Grade - 7:10 PM warm-up, 7:30 PM performance

Where...**PMMS Cafetorium**

What...Attendance requirements, concert dress, and expectations for concert etiquette remain the same as for previous concerts.

Relatives can't make it?...**Livestream** the performance online at Livestream.com! (<http://new.livestream.com>)



## SOLO & ENSEMBLE

This year's WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival will take place at PMMS from 8am-4pm on Saturday, February 11.

Registration for the festival has closed. Students have already been working hard on their solos. PMMS students who have chosen to participate in the festival will perform for WSMA certified adjudicators. These professional teachers/musicians will give both written and verbal comments. The performances are not competitive (i.e. student vs. student); rather, the adjudicator is providing the student with feedback on how well he/she performed the music.

## On a related note... **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



We are hosting the WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival this year. This means that band, choir, and orchestra musicians from SPHS, CHUMS, PVMS, PMMS and the private schools will be at PMMS on Saturday, Feb. 11th. **We cannot run this festival without you!** If you can donate food items or volunteer for a portion of the day we would be so grateful. Here is the link to the sign-up: <http://goo.gl/FrEmnM>



## EPOCH Sound Pep Band Night - January 26

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 Thursday, Jan. 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.

### Thursday, 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 in the front of the band room.
- 2) Bring \$5.00 for pizza & bus (cash please) to Mr. Gleason
- 3) Music to be handed out in January.



## Registration Is Coming!

Believe it or not, registration for next year's classes is quickly approaching for all students! 7th Grade students will get an opportunity to meet the CHUMS Band Directors - Mr. Mesner and Mr. Melrose. There are also other upcoming opportunities such as Jazzfest, Band-O-Rama, Epoch Sound Pep Band, and marching band that will allow the students to see and hear the current CHUMS and SPHS bands. We would like to encourage all of our band students to continue in band next year. Scheduling can sometimes be confusing - please contact us so we can help!

## 7th Grade Solo Night - January 17

7th Graders are required to participate in EITHER the 7th Grade Solo Night and/or the WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival.

- If your child did not sign-up for one of these events they were automatically given a time at the 7th Grade Solo Night.
- The 7th Grade Solo Night is similar to the design of the 6th Grade Solo Night. Families are encouraged to listen to their child's performance.
- Each performance is 10 minutes long. Please come 15 minutes early to warm-up in the band room.
- The 7th Grade Solo Night Schedule can be found here: <https://goo.gl/qxfYo3>
- Ward-Brodts will also be at the event with "Step-Up" Instruments. These are intermediate level instruments for your kids to try. They will have special pricing and payment plans for this event.



## 6th Grade Solo Night - January 12

The annual 6th Grade Solo Night is approaching. A few reminders:

- 6th Graders are required to participate in the 6th Grade Solo Night.
- At this event 6th graders will perform their solo for a guest music educator in a classroom near the band room at PMMS.
- Families are encouraged to listen to their child's performance.
- Each performance is five minutes long. Please come 15 minutes early to warm-up in the band room.
- The 6th Solo Night Schedule has been updated and can be found here: <https://goo.gl/HN27wf>
- This is a really fun event and a GREAT way to hear your child's progress!

## Parent Band!

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, Tuesday, February 21!

We are planning to have one short rehearsal on Monday, February 13th 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? Simply email Mrs. Haraldson and let her know. Parent Band Music will be sent home with your child.

Mrs. Haraldson 834-7627 [smharal@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:smharal@sunprairieschools.org)





## FRIDAY MORNING ENSEMBLES

Bright and early on December 9, the Friday Morning Ensembles put their hard work on display. As in years past, the groups filled the halls of Patrick Marsh with holiday tunes and cheer while staff and students came into the building. Musicians and listeners alike enjoyed the performance! Coming up next for Friday Ensembles is solo ensemble music. Each group will begin preparing a small ensemble piece in which they will performing at the Early Spring Concert on Feb. 21. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers who lead these small ensembles!

### WSMA Middle Level Honors Band Auditions

Over 1,200 students audition each year in Wisconsin to be in one of the three honor ensembles (band, choir, and orchestra). Patrick Marsh will host one of the audition sites on Friday, March 31. Selections are made in May, music arrives in July, and rehearsals and the performance taking place at the State Music Conference in late October. This year's honor band conductor will be Dr. Mary Land (pictured to the right).

To audition a student must play a class B or A solo for solo/ensemble. They must also prepare four scales and sight-read at the audition. To get more information and to register for an audition go to this website for more details <http://wsmamusic.org/ml-honors/>  
Online audition registration closes Feb 3.







# BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Things coming up...

January 12 - 6th Solo Night (5-7:30 PM)

January 17 - 7th Solo Night (5-7:30 PM)

January 26 - EPOCH Sound Pep Band Night (3-7:30 PM)

February 11 - WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival (8 AM-4 PM)

February 14- WSMA Piano Solo Festival (4 PM - ?)

February 17 - Middle School Jazz Festival (3:00-8:00 PM)

February 21 - Early Spring Band Concert (6:30 PM & 7.30 PM)

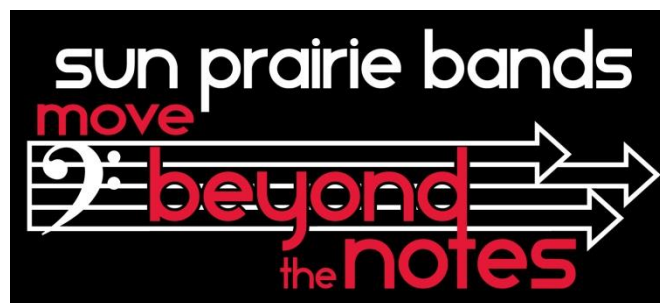


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**Looking for info? Want to hear our new music?**

**Check Out Our Website!!!**

**<http://www.spbb.org/>**



# Notes from the Band Room

Happy New Year! As we gear up for 2017, we are also getting ready for some exciting happenings for students involved in band at Prairie View. Here is what is in store:

## 6th Grade Solo Night January 11

All 6th graders will be performing their solos during a ten minute time slot from 5-8 PM on Wednesday, January 11. This is a great opportunity for students to receive some personalized, instrument-specific feedback about their progress on their instrument and is a required band performance.



## Epoch Sound Night January 26

All PVMS and PMMS band students have been invited to perform with the high school pep band (Epoch Sound) at the boys basketball game on Thursday, January 26 and we are going to make a fun afternoon out of the event. Students will rehearse and eat dinner after school before being bussed to the High School to perform. Permission forms and \$5 are due Friday, January 13.

## Calling All Parents: Parent Band!

Band Parents-have you ever wanted to learn a band instrument? Now is your chance! The PVMS parent band is open to parents of current 6th and 7th grade students and will be performing at the Late Winter Concert. If you would like to participate, please RSVP by sending an email to Mr. Quaglieri. ([mequagl@sunprairieschools.org](mailto:mequagl@sunprairieschools.org))

## Help with Solo & Ensemble on February 11!

The WSMA Solo & Ensemble festival brings together hundreds of students from across the district and is a major undertaking and would not be possible without parental support. If you would be willing to lend your time, talents, or food donations to make this day successful please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba9aa2caafa7-solo>

## PVMS Late Winter Concert at SPHS

The 2017 PVMS Late Winter Band Concert will take place on Tuesday, February 21 in the **Sun Prairie High School Performing Arts Center**. The performance will also be streamed live on the district's performing arts webpage. Look for more information to come home in the very near future!



## SPBB Lesson Academy Registration Closes Soon

It's not too late to register your student for the spring semester of the Sun Prairie Band Boosters Lesson Academy. At Prairie View, we offer instruction on flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and tuba on Wednesdays after school. Additionally, instruction on oboe, saxophone, bassoon, horn, and percussion are offered at CHUMS on Tuesdays. The spring semester begins on January 25, visit [www.spbb.org/spbb-lesson-academy](http://www.spbb.org/spbb-lesson-academy) to sign up!

For more information on all things band at Prairie View (and in Sun Prairie!) go to [www.spbb.org/pvms](http://www.spbb.org/pvms).



Follow us on Instagram: **pvmsband**  
Like us on Facebook: **Sun Prairie Bands**



Many thanks to Kris Tazelaar (Memory Book) & Matt Quaglieri (video) for sharing our memories from 2016. If you haven't received a memory book, they are available from Mr. Rush at the high school and Mr. Melrose at CHUMS.

Rick Kirby & Greg Tsalikis are well on their way to writing a our show this year inspired by Aaron Copland's **Tender Land Suite**, specifically, "**The Promise of Living.**" Our show will be written in 3 movements: Friendship, Love, and Work. The personality of our group will come shining through, as this show will be written for our organization and our students.

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### **SOSP Open Rehearsal 2017**

**Sunday 1/8 12:30 – 3:30pm, Open Rehearsal for all sections of Sound of Sun Prairie**

Any students interested in being a member of SOSP 2017 should attend this rehearsal. Bring friends that you think would enjoy this experience, so they can see firsthand what we are about. We will work on fundamentals, start learning show music, and give new students a chance to learn what being a part of SOSP is all about!!! We will also have a short parent meeting for new parents to learn about SOSP is, its values, goals, and schedule. This meeting will begin at 2:30pm at CHUMS, location TBD.

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

#### **SOSP 2017 Open Rehearsal**

- Sunday January 8th, 12:30 - 3:30pm, @ CHUMS
- Enter door 22 in the back of the school.
- We will be looking for help to return equipment to the high school after this rehearsal.

#### **SOSP 2017 Kick-Off Meeting** (for all returning & interested SOSP members & parents)

- Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 7pm @ SPHS (Enter Door #3)
- *Band Booster meeting preceding, at 6:30pm*

#### **SOSP 2017 Registration**

- Saturday, March 4th, 9:00am-11:00am @SPHS in the band room.

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

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



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**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 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.

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

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**SOSP Color Guard Updates:**

We are excited to let you know that Darrin Mell will be returning as our color guard designer for the 2017 season! We are also thrilled to have Serena Hanson back to work side by side with Darrin!

Below are dates for all returning and prospective color guard members - friends are welcome to come to a rehearsal and try it out!

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

**Drum Major Workshops:**

Workshops will be held at the high school on 4 consecutive Mondays starting on Monday, Feb. 13, 3:30-5, with auditions on Monday, March 13th beginning at 3:30pm.

**SOSP 2017 Calendar:**

This season's schedule will be similar to last season's schedule - with competitions beginning the third week of June and ending third weekend of July.

**Spring Season:**

- Saturday Rehearsals begin March 11th, 2017 and continue through school year
- There will be a break the second weekend of spring break (no rehearsal April 15th)
- Overnight Camp #1 will be May 6-7
- There will be some other adjustments for drill learning weekend, camp weekends in May, etc.



**Summer Season:**

- "Everydays" begin Sunday June 11th and continue through June 18th
- Dress Rehearsal June 19
- Performances will begin around June 22nd
- Flags of Freedom will be Saturday July 1st
- Traverse City trip will be July 5th to July 9th
- MACBDA Finals Weekend, July 13th - 15th w/ Finals @ UW-Whitewater

**Fall Football Game:**

- TBD

Love that Sound!

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(608) 834-7825  
Director, Sound of Sun Prairie

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## **From The Concession Stand**

**Remaining UW Basketball Concessions Opportunities:**

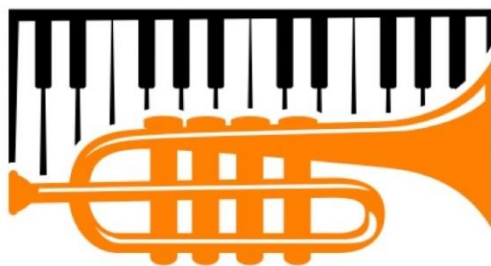


January dates: 12, 17, and 24  
February dates: 5, 12, and 19  
March dates: 2 and 5

Sign up online at [spbb.org](http://spbb.org)!



## Bernie Powers Band Foundation



Supporting Music Excellence in Sun Prairie Schools

# Band Scholarships

The Bernie Powers Band Foundation is sponsoring and managing four scholarships available to band students in the Sun Prairie School District.

### Ken Paris Music Scholarship: \$500

For a **graduating high school senior** who has participated in the Sun Prairie Band program and plans to attend a four year university, technical/vocational school or short career training course.

### Jock Bogle Music Education Scholarship: \$300

For a **graduating high school senior** who intends to study music education.

### Jeff Bogosh Summer Jazz Camp Scholarship: \$500

For a student in **grades 8-11** to attend a summer jazz camp and then share skills learned by participating in the Jazz program after camp.

### Marcia Berman Marching Band/Percussion Scholarship: \$200

For students in **grades 8-12** to participate in the Sound of Sun Prairie or to assist with percussion lessons or summer camp

For more information, please contact your band director or visit our website at **[www.bpbf.org](http://www.bpbf.org)** scholarship page

Applications for all scholarships are **due March 10, 2017**

Bernie Powers Band Foundation

P.O. Box 183

Sun Prairie WI 53590

Sun Prairie Band Boosters



Hello, Sun Prairie Band Families!

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>

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  
**FRIDAY FISH  
FRY  
& Silent Auction**

to benefit Band Programs & Scholarship Fund

**Friday January 27, 2017  
5pm - 8pm @ The Round  
Table**

**ABOUT:**

This year the Sun Prairie Knights of Columbus has offered community groups a chance to participate in their newly expanded Fish Fry fund raisers. You may remember the Pancake Breakfast from last year - this will be similar, but different day and different food!

**COST -\$10.00**

- 3 pc deep fried/baked cod
- French fries or baked potato
- Cole slaw

*There is a \$3 upgrade option  
for 5 pc fish or 21 shrimp*

*\*If you have items to donate or want to help: Steve DeWitt: [sdewitt4@charter.net](mailto:sdewitt4@charter.net)*

*\*Students will not be allowed to volunteer for this event*

*\*Sign up using the [SPBB Volunteer Calendar](#)*

***Any questions?*** Please contact:

SPBB Fish Fry Coordinator - Steve DeWitt: [sdewitt4@charter.net](mailto:sdewitt4@charter.net)



**The Round  
Table**

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53590

**How can you  
support this  
event?**

**EAT** - come join us for a meal and invite your family, neighbors, & friends.

**DONATE** - consider donating items for our Silent Auction during this event

**BAKE** - we will be soliciting baked goods for a dessert sale during the dinner

**VOLUNTEER** - we will need 25 volunteers in two shifts: 4 - 7pm & 6:30 - 9:30pm



## Save the Date!

### Band Boosters Donation Drive at Band O'Rama on April 3rd!

Ready to clean out your closet and help the Sun Prairie Band Boosters at the same time?

Mark your calendar for the Sun Prairie Band Boosters Donation Drive on **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Band O'Rama!**

By donating gently-used clothing, accessories, shoes and linens, you can help raise funds for SPBB. Start gathering up your donations today!

Watch for more information coming soon!!!



# the President's Message

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you are enjoying the New Year!

We have a lot of events coming up soon and we need everyone's help to make them successful. Please take the time to look at the SPBB website, click on volunteer opportunities and commit to making a difference for our kids and our

organization.

Very soon we will have our very first Friday night fish fry fundraiser. It is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5pm to 9pm. As you may know we need A LOT of adult volunteers to make this successful. There is something for everyone in regards to helping out. From wait staff, to silent auction items, to baking desserts...we have a place for you. Again, please look on the SPBB website to see where you can help. A huge thank-you goes to Steve Dewitt for being the chairperson for this event. You can reach out to him as well if you would like to help out.

We are so thankful for the ongoing help we receive from those familiar faces in the organization. BUT, we would love to see some new families help out! Every event raises money for the band booster organization which in turn helps every band student in the school district.

Here's to making a difference in your child's music experience in 2017!

Cathy Brock  
President, SPBB





## Truck for Sale!!!

Hey Sun Prairie music families and friends!!

Thank you for all the support this past year allowing us to help purchase a new truck to be used by the music department.

With that said, we have a truck for sale!

We are first going to offer it up for purchase to a music family member or friend before going public with it.

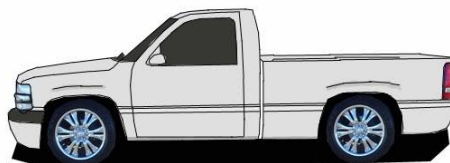
Here are the details:

1997 White Chevy C3500  
4 x 2  
Automatic transmission, 8 cyl  
5.7 liter/350 cubic”  
Crew cab  
Dual rear tires  
Gooseneck hitch  
Only 99,500 miles

Has a minor rust spot on passenger side, loose mount on passenger mirror and AC needs some work  
KBB.com has it listed for \$3800.

Our price to you "as is" \$3500

If interested contact  
Steve DeWitt  
[sdewitt4@charter.net](mailto:sdewitt4@charter.net)  
220-2521



*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.
- providing proof of registration
  - submit bill to boosters for payment directly to WSMA.
  - If you do not attend the Honors camp, you need to reimburse boosters the cost of the camp.
7. **Private Lessons**
- Lesson teachers must be SPASD Band Director approved
  - Maximum of \$1,000 use per school year (October 1 and paid out by August 1)
  - 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.
  - 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**
- Lesson teachers are SPASD Band Director approved.
  - Maximum of \$1,000 use per fiscal year (October 1 and paid out by August 1)
  - 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.

### 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](http://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:

- Print the statement
- 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.
- 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 SPHS “Pit” Orchestra
- 1 point for participation in Solo & Ensemble (no points for “Solo Night”)
- 1 additional point for participation in State Solo & Ensemble
- 1 point for WYSO
- 1 point for High School Honors Band
- 1 point for Winds of Wisconsin
- 1 point for Full Orchestra
- 1 point for Winter Guard
- 1 point for Chamber groups (.5 point per semester)



Varsity Letter	12 points or greater
Instrument Pin	24 points or greater
Ribbon	36 points or greater
Medallion	48 points or greater

**Varsity letters and pins will be awarded at the  
Spring Band Concert and at the end-of-season Sound picnic.**

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