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From the High School Podium



Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018 and lots of excitement!

First of all, thank you for your amazing support of the Wind Ensemble students at Decembers' Band Concerts - we were able to raise \$3600 during both concerts and that was matched at \$2500 by the "Maureen's Match" sponsored by Kevin Mengelt, so we raised over \$6000 in that one event! Thank you so much for your support!

Please be aware that **auditions for next years' bands** will be the second week of January. This is necessary because we must have all students placed in the proper groups before we embark on next year's **A/B block schedule**. Also be aware that students will need to be committing to classes for next year very soon. A lot is going to happen in a short period of time so be sure you monitor the scheduling process closely with your child. Wind Players will need to play all 12 of their major scales as many octaves as possible, ascending only; their chromatic scale, full range; a short piece of their solo and perform a short sight reading exercise. Percussionists have already received their materials for the audition.

On Thursday and Friday, January 4&5 we welcomed legendary east coast band director **Stephen Massey** to SPHS. He was with us two days working with both the jazz ensemble and **Wind Ensemble**. He was also our lead clinician for the 3 hour Wind Ensemble workshop from **6-9pm on January 4th**. Mr. Massey led the Foxborough, MA high school band for over 40 years. His wind ensembles have travelled the world and his jazz ensembles were 17 time national finalists in the Essentially Ellington festival placing in the top 3, 5 times! When Mr. Massey retired after over 40 years in education last year, Wynton Marsalis made a special trip to Foxborough High School to congratulate Mr. Massey on his outstanding work as an educator.

We are also gearing up for the Wind Ensembles' performance at the **state school board education convention on January 18th at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee**. The Wind Ensemble will be one of only two featured groups at this years' convention.

Of course our second annual **fish fry** was on **January 12th**. This event raises money for scholarship funds for the middle and high school band students. When we calculate how much this event raised, we will share that with everyone.

Jazz I will be **recording** this year's "EE" selections on Monday and Tuesday evenings **January 22 and 23 from 6pm to ?** This is always an exciting and nerve wracking time, but always leads to a big leap in the band's development.

On **Sunday, January 28** the **Madison Jazz Society** has invited 3 high school jazz ensembles to perform at their bi-annual "Stars of the Future" Concert. Our own **Jazz I** as well as Verona and Beloit Memorial will be performing at this event. This Concert will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Fitchburg from 1-4pm. Admission is \$10. The MJS provides thousands of dollars of support to Wisconsin school jazz programs annually. Over the years, the MJS has supported Sun Prairie Jazz programs at all levels to the "tune" of at least \$20,000.00!! Thank you Madison Jazz Society and we look forward to playing for you on January 28th!

Jazz II will be traveling to **New Trier on Saturday, February 3rd** to participate in the New Trier Jazz Festival. The festival will be held in the newly renovated Performing Arts wing of the school - well over a 60 million dollar arts renovation! The ensemble will depart from Sun Prairie High School at 6am on the 3rd of February, and arrive back in town around 1:00 am on February 4th. The cost for each student to attend is \$50. Many of the clinicians at this year's festival have a Birch Creek connection so there will be some familiar faces on the adjudication panel.

Solo Ensemble is just around the corner as well. All High School band students will perform at either the **solo night on February 6th** or **solo/ensemble festival on February 10th**. Wind Ensemble students will be departing for New York on February 10th so their events will be held at Middleton High School on **Saturday, February 24th**. Solo/Ensemble is a big part of our third quarter curriculum.

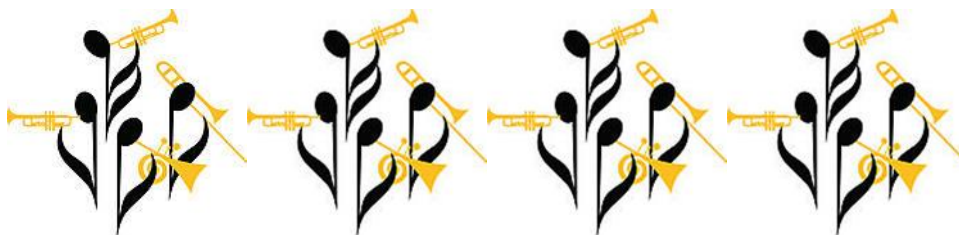
Mr. Rush has the pep band up and running. January will be a very busy month for the group. Please see Mr. Rush for details and new members are always welcome!

Thanks again for your support of your child's involvement in music.

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Attention Wind Ensemble Families!

The excitement is building as we get closer to the big trip to New York and the amazing Carnegie Hall!!! Only about 4 weeks away! To celebrate and commemorate this rare occasion, Razorsharp Printing (downtown on Main Street) has designed a shirt for the Wind Ensemble. Please click on the link below to see the shirt, triple check the spelling of your student's name, and order some shirts for your family! Orders are due by January 20th, and I will deliver the shirts to school about a week later. The shirt will cost \$15.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at geri.rault@yahoo.com

[SPHS at Carnegie LS Shirt \(Order by Jan 20th\)](#)

Second, there is now a "Carnegie" page on the band website <https://www.spbb.org/carnegie.html>

It has the itinerary for our trip, and informational videos on Carnegie Hall itself on it. Soon, it will have information on what to wear each day, how many meals students will need to purchase on their own and other pertinent trip information. Also, know that a permission slip/health form will be coming your way soon.

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Jazz Program



Thank you all who 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 with a shout out going to Jennifer Leclaire! We cannot put on this event without the volunteers!

Mark your calendars!

Coming Saturday, February 17, 2018 is Sun Prairie Jazz Festival! For the sixth consecutive year, we have been designated as an “Essentially Ellington” regional festival. SPHS 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. Another great festival is on que, though we will need a lot of help to make this one of the best festivals yet. This is another BIG jazz event as it is an all day and evening event - many volunteers will be needed!! More information and volunteer sign up to come!

If you are interested in helping plan and prepare for the Jazz Festival or if you have any questions, please contact one of the Jazz chairs at JazzChairs@spbb.org.

Thank you,
Jazz co-chairs
Cheryl Keating and Geri Rault

**Main Events and Volunteer Opportunities****1) 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).

2) 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.

3) 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.



FROM Cardinal Heights Band



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

1. Saturday 2/10/18 – at the official WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, Prairie View
 - a. Registration & Fees have already been collected
2. Thursday 2/8/18 – 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 is needed for this event!

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.******

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 16 @ 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 1 - 2

Thursday, March 1st the Wind Symphony and 9th grade band will depart for clinics at New Trier High School. 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 for more information.

Remember to join us for our concert March 8th at 7:00!

Upcoming Dates:

- Thursday 2/8 - CHUMS Solo Night, 3 - 6pm (*for those students not performing at WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival on Saturday 1/10*)
- 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 @ SPS
- 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

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...**Monday, February 19**

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?...**Watch** the performance online on YouTube subscribe to our channel: (<https://www.youtube.com/user/cpgleas>)

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

This year's WSMA District Solo & Ensemble Festival will take place at PVMS from 8am-4pm on Saturday, February 10.

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 PVMS on Saturday, Feb. 10th. **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: <https://goo.gl/Hs2AWk>



EPOCH Sound Pep Band Night - January 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 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 SPSHS to rehearse w/ Epoch Sound.

6:45 PM - Set-up in Fieldhouse of SPSHS

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.



Sun Prairie Band Boosters

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 SPSHS 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 16

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://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gmekj13-D5fiBJXCYe18RI7ejpaJU5F0QnJku7vyV4M/edit?usp=sharing>
- Ward-Brodt will also be at the event with "Step-Up" Instruments. These are intermediate level instruments for your to try. They will have special pricing and payment plans for this event.



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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 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? Simply email Mrs. Haraldson and let her know. Parent Band Music will be sent home with your child.

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FRIDAY MORNING ENSEMBLES

Bright and early on December 15, 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. 19. 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, April 13. 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. Peter Haberman (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 2.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Things coming up...

January 16 - 7th Solo Night (5-7:30 PM)

January 16 - EPOCH Sound Pep Band Night (3-7:30 PM)

February 10 - WSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival (8 AM-4 PM)

February 13- WSMA Piano Solo Festival (4 PM - ?)

February 16 - Middle School Jazz Festival (3:00-8:00 PM)

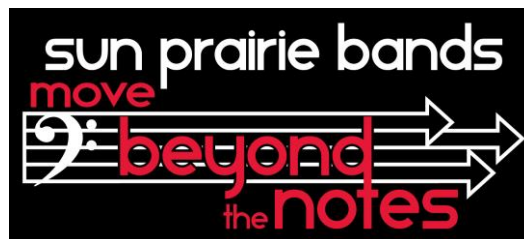
February 19 - Early Spring Band Concert (6:30 PM & 7.30 PM)



Looking for info? Want to hear our new music?

Check Out Our Website!!!

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



*"Move beyond the notes to cultivate a life long **passion** and drive for **creativity, curiosity, and community** through a vision of students as accomplished **learners** and evolving **musicians** in pursuit of **artistry**"*

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"Notes" from PVMS Band

Happy New Year! As we gear up for 2018, we are also getting ready for some exciting happenings for students involved in band at Prairie View. Here is what is in store:

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 Friday, 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 for food are due Friday, January 19.



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. There will be one short rehearsal on **Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 PM**. If you would like to participate, please RSVP by sending an email to Mr. Quaglieri. (mequagl@sunprairieschools.org)

Help with Solo & Ensemble on February 11!

Prairie View is hosting the WSMA Solo & Ensemble festival this year! This 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 visit goo.gl/Hs2AWk.

PVMS Late Winter Concert at SPHS

The 2018 PVMS Late Winter Band Concert will take place on Monday, February 19 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 24, visit www.spbb.org/spbb-lesson-academy to sign up! 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



Many thanks to Kris Tazelaar (Memory Book) & Matt Quaglieri (video) for sharing our memories from 2017! 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 on their way to writing our show with all original music. Our show will be written in 3 movements; Ignite, Flash and Illuminate. All of these things begin with a **"Spark!"** We are excited to explore these ideas, connected to music and visual arts! I think this show fits our students and their personalities like a glove!

SOSP 2018 Kick-Off Dates:

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

- Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 7pm @ SPHS (Enter Door #3)
- *Band Booster meeting preceeding, at 6:30pm*

SOSP 2018 Registration

- Saturday, March 3rd, 9:00am-11:00am @SPHS in the band room.

JEDI Physical Education Class Informational Meeting

- Saturday, March 3, 10:30am in HS PAC

SOSP 2018, Rehearsal #1!!!!

- Saturday March 10th, 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 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.

- 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

SOSP Color Guard Updates:

We are excited to let you know that Darrin Mell will be returning as our color guard designer for the 2018 season! Below are dates for all returning and prospective color guard members - friends are welcome to come to a rehearsal and try it out!

- 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

Drum Major/Leadership Workshops:

Workshops will be held at the high school on 4 consecutive Mondays starting on Monday, Feb. 19, 3:30-5, ending on Monday, March 12th.

SOSP 2018 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 10th, 2018 and continue through school year
- There will be a break the second weekend of spring break (no rehearsal March 31st)
- Overnight Camp #1 will be May 5-6
- There will be some other adjustments for drill learning weekend, camp weekends in May, etc..

Summer Season

- "Everydays" begin Sunday June 10th and continue through June 21st
- Dress Rehearsal June 19
- Performances will begin around June 22nd
- Flags of Freedom will be Saturday, June 30th
- Traverse City trip will be July 3th to July 7th
- MACBDA Finals Weekend, July 12th - 14th w/ Finals @ UW-Whitewater

Fall Football Game:

- TBD

Love that Sound!

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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

All applications are **due Friday March 16, 2018**

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.
- 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 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)
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 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:

- 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 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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