

THE B STER BEAT

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From the High School Podium



Welcome to one of the busier times of the year!

SOSP is getting started with open rehearsals and time to consider making the commitment to this outstanding group. The official Kick Off Meeting for students and parents is **Tuesday, March 1st at 7pm** in the SPHS Music Department. If you have any questions about this group and could not make the new member meeting, please contact Mr. Melrose or Mr. Rush. This looks to be a very exciting summer!

We had **91** High School Band entries in the **district solo/ensemble** festival and **45** of them qualified to perform at state. Students who qualified will need to sign up with Mr. Sveum in the next couple weeks to confirm their participation at the **State festival** held **April 30 at UW-Whitewater**. Congratulations to all students who performed at a high level at either solo night or district solo/ensemble.

Congratulations and thanks to all whom helped with presenting our fourth, “**Regional Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival.**” Todd Stoll, Vice President of Education from Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York said our festival was a “Slam Dunk” of Jazz Education and very impressed with the smooth operation of the festival and the amount of teaching going on all day. The Evening concert was tremendous! Special thanks to Tim and Julie Keal as well as all those who helped make our Jazz Festival a big success!

Congratulations as well to the students of **SPHS Jazz Ensemble I** who were selected as one of fifteen finalist bands nationally to compete in the “Essentially Ellington” festival in New York in May of this year. This is the 10th time since 1998 that the band has been selected as a finalist. Students will interact in clinics, workshops and performance at what has become to be known as the “Superbowl” of Jazz Festivals. This is a great honor and will be a good amount of work and fundraising in the next couple months. For more information on the festival visit www.jazz.org/ee.

A quick note on the **Bernie Powers Band Foundation**. This organization, comprised of primarily our alumni and families is providing thousands of dollars **in scholarships** to various factions of our current band program. Please visit www.bpbfb.org to see if there is a scholarship or award that fits your son or daughter. They have money to give to support your child – check them out!!! **Application Deadline is March 15** – apply now!

It is also a busy time for performance – see below!

High Band Calendar

Tuesday, March 1 – SOSOP New Member Meeting –SPHS, 7pm

**Tuesday, March 1, 7pm – Open Rehearsal of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra
SPHS PAC**

Wednesday, March 2 – Performance of Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, hour 2-4

**Thursday, March 10 – Presentation/Performance by World Renown pianist,
Emmanuel Ax, 10am SPHS PAC**

Monday, March 14 – Jazz I workshop with Ron Carter 1-4pm

Tuesday, March 15 – BAND CONCERT – 7:30pm – SPHS PAC

April 4-7 – HS Band Audition for 2016-17 @ CHUM and SPHS

- **Woodwinds**-, all major scales ascending only, chromatic full range, solo, sight - reading
- **Brass** - all major scales ascending only, chromatic full range, solo, sight reading
- **Percussion** - etude on snare, mallet, timpani

As you can see, a lot is always happening! We could not do it without you and appreciate all the time, help and sacrifice that you donate to help make our program what it is. Please continue to consider getting involved in some way with the many great programs we have going on. If you know someone who can donate a raffle item, are good at building things, like to chaperone, can sew, like to create – we want YOU!!! Please contact anyone on the Band Booster executive board or a band director to see how you can get involved.

Thank you for all you do!

Steve Sveum and Dave Rush
SPHS Band Directors





Jazz Program



Thank you for a successful Jazz Fest!!

A huge thank you to all the parent and student volunteers that made this year's Jazz Fest a success. This year Jazz Fest featured thirteen high schools from around Wisconsin. This was an all-day event going from 7:00 in the morning and ending with an evening concert. The event required considerable help and time. We had over 35 volunteers – including many parents and students not involved with the jazz program. The event was a great educational opportunity for the students which included clinics with jazz educators and professionals and ended with a great concert and awards. Several scholarships were given out to students for summer jazz programs.

Events and Volunteer Opportunities for Jazz



1) April 5 Spring Jazz Concert

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

2) Swing Into Spring - March 12

Swing Into Spring includes all of the jazz bands and is held at one of the middle schools.



Jazz Opportunities from Prairie Music and Arts
798 Lois Drive, Sun Prairie, WI

1. Sunday, March 6th at 3pm

A concert with Kattie Ernst: Little Words. She is a Chicago Bassist/Vocalist and will be joined by Dustin Laurenzi, Stu Mindeman, and Andrew Green.

****This concert will be followed by an educational clinic open to students of all ages.**

2. Saturday, May 7th at 7:30pm

A solo piano concert with Rob Clearfield, one of Chicago's finest creative musicians.

****All tickets are \$10. All proceeds from ticket sales go to Prairie Music and Arts Jazz Program. Seating is rather limited, so reserve tickets ahead of time by calling 608-834-9550 or emailing info@prairiemusic.org**

Visit prairiemusic.org for more information.





FROM Cardinal Heights Band



Congratulations to the Cardinal Heights music students who participated in February 13th's Solo & Ensemble Festival held at Prairie View Middle School. Also, thanks very much to all the parents who were able to donate their time and talents in making it a very smooth and enjoyable experience for all. Special congratulations to the following band students who advanced to the State Level in late April.

Megan Rault - Alto Sax Solo

Haley Johnson - Flute

Jenna Claas - Oboe

Michale Wu - Clarinet

Chai Devlin - Horn

Flute Choir (*Haley Johnson, Ally Mengelt, Destini Tetzlaff, Lydia Kreitlow, Meghan Hebgen, Maggie Brehmer, Melissa Langkilde, & Savannah Rickert*)

More Congratulations to the following 8th grade band students who have been selected to participate in the Tri-State Honor Band in Decorah Iowa on March 6th:

Destini Tetzlaff - Flute

Jordan Hogg - Clarinet

Brenna Johnsen - Bass Clarinet

Erica Lohr - Tenor Sax

Ann Tess - Bari Sax

Mickey Keating - Trumpet

Kira Brown - Trumpet

Conductor in Residence March 9 & 10

On Wednesday & Thursday March 9th & 10th Cardinal Heights bands are pleased to welcome Dr. Caroline Beatty Director of Bands at Texas State University San Marcos, as our conductor in residence. All four bands will work with Dr. Beatty in clinics and perform under her guidance at our concert March 12th @ 7pm (8th Grade Bands) & 8pm (9th Grade & Wind Symphony)

8th Grade Band - Kalahari Band Festival

Date: Friday April 22nd

8th Grades students will spend a morning working with great clinicians and hearing other 8th Grade Bands from Wisconsin. Afterwards students will enjoy some well-earned fun time at the Kalahari Water Park and/or Theme Park

Important Info:

- Permission Slips were due February 25
- Chaperones still needed, please contact Mr. Melrose if interested (ipmelro@spasd.k12.wi.us, 318-8134)
- Students will wear concert dress, then change at Kalahari

Auditions for next year's Wind Symphony scheduled for March 14-17

Students received information during exams about the materials and process of auditions for the 2016/2017 Wind Symphony. For more information please use the web link below and contact Mr. Mesner if you have any questions.

http://www.spbb.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22215324/chums_band_classes_audition_info_2016.2017.ch.pdf

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 3/10 - CHUMS March Concert (7:00pm - 8th Grades, 8:00pm - 9th Gr. & Wind Symphony) w/ guest conductor, Dr. Beatty.
- Saturday 3/12 - Swing Into Spring Jazz Extravaganza (7-10pm @ Patrick Marsh)
- Monday 4/11 - Band O'Rama (7pm @ Sun Prairie High School Field House)
- Friday 4/22 - 8th Grade Bands @ Kalahari Band Festival, 7:40am - 6pm
- Wednesday 5/25 - CHUMS Spring Concert w/ guest composer Andrew Boysen Jr. (7pm & 8pm)

Thank you!

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PMMS Band News



Swing into Spring Jazz Concert Saturday, March 12 at Patrick Marsh.

6th and 7th grade jazz bands will be performing at this concert. The event includes all of the jazz bands in Sun Prairie and will begin at 7:00 PM.

Our high school Jazz I made it to the Essential Ellington Jazz Festival in May.... Way to Go!!!

Elementary Tour Wednesday, April 6

7th grade concert and jazz bands will be performing for C.H. Bird, Northside and Eastside. The orchestra and choir will also join us on this day.

WSMA Middle Level Honor Auditions, Friday, April 8

4:00-9:00 PM Many students have signed up for this event. Keep practicing those scales and solos. Performance times will be announced soon.

Band Family News

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to one of the founders of this state musical event Mr. Jerry Gleason (Mr. Gleason's father) Jerry passed away on Tuesday, February 16 in LaCrosse. He was a great music educator and father. He will be missed.

Sharon Haraldson
PMMS Band Director





Prairie View Band Room Banter!



Well, Prairie View will have its inaugural Lesson Academy evening on Wednesday, March 1st. We are very excited to bring this resource to the View and are thankful that Band Boosters are helping in this endeavor!!

Encourage your musician to practice every day. Growth happens every time they sit down to play. Ask them to share with you their goals for the day, week and month. Listen to them play often and offer whatever encouragement you can! It means the world to them to have a parent recognize their hard work!

Great job everyone with Solo/Ensemble Festival, Jazz Fest. There was a lot of blood, sweat and tears that went into both days! What awesome volunteers we had from every building! Thanks to all!

We have several performances scheduled and other events in the next month or so. Here is the "short" list!

Swing into Spring Saturday, March 12th 7:00 pm at Patrick Marsh

This is the final concert of the jazz season for 6th graders, as 7th grade will also play on tour in April. Please come and celebrate with us the accomplishments of these hard working "jazzers"! The concert will be at Patrick Marsh. Come "Swing into Spring" with us! **We are looking for a few great helpers to man a donation bucket and sell concessions for the event to raise money for Jazz 1's trip to New York.** Please contact Mrs. Sederquist at 834-7825 if you can help for an hour. We will need about 20 volunteers. Prairie View extends congratulations to the high school Jazz 1 for their acceptance into the Essentially Ellington competition on May 4-8.

We are preparing for our **spring elementary tour**. We are playing for Royal Oaks at the end of March and after spring break we will be going to Westside, Horizon, and Creekside.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at **Band O Rama** on April 11th!

Keep practicing and check that lesson schedule every week!

Mrs. Sederquist and Mr. Quaglieri



SOSP 2016 officially begins Saturday March 12th, 9am – 5pm at Sun Prairie High School. There is still time to encourage new folks to check out what SOSP means - invite them to try it out on March 12th, even if they're not quite sure!

SOSP First Rehearsal & Registration – Saturday 3/12

Parents are highly encouraged to join us on Saturday March 12th to get all commitment forms, health forms, and payments the morning of our first rehearsal from 8:30am to 10:30am in the hallway by the music area (enter Door #3).

There will be copy machines for insurance cards, a notary public for the commitment form, and our treasurer and student account manager will be there to handle all payment questions.

SOSP Physicals

This year members will again be asked to have a completed physical on file. If a student already has a physical on file with the school district from athletic teams or from SOSP, they are complete (these are valid for 2 years). We will post lists of who needs an updated physical for this year.

- Physicals dated on or after 4/1/14 will be good for the 14-15 and 15-16 school years, including this summer.
- Physicals dated on or after 4/1/15 will be good for the 15-16 and 16-17 school years. *If you need a physical, wait until after 4/1 – then it will be valid until 2017!!*

SOSP email List

If you haven't already, you may also want to sign yourself up for the SOSP email list to receive future SOSP information: <https://mail.spbb.org/mailman/listinfo/sosp>



SOSP 2016 Calendar Updates

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

Summer Season:

- "Everydays" begin Sunday June 14th and continue through June 23rd
- Performances will begin around June 23rd
- Flags of Freedom will be Saturday July 2nd
- Traverse City trip will be July 5th to July 9th
- MACBDA Finals Weekend, July 14 - 16th w/ Finals @ UW-Whitewater

Fall Football Game:

- Rehearsal Thursday 8/19, Performance Friday 8/20

Updates

- Drum Major Workshops began Wednesday 2/17 and continue every Wednesday until auditions on Wednesday March 16th.
- Time to start getting involved - we'll parent help with uniforms, some sewing projects, some building projects, cooking, chaperoning -you name it! We can use all the help we can get - please consider a way to help out that fits your time and talents (*and really don't worry about the talents - we can train you!!!*)

See you very soon & LOVE THAT SOUND!

Ian Melrose – Director
ipmelro@sunprairieschools.org
318-8134



Chuckwagon Requests!

Please save and donate any empty ice cream buckets to Chuckwagon! Quite a lot are used throughout the SOSP season. Lids are not needed.

Chuckwagon is also looking for a volunteer to work with businesses for food trade outs for SOSP season. This will start soon. This person would call businesses that worked with us last year and look for new businesses that might want to trade food for free advertisement.

If you are able to donate or help, contact Trish Tazelaar at
ChuckWagon@spbb.org

From The Concession Stand

Remaining Concessions Opportunities:



UW Graduation, May 14th

Camp Randall Stadium, Stand V

Carrie Underwood Concert, May 3rd

Sign up online at spbb.org!



The Spring Fruit and Cookie Dough Pick Up/Help Needed

Saturday, March 12th will be the time to pick up your fruit and Cookie Dough at 7:30 AM

*** Please note the location for pick up will once again be at the Tech Ed Garage at the High School which is located in the back of the High School at doors #3, 4, 5.

*** Please be on time to help sort fruit and compile your order. Bring your parents and plan on spending at least 1 hour!

*** **New Fruit and Cookie Dough Chairs are needed for next year!!** Please contact Ann or Bill Nelson at FruitSale@spbb.org for more information!!



Knights of Columbus Breakfast-March 6th 7:30am-12:00pm

BUY TICKETS

Contact SPBB President or Vice President:

president@spbb.org vicepresident@spbb.org

Purchase at Door:

\$10 - Adults

\$6 - Children, 4 - 10

Children's tickets only available at door

MENU

All You Can Eat

- Pancakes, Waffles, French Toast Sticks, Strawberries, Whip Cream, Scrambled Eggs, Omelets, Ham, Hash Browns, Sausage, Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy

DONATE

SILENT AUCTION

Own a Business or have a donation in mind?

- Sport & Event Tickets, Restaurant Gift Cards, Professional Services, Crafts, Vacations & Getaways, Daytrips, and More...!

Contact SPBB President or Vice President:

president@spbb.org vicepresident@spbb.org

PERFORM?

Students - are you interested in performing your Solo, Ensemble, or something else?

Email CHUMS Band Director, Ian Melrose

ipmelro@sunprairieschools.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.

Lock 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

Applications for all scholarships are due March 14, 2016

Mail applications to:
Bernie Powers Band Foundation
P.O. Box 183 Sun Prairie WI 53590



A Note from the Treasurer

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

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

A Fireside Chat from the President

Wow, so much going on in the music world in Sun Prairie, my head is spinning.



Congratulations, to all the students getting through with their Solo & Ensemble and Solo night performances. We had another successful Jazz festival and Jazz 1 is heading back to the big apple to go up against the best of the best jazz bands in the nation. Do I have to say more? We are truly blessed to have the best music department in Wisconsin. Well that's my opinion! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with these events, they would not happen without your help!

We have a new adventure in front of us. The Knights of Columbus is supporting the Music program in offering an "All you can Eat" pancake breakfast on Sunday March 6th. It starts at 7:30 AM and goes to noon. Adult tickets are \$10. We need to sell 150 prior to the event. Adult and child tickets can be bought at the door. We need families to get the adult tickets (150) ASAP! You can purchase them on March 1 at the SPBB general meeting that starts at 6:30 PM at the HS or you can email or call Steve DeWitt president@spbb.org 608-220-2521 or Cathy Brock vicepresident@spbb.org 608-335-3752.

We will need about 15 people every 2 hours from 7 AM to 1 PM. We will need a lot of help with serving food, clearing tables, pouring coffee and milk. The volunteer calendar is open on our website www.spbb.org

Funds generated will go toward the student music scholarships!
Please sign up and come eat March 6th! See you there.

Stephen DeWitt

SPBB president

*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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