

THE B STER BEAT

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Booster Meeting: May 29th, 3pm, SPHS Music Area

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From the High School Podium



Welcome to the official “Home Stretch”

It has been another eventful year in the SPHS Band Department. Thank you for all your hard work, including early morning drop offs, transportation to extra rehearsals, payment on instruments, lessons, reeds, mouthpieces, mallets, attending concerts and a host of other things that you do for your child’s involvement in music – they really appreciate it – even if they don’t always say so.

Congratulations to all those students who participated in **State Solo/Ensemble**.

The 2015-16, **Wind Ensemble** is not taking the easy way out for our final concert. They will be performing: Aaron Copland’s “Outdoor Overture” as well as “Early Light” depicting events leading up to the National Anthem at a baseball game. And Carmen Dragon’s “America the Beautiful”

The **Symphonic Band** is working hard to prepare the Holst “First Suite in Eb” as well as “Godspeed”.

The **Concert Band** will perform an energetic program featuring Steven Reineke’s “Portrait of Freedom” and Jack Stamp’s “Cenotaph”.

Speaking of **Mr. Stamp**, he will be in **residence** for most of the day on Tuesday, May 5th. He will work with all three bands. We are excited that Mr. Stamp will be here and thank him for offering his service at no cost – THANK YOU MR. STAMP!!!

The concert will conclude with our seniors performing, “The Water is Wide”

We would also like to thank our chamber coaches for this year, **Cindy Terhune, Mark Powell, and Victoria Rockman** for their outstanding work with our students. We are blessed to have such talented teachers and musicians working with our students! **THANK YOU!**

Please Note:

1. The final band concert is **TUESDAY, MAY 24th AT 8PM – SPHS PAC**

This concert will be preceded by a recognition dinner in the commons beginning at 5:45pm. Information on making a dinner reservation for this event will be out soon. \$2 per person for a spaghetti dinner with salad, bread sticks and a beverage. There will be a recognition program to follow concluding at 7:30pm and the concert will begin at 8pm.

2. **Students** are to **turn in their uniforms** on the night of the concert – they should bring a change of clothes for after the concert which may be stored in their respective men's or women's dressing rooms – we could use volunteers to help collect the uniforms after the concert – please let Mr. Rush or Mr. Sveum know if you can help out.

Jazz 1 has had workshops by Russ Nolan, Bruce Hering, Ron Carter, Johannes Wallmann, J@LC musician, Kenny Rampton, and Basie pianist and NIU Director of jazz studies, Reginald Thomas.

Sun Prairie Jazz Ensemble I "Essentially Ellington" competition performance to be broadcast live on the web at www.jazz.org/live. This will be a multi camera production complete with post-concert interviews. 15 of the nations' finest High School Jazz Ensembles will compete for top honors at this years' finals competition held in **Rose Hall** at Jazz at Lincoln Center on Columbus Circle in New York. Please look for it at **9:25am on Saturday, May 7** on a computer near you!

SPHS Bands to perform for Memorial Day - the Sound of Sun Prairie will perform in the annual Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 30th** here in Sun Prairie. The parade will begin at 10 am on Kroncke drive and head west along Main Street and end at the VFW Post. **A band comprised of SPHS seniors** will perform at the Veterans memorial as part of the remembrance ceremony which begins at 11am at the Veterans Memorial. We will rehearse at the High School at 8:30am on Memorial Day. This commitment is generally completed by 12:30pm

All underclass band students will be performing at the **SPHS Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 10**. Students should report to the High School Band Room at **3pm for rehearsal**, with the ceremony beginning at 5pm. Students wishing to rent their instruments for the summer should see their band director. **Summer fee is \$25** and checks should be made out to **"SPHS"**

Thanks again for all you do in supporting students in their endeavors in music. Your involvement really makes this activity special for all of our students. We really appreciate it!!!

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Sun Prairie Band Boosters

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

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



Final Concert – Wednesday May 25th, 7:00pm & 8:00pm at Cardinal Heights

Come join us for our final concert of the year and enjoy some great music by all bands. Students have made tremendous progress this year and it will be a great celebration of all their work.

Performance times:

7:00pm - 8th Grade Bands (6:30pm warm-up)

8:00pm - 9th Grade Band & Wind Symphony (7:30pm warm-up)

We are excited to welcome composer, Andrew Boysen Jr. as our composer in residence this week. All of the Cardinal Heights concert bands will perform a work composed by Mr. Boysen Jr. The Eighth Grade Symphonic Band will perform *Urban Scenes*, the Eighth Grade Concert Band will perform *Metamorphosis*, the Ninth Grade Band will perform *Symphony No. 4*, and the Wind Symphony will be performing *Fantasy on a Theme by Sousa*.

Things to turn in at Concert:

1. **Uniform - on a hanger, please** (students should bring change of clothes, so they can turn in the uniform after the concert)
2. **Home Practice Instrument**

Volunteers Needed:

We could use 8 volunteers to help get uniforms turned in after the concert.

Please contact Joe Mesner (318-8137 or jrmesne@sunprairieschools.org) if interested.

Wanted! - gently used CHUMS Uniform supplements

Do you have gently used black dress shoe or men's white collared shoes that are outgrown? Please consider donating them to CHUMS music department for our collection of spare shoes & shirts. Please bring them to Mr. Melrose. Thanks!

Summer School Band Classes

Cardinal Heights students can take part is Summer Jazz Band or Summer Concert Band.

Registration and information about each class is on-line at:

http://www.sunprairie.k12.wi.us/district/summer_school_2016.cfm

Location

Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School
220 Kroncke Drive

Dates

Session 1: June 20 - July 8 (M-TH)

Session 2: July 11 - July 28 (M-TH)

Classes meet Monday - Thursday

Jazz Band: Period 1: 8:00 – 9:55 a.m.

Concert Band: Period 2: 10:05–Noon.

For questions regarding registration, please contact Jo Guyette at 834-6579 or jmguyet@sunprairieschools.org

Preparing for Next Year:

1. *Summer Practice Instruments* –if you are interested in renting a school instrument for the summer, please contact Mr. Mesner (318-8137 or jrmesne@sunprairieschools.org)
2. *Summer Camps* – there are many great opportunities for students to continue learning, playing, and making music. Please contact us if you are interested and we can recommend some great options.

Thank you very much to everyone for another rewarding and great year of music at Cardinal Heights. We are looking forward to welcoming new students and families to Cardinal Heights next year. We wish our 9th grade students well as they move to the high school and we are excited for all of the opportunities they will have there. Most of all we are excited to continue our collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clinicians, and administration in search of the best musical experiences we can provide our students.

Thank you very much for all of your efforts to support students here at Cardinal Heights!

Joe Menser
Ian Melrose



PMMS BAND NEWS

Band Festival at Kalahari a SUCCESS!



On Thursday and Friday, April 21-22 we hosted the 9th Annual Band Festival at the Kalahari. Forty-Nine Bands and nearly 3,000 students participated in this year's festival. Many thanks to the band staff and band parents who volunteered to help run this festival. The program booklet is available online:

http://www.spbb.org/uploads/2/2/2/1/22215324/2016kalahariprogram_wardbrodt_hyperlink_ed_1_1_.pdf

Spring Band Concert (May 10)

Our final concert of the year is always amazing! It will be held in our beautiful Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Sun Prairie High School. This concert is significant for a few reasons:

- 1) All of the PMMS Bands are in the same concert!!
- 2) We do the world premiere of a new work written for us! This year it is "Rock Music" by Alex Shapiro written for our 7th grade band. The 7th Grade portion of the concert will focus on an "Earth" Theme this year!
- 3) We get to celebrate another great year and take a look back at some great accomplishments.

Date/Time? Tuesday, May 10th, 2016. Concert Starts at 7:00 PM in the High School PAC
 6:30 PM - 7th Band Picture (meet in HS Band Room)
 6:40 PM - 6th Bands warm up in the HS Orchestra Room
 7:00 PM - Concert Begins (6th grade bands then combined 7th band)
 8:25 PM - Concert Ends

Concert dress is the band uniform. Students who usually use school instruments will need to bring their instruments from home unless they check one out from school.

The concert will conclude with our Annual Year-in-review DVD. The concert will again be shown via the internet. Tell family and friends to go to Livestream.com and search for "PMMS Bands".

****Don't forget - 7th Mandatory Rehearsal on Monday, May 9 from 7:30-8:30 PM. This is a very necessary and important rehearsal. Thank you!**



March-A-Thon – Saturday, May 21

- What? The March-a-thon is an opportunity for our 6 and 7th graders to work on their marching with students from PVMS and SPSHS.
- Date? Saturday, May 21
- Time? **9:00 AM.** The kids will be ready to be picked up at **Noon.**
- Uniform? No uniform – wear comfortable shoes to march in – no flip flops please!
- Other? Bring instrument in marked case and marching band music. Tuba players will be responsible to bring their own sousaphone or tuba to/from school and percussionists & flags will need to bring their marching equipment to/from school. We would recommend students to bring a bottle of water.

8th Graders come march with us! Look for a sign-up coming your way soon!

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 30

- What? Memorial Day Parade –this is a mandatory event for 7th Grade Band Members who are in town. 6th Graders are not required to march, but can if they are interested.
- Date? Monday, May 30, 2016
- Time? Parade Starts at 10:00 AM on Main Street starting from Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School. All band members need to report to the main entrance area of CHUMS by 9:30 AM.
- Important! Remember to leave instrument case in your parent's car when you meet at CHUMS. You will just need your assembled instrument.
- Route? The parade begins at CHUMS and ends at Walker/Main Street near the Public Library. Parents please meet us in Public Library **Rear** Parking Lot immediately after the parade!
- Uniform? Black Band shirt, black **pants**, black socks and shoes (no shorts).

School Instrument Return Day

All school instruments and supplies need to be returned to the PMMS Band Room no later than Tuesday, May 31. We need to inventory **all** of the school owned instruments on this day. Instruments will be reissued to current 6th graders by Tuesday, June 7th. Current 7th Graders using school instruments should contact Mr. Mesner or Mr. Melrose about getting an upper middle school instruments



Prairie View Band Room Banter!



Our Lesson Academy will be winding down this month. Look for information to come out this summer about the start up for next fall. We love that we are able to offer this opportunity to students at Prairie View!

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!

Summer school is right around the corner. We have several great offerings in the summer school catalog. Check the district summer school website and take a look at our summer concert band and jazz band. Online registration can be found on the school district website. Registration will be open until June 1st for music classes. We would also encourage you to consider a music camp this summer for your musician! Just keep them playing!

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

Our final concert is May 10th at Prairie View. Our 6th grade will have their concert at 6:30(warm up at 6:15) and the 7th grade will play at 7:30(warm up at 6:50).

We will be rehearsing for the Memorial Day parade on Saturday, May 21st from 9:00-noon at the high school. Students from the Sound of Sun Prairie will be there to march side by side with our 6th and 7th graders that are marching in the parade. We need to know if your child will not be marching in the parade ASAP! Please email one of us with that information.

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30th meeting at the CHUM at 9:00. When dropping off your musician, they should exit the car with only their instrument. Please leave cases and other items in the car as we will not be returning to the CHUM afterwards. The parade will go from the CHUM to Main St. to Walker Way. We will let you know where you can pick up your student afterwards.

All school owned home instruments will need to be turned in by Tuesday, May 31st. If you have experience playing a brass instrument, we are looking for a few volunteers to **help clean brass instruments on June 6 and 7** during the day. This involves disassembling and reassembling brass instruments and lubricating all slides and valves prior to reassembly. Please contact Mrs. Sederquist if you can help out at 834-7825.

Keep practicing and check that lesson schedule every week!

Mrs. Sederquist and Mr. Quaglieri





Things are off to a great start for the SOSP 2016 season. Students have created a very warm, welcoming, positive, and hard-working vibe to our rehearsals. If you haven't been to observe rehearsal - come on by and check out the end of rehearsals.

Preparing for Summer

One of the most important aspects for students to have a successful summer is personal health. We have been encouraging proper hydration, sun protection (sunscreen & hats), and making healthy food and drink choices (water, water, water, water!!).

Check Off Responsibilities

As we get closer to the summer, individual student goals become more pressing. Each week members have one part of their show, parade, or fundamentals routine to show they have it accurately memorized and performed.

We suggest they find practice buddies (and meet some new folks!) to work on this task, physical conditioning, or anything else SOSP related. Working together is always more fun and hopefully productive! If students get behind on their responsibilities, we may ask them to come early or stay during lunch to get caught up. Staff members associated with each section will make these arrangements with students.

SOSP Volunteers

SOSP would not exist without the great support from parents. Many committees are in full swing (Uniform Committee, Sewing Committee) and some are just about to get going (Chuckwagon, Equipment, Chaperones, etc...). If you would like more info about volunteering for SOSP – please check out the Volunteer Connections Page: <http://www.spbb.org/sosp-volunteers.html>

Parent Volunteer – Background Checks

Thank you to the numerous parents who volunteer their time to make SOSP great. Sun Prairie Area School District requires that all volunteers have a current background check on file. Information can be found at: http://www.sunprairie.k12.wi.us/do_volunteer.cfm

Payments

Please make sure all payments are written to SPBB in envelope with the payment slip and or the following info:

1. Student Name
2. Purpose of payment (ex. *Tuition #2, Shoes & Gloves, Tution #2 + Shoes, etc...*)

Band Booster Meeting – Sunday May 29, 3pm in HS Music Area

This Booster meeting is typically our Marching Band Summer Kick-Off meeting. We will go over lots of important information including:

- Updated Schedule for the Summer
- Volunteer needs for Summer, Bring your CALENDARS!
- How you can help as a parent during busy the summer schedule

Upcoming Dates

May 6 & 7: Overnight Camp Weekend #1 until Saturday 9pm

May 14: 8 – noon (Prom Weekend)

May 21: 9-9 (MS Bands rehearse with SOSP in AM)

May 28 & 29: Overnight Camp Weekend #2 until Sunday 5pm

May 30: Memorial Day Parade Performance – AM only

June 4: 9-9

June 12: Summer Season Begins!

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>

LOVE THAT SOUND!

Ian Melrose – Director

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Chuckwagon needs ice cream buckets and volunteers!

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

Chuckwagon needs volunteers to help feed those hungry and hardworking SOSF kids this summer and for the overnight camps. You can see where help is needed by going to www.spbb.org under SOSF and then SOSF Volunteers.

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

From The Concession Stand

Concessions Opportunities: Sign up on spbb.org!



- Taste of Madison-September 3rd and 4th
- UW Football Games
 - September 10 and 17
 - October 15 and 29
 - November 12 and 26



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! When I think about how busy April was, May is all that and a bag of chips! We sent off Jazz 1 in style on May 2 with a Final concert and raffle winners! I want to thank all that help donate to the cause of sending Jazz 1 to the Essential Ellington in New York city. Again big “thanks” to Kevin Mengelt and the Maureen Mengelt foundation with their matching donation campaign after Band O Rama!



The SOUND of Sun Prairie has been working hard in learning their music and drill with two upcoming overnights in May. Parents, please sign up to help with overnight activities. The sewing and chuck wagon committees could use some helping especially with some parents being out in New York that 1st weekend.

We have upcoming spring concerts for the middle schools on May 10th and the HS on May 24 and CHUMS on the 25th. Please bring family and friends to enjoy an evening of great music! Get the word out.

We close out the month with the Memorial Day parade. The community always comes out to support our men and women that sacrifice in defending our country in the Armed services. I know it is the least our bands can do, to provide the musical support these individuals and their families deserve on their day!

We are still looking for some leadership positions for the upcoming Flags of Freedom parade as well as new members on our board. Our next general meeting is scheduled for May 29. Please come and see what’s happening with the Band Boosters!

Band Boosters

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*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 SPSHS “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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