



# Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School Band Student & Parent Information 2018/2019

***“Moving 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.”***

Welcome to Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School Band  
We are excited to welcome you to another great year!

*Who teaches band at Cardinal Heights?*

- **Joe Mesner**

Wind Symphony, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert Band, Cardinal Heights Jazz II, and Epoch Sound Assistant Director

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9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 8th Grade Symphonic Band, Cardinal Heights Jazz I, and Sound of Sun Prairie Business Manager

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**Communication:**

- Email from band teachers:
  - Mass email with reminders
  - Progress reports emailed
  - check Infinite Campus
- Monthly newsletter, *Booster Beat*, by Sun Prairie Band Boosters & Cardinal Heights School Newsletter
- Website: [www.spbb.org](http://www.spbb.org)
  - Sun Prairie Band Boosters' website provides information on lesson assignments, dates, fundraising, parent activities, calendars, dates, concessions and photos of events. It also includes contact information regarding committees and the Band Boosters' Executive Board.
  - *Booster Beat* is posted under "downloads."
- Please email or call a Band Director with any questions

## Concert Bands

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands (Concert & Symphonic)**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band**

**Wind Symphony** – auditioned band for both 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

#### All Concert Bands

- **4 concerts** (October 22, December 17, March 7, & May 22) plus Band-O-Rama (April 8)
- **Solo Night** (Feb. 7) or **WSMA District Solo/Ensemble** (Feb. 9). Performance at one of these events is a class requirement.
- **Conductor in Residence** – March 6-7
- **Composer in Residence** – May 21-22

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

- **Sun Prairie Middle Level Honor Band** (audition recordings submitted Oct. 17 and rehearsals/performance on November 17, 9:00am-7:00pm) – optional
- **Kalahari Band Clinic**, Wisconsin Dells (May 23, clinic during school) approximate cost \$40-\$50
- **WSMA Middle Level Honor Band** auditions at Patrick Marsh – optional

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

- **Sun Prairie Ninth & Tenth Grade Honor Band** (audition recordings submitted Oct. 17 and rehearsals/performance on November 17, 9:00am-7:00pm) – optional
- **Lock-in** October 19-20 (begins 4:00 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and ends at 8:00 a.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> )
- **Spring Tour** dates February 28-March 1 (depart after school February 28, return to Sun Prairie approximately 4:00pm on March 1) approximate cost \$80-\$90

#### Wind Symphony

- **“Band Camp”** August 20-23, 1-5 p.m. at Cardinal Heights
- **Sun Prairie Ninth & Tenth Grade Honor Band** (audition recordings submitted Oct. 17 and rehearsals/performance on November 17, 9:00am-7:00pm) – optional
- **Lock-in** October 19-20 (begins 4:00 on the 20<sup>th</sup> and ends at 8:00 a.m. on the 21<sup>st</sup> )
- **Wisconsin Summit for Band Directors** – February 1 during the day
- **Spring Tour** dates February 28-March 1 (depart after school February 28, return to Sun Prairie approximately 4:00pm on March 1) approximate cost \$80-\$90

#### Wind Symphony Auditions for 2018/2019

- Auditions for the Wind Symphony take place in mid March (tentatively March 12-16). Audition materials include a solo of the musician’s choice, seven major scales, chromatic scale, & sight-reading. More information will be available in January.

#### All Students:

- Have a quarter lesson schedule (all assignments are listed on this), band notebook, , Warm ups in back and other information
- Students should practice outside of class. There are opportunities to practice at school before school, during study hall, or after school

**Concert Attire:** Band students wear a uniform at all band concerts.

Gentlemen		Ladies	
<b>The School provides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black tuxedo pants</li><li>• Black vest</li><li>• Black tie</li></ul>	<b>Students provide:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White collared shirt</li><li>• Black socks (calf length)</li><li>• Black shoes</li></ul>	<b>The School provides:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Floor length black dress</li></ul>	<b>Students provide:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black dress shoes</li></ul>

### Instrument rental

\$50 per year for use of school owned instruments and percussion. Payable to CHUM.

## Jazz Ensembles for 2017--2018

### Jazz I

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

- Rehearsals: Monday & Thursday, 7:00am-7:45am



### Jazz II

Joe Mesner, Director, 318-8137, jrmesne@sunprairieschools.

- Rehearsals: Tuesday: Woodwinds & Barss, Wednesday: Rhythm Section and Friday All 7:00am – 7:45am

### Jazz Auditions: September 24-27

#### **Winds Prepare**

- play “Blues by Five” in correct style
- Sight Read
- Optional – improvise a blues in Bb

#### **Piano, Bass, or Guitar**

- learn melody to “Blues by Five”
- comp on “Blues buy Five” chord changes
- Optional – improvise a blues in Bb

#### **Everyone**

- Who was Red Garland? What instrument did he play?
- What was the name of the record album “Blues by Five” was recorded on?
- *Extra Credit: Who else played on that recording?*

#### **Drum Set Prepares**

- Play along with recording 3 - 4 times:
  1. First Time - Play quarter notes on ride cymbal
  2. Second Time - Play traditional swing pattern on ride cymbal
  3. Third Time - Play melody rhythm on snare drum (optional - with hi-hat, bass drum, & ride)
  4. Fourth Time - Play traditional swing pattern and add fills in appropriate places
  5. *Optional Fifth Time - transcribe a chorus from the recording*

**Performance Attire:** same as concert band attire (see above)

### Jazz Events 2017-2018 (partial list):

- December 1 – Big Band Dance – Jazz I & II 7:30-11:00, Angel Park Pavilion
- February 15 – Sun Prairie Upper Middle School Jazz Festival 3-8pm
- March 15 – All Jazz ensembles – “Swing into Spring” Big Band Extravaganza

# Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy

The Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy has been created to provide convenient access to quality private instrument instruction for students in the Sun Prairie Band Program. The program is designed to give students access to one-on-one instruction on their instrument with professional musicians/teachers that specialize on specific instruments. Students will focus on fundamental skills that are particular to his or her instrument. Instructors provide individualized assignments and instruction specific to the student's particular abilities. The benefits of private instrument instruction include; accelerated study of instrument technique and repertoire, preparation of audition materials, or study of subjects of particular interest (e.g. solo literature or improvisation). Private study is a powerful tool in supporting musical growth in students. This program is organized by the Sun Prairie Band Boosters as a service to band students in Sun Prairie Schools.

The Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy is designed to serve those students not currently studying privately. It is not designed to take students away from local teachers not in the Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy and should not be interpreted as a signal to change teachers. There are many fine teachers in the immediate area who offer quality instruction.

## **When & Where:**

- Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School – Tuesdays, 3:00-9:00

## **Program Guidelines:**

Students must be a participating member of the Sun Prairie Band Program (enrolled in a band class).

Lessons will be held on all teacher workdays and student holidays unless instructors and students mutually decide in advance that lessons will not be held on those days (the exception being lessons will not be held during Thanksgiving break, winter break or spring break). In the event of a school cancellation (inclement weather, etc.) all after school lessons are also canceled on the date of a school cancellation.

Lessons are split into two semesters, 12 lessons first semester (10 lessons at Patrick Marsh) and 14 lessons will be scheduled second semester. Families will do the actual scheduling of lesson times in communication with each private teacher. Please register for the program using the registration box to the left.

## **Lesson Tuition and Payment:**

Due to program organization and financial regulations, parents/students are not allowed to pay private teachers directly in this program. All payments must be made to Sun Prairie Band Boosters via PayPal. Families will be sent a monthly invoice on the 15th of each month, due within 7 days to pre-pay for the next month of lessons (the first lesson payment for first semester are due on September 22 and lessons will begin on September 27).

The lesson fee for each teacher is listed at the link above and the registration box on the left of this page. The tuition fee for each semester includes the cost of 12 or 14 lessons and can be paid in one payment at the beginning of the semester or you may pay for lessons monthly (you will be invoiced for the number of lessons each month).

Semester 1 runs October 2-January 22

Semester 2 runs January 29-May 14

Families are asked to commit to a semester of lessons when registering. No refund can be made for missed lessons. Thirty day written notice is required for withdrawal from program. Without these policies it is impossible to secure quality private teachers for our students.

## **What students and parents can expect in private lessons**

1. A curriculum of instruction encompassing the unique needs of individual instruments and students
2. Students should prepare for lessons with consistent practice
3. Students may need supplemental method books or solo materials for private study
4. Private teachers will communicate with families in the event of an emergency that requires rescheduling lessons
5. Please communicate with private teachers in the event of illness or emergency (please communicate with lesson teacher 24 hours in advance)

Participants in the Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Sun Prairie Band Boosters and Sun Prairie Area School District from all claims, demands, causes of action, judgments and liabilities of whatever kind arising out of or in connection with or concerning this agreement or by and between Licensee and District.

To learn more visit <http://www.spbb.org/spbb-lesson-academy.html>



## Sound of Sun Prairie (SOSP)

SOSP is a voluntary, co-curricular marching band. It is comprised of 8-12th grade students who have an interest in performing with percussion, wind instruments or color guard. The purpose of SOSP is to provide opportunities for students to learn to work cooperatively toward common goals, the power of positive attitudes, personal responsibility, self-motivation, individual sacrifice for the good of the group, and striving to work to the best of one's ability at all times.

SOSP marches and competes in parades and field show competitions throughout the Midwest. They also host the annual Flags of Freedom Parade and Band Rally in Sun Prairie.

Practices for SOSP begin in March (weekends). All performances and shows end by mid-July. For those interested in color guard and percussion, these units generally start rehearsing during the winter months. SOSP is an awesome group! Ask Mr. Melrose or Mr. Mesner for more details!

### Support Organizations

#### *Sun Prairie Band Boosters*

[www.spbb.org](http://www.spbb.org)

Sun Prairie Band Boosters (SPBB) is a volunteer parent organization that promotes and supports Sun Prairie Public School band activities and opportunities. Parents/Guardians of students who are enrolled in a band program are automatic members. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of September, November, February, & 2 spring/summer dates. For details, contact any individual listed below or go to: [www.spbb.org](http://www.spbb.org). The SPBB Executive Committee Members for 2017/2018 are:

<p><b>President</b> Chad Geidl <a href="mailto:president@spbb.org">president@spbb.org</a></p>	<p><b>Vice President</b> Mike Engleson <a href="mailto:vicepresident@spbb.org">vicepresident@spbb.org</a></p>	<p><b>Treasurer</b> Betty Weiss <a href="mailto:treasurer@spbb.org">treasurer@spbb.org</a></p>	<p><b>Secretary</b> Tracie Reuther <a href="mailto:secretary@spbb.org">secretary@spbb.org</a></p>
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#### **Bernie Powers Band Foundation --- [www.bpbfb.org](http://www.bpbfb.org)**

This is a foundation that manages an endowment fund that benefits Sun Prairie Public School band students.

### Sun Prairie Band Boosters (SPBB) Fundraising Program Overview

SPBB offers a variety of fundraising programs which help support ALL of our band programs. We strongly encourage everyone to participate as the fundraisers help maintain our excellent music program. Most of the fundraisers are designed so that the students earn a large percentage of the profits, while a smaller percentage contributes to the general fund of SPBB. Occasionally there will be some fundraisers or other programs which only directly contribute to the General Fund of SPBB. As a brief overview:

- Student's benefit: Students who participate in fundraisers can earn money to help pay for their High School band field trips or tours, Sound of Sun Prairie membership fee and summer band camps. Money earned is entered into a Student Ledger.
- SPBB benefits: Fundraisers help support ALL band programs. This includes clinics, band trips, Composer in Residence program, scholarships and other areas.

### How do the fundraising programs work?

SPBB Committee Chairpersons distribute information about fundraisers at the Band Booster meetings, the *Booster Beat* (monthly newsletter), website ([www.spbb.org](http://www.spbb.org)) and through the band directors at each school.

Students who participate will have a "Student Ledger" established and maintained by the SPBB Ledger Keeper & Treasurer. They are also available online at "Charmsoffice.org" & from the Ledger Keeper upon request by email: [ledgerkeeper@spbb.org](mailto:ledgerkeeper@spbb.org). All of the SPBB fundraiser programs incorporate two main ways of tracking progress. They are:

1. Student "credits" earned/issued from Concessions (credits get converted into dollars)
2. Dollars or percentage of sale earned (involves various programs)

### Fundraising Programs\* Offered (Example for Fall 2017 to Spring 2018)

Fundraiser Activity (& Time of Year)	Credits Earned	Dollar Value or % Earned**
"Fruit Sale" --- Fruit, Popcorn and Cookie Dough Fall sale (Nov.) & Spring sale	--	30% of sale
Bucky Book Sale (per book sold) --- Fall	--	\$11.25
UW Concessions – working UW Football games on Saturdays & Men’s Basketball games in Winter.	Football – 2 credits / person Basketball – 1 credit / person	1 credit = \$20(approx)

\*Subject to changes

SPBB --- Where Student Ledger Money Can Be Applied	
Sample list for 2017-2018. <i>Approximate costs only.</i> Information is subject to change.	
<b>Concert Bands</b>	Field Trips/Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Kalahari Trip \$40-\$50</li> <li>• Wind Symphony &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Tour to Eau Claire \$80-90</li> </ul>
<b>Private Lessons</b>	Students who take lessons through the SPBB Lesson Academy, or with a band director approved private lesson experience are eligible to use ledger funds.
<b>Summer Camps</b>	Birch Creek, Egg Harbor, WI (2-week camp, <a href="http://www.birchcreek.org">www.birchcreek.org</a> ) \$1600 Shell Lake Arts Center, Shell Lake, WI ( <a href="http://www.shelllakeartscenter.org">www.shelllakeartscenter.org</a> ) \$ 500
<b>Sound of Sun Prairie*</b>	Tuition – High School members (\$50 discount for 2 <sup>nd</sup> HS student in family) \$ 800 Tuition – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Members \$ 750  * More details about Student Ledger usage and applying the Account to extra items needed for SOSOP will be distributed for 2018.

### How To Apply Student Ledger Money

For each approved field trip, camp, SOSOP or other program, the Band Director will provide a form that describes the event, cost involved and an authorization section for parents/guardians to deduct fee from money contained in Student Ledger (as available), or by a combination of Student Ledger or personal check. The SPBB Ledger Keeper will deduct the respective amount, and keeps track of Student Ledger balances. Reports are available at "charmsoffice.com" or upon request at: [ledgerkeeper@spbb.org](mailto:ledgerkeeper@spbb.org).

# Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School Band Calendar 2018/2019

<b>August 20-23</b>	<u>Wind Symphony "Band Camp" 1:00-5:00 p.m.</u>
<b>September 24-27</b>	Jazz Band auditions (materials will be available during band class)
<b>October 1-5</b>	Jazz Band rehearsals begin (Jazz I Mon. & Thurs. 7-7:45 a.m., Jazz II Tues. & Fri. 7-7:45 a.m.)
<b>October 2</b>	Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy semester 1 lessons begin
<b>October 17</b>	Sun Prairie Honor Band audition recordings due (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade band & a 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> grade band ensembles)
<b>October 19-20</b>	<u>Wind Symphony &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Lock-in (begins 4:00 p.m. on Oct. 14 and ends 8:00 a.m. Oct. 15)</u>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Band Concert—all bands at Cardinal Heights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both Eighth Grade Bands perform at 7:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 6:30</li><li>• Ninth Grade Band and Wind Symphony perform at 8:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 7:30</li></ul>
<b>November 17</b>	Sun Prairie Honor Band (7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade ensemble & a 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> grade ensemble) rehearsals 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Honor Bands perform at 6:00 p.m. in the Cardinal Heights Auditorium
<b>December 1</b>	Big Band Dance 7:30-11:00, Angel Park Pavilion (Jazz Bands)
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Band Concert – all bands at High School Performing Arts Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both Eighth Grade Bands perform at 6:30 p.m. &amp; arrive by 6:00</li><li>• Ninth Grade Band and Wind Symphony at 8:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 7:30</li></ul>
<b>January 29</b>	Sun Prairie Band Booster Lesson Academy semester 2 lessons begin
<b>February 1</b>	<u>Wind Symphony – Wisconsin Summit for Band Directors (during the day)</u>
<b>February 7</b>	Cardinal Heights Solo Night 3:00-7:00
<b>February 9</b>	WSMA District Solo/Ensemble, Prairie View 8:00-4:00 – open to all students who pre-register
<b>February 15</b>	Sun Prairie Upper Middle School Jazz Festival @ Cardinal Heights, 3:00-8:00
<b>Feb. 28-March 1</b>	<u>Wind Symphony &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> grade band clinic &amp; performance tour, depart after school March 2 and return late afternoon March 2</u>
<b>March 6-7</b>	Conductor in Residence Project, during school day
<b>March 7</b>	<b>Band Concert – all bands at Cardinal Heights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both Eighth Grade Bands perform at 7:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 6:30</li><li>• Ninth Grade Band and Wind Symphony perform at 8:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 7:30</li></ul>
<b>March 11-15</b>	<u>Auditions for 2018/2019 Cardinal Heights Wind Symphony</u>
<b>March 15</b>	Swing into Spring Bing Band Extravaganza, Patrick Marsh 7:00-10:30
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Band-O-Rama – all bands, SPSHS Field House, 7:00 concert, students arrive by 6:30</b>
<b>May 21 &amp; 22</b>	Composer in Residence Project, during school day
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Band Concert – all bands at Cardinal Heights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Both Eighth Grade Bands perform at 7:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 6:30</li><li>• Ninth Grade Band and Wind Symphony perform at 8:00 p.m. &amp; arrive by 7:30</li></ul>
<b>May 23</b>	Kalahari Band Festival – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade bands

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Revisions may be made to this calendar

**Ward Brodt** – Contact is Rob Smith. Phone #: 608-661-8633 or [www.ward-brodt.com](http://www.ward-brodt.com)

We encourage you to contact Ward Brodt directly to get your music supplies. Options are to go to the store, call Rob Smith, order online ([www.ward-brodt.com](http://www.ward-brodt.com)) or complete the order form and turn it into Mr. Melrose with payment. Items ordered online or by phone can be delivered to Cardinal Heights the next Friday.

**Cardinal Heights  
Upper Middle School**

# Ward Brodt Order Form

Order Placed by (please print full name): \_\_\_\_\_

**REEDS:**

**Concert Reeds**

Rico Royal Clarinet Reeds 3 ½	\$20.99 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Grand Concert Select 3 or 3 ½	\$22.95 _____	(10 reeds)
Vandoren Clarinet Reeds 3 or 3 ½	\$24.99 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Royal Bass Clarinet Reeds 3 ½	\$ 31.99 _____	(10 reeds)
Vandoren Bass Clarinet Reeds 3 or 3 ½	\$ 22.99 _____	(5 reeds)
Rico Royal Alto Sax Reeds 3 ½	\$24.99 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Grand Concert Select Alto 3 or 3 ½	\$28.95 _____	(10 reeds)
Vandoren Alto Sax Reeds 3	\$31.95 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Royal Tenor Sax Reeds 3 ½	\$38.99 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Grand Concert Select Tenor 3 or 3 ½	\$19.95 _____	(5 reeds)
Vandoren Tenor Sax Reeds 3	\$22.99 _____	(5 reeds)
Rico Royal Bari Sax Reeds 3 ½	\$47.95 _____	(10 reeds)
Rico Grand Concert Select Bari 3 or 3 ½	\$32.95 _____	(5 reeds)
Vandoren Bari Sax Reeds 3 1/2	\$36.99 _____	(5 reeds)

Please avoid purchasing the “orange” box Rico reeds. These reeds no longer meet student’s needs as their embouchures develop in 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We recommend the reeds on this list.

Oboe reeds – see Mr. Mesner or order directly from Edmund Nielsen reeds ([www.nielsen-woodwinds.com/](http://www.nielsen-woodwinds.com/))  
Order the “black” or “blue” reeds, medium or medium hard

Bassoon reeds – see Mr. Mesner or order directly from Edmund Nielsen ([www.nielsen-woodwinds.com/](http://www.nielsen-woodwinds.com/))  
Order the “red” reeds (the tan reeds have changed to red), medium or medium hard

**OTHER ACCESSORIES:**

Korg TM 40 Metronome/Tuner	\$29.99 _____
Clarinet Hanky Swab	\$ 4.99 _____
Cork Grease	\$ 2.49 _____
Reedguard IV for Cl, AS	\$ 5.99 _____
Reedguard IV for BC, TS, BS	\$ 6.49 _____
Woodwind Mouthpiece Brush	\$ 2.49 _____
Brass Mouthpiece Brush	\$ 2.49 _____
Valve Oil 2000	\$ 3.99 _____
Schilke Slide Grease	\$ 4.99 _____
Slide Ease	\$ 3.99 _____
Superslick Trombone Cream	\$ 2.99 _____
Music Stand SM7122BB	\$14.99 _____

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