

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands Jr. High Band Newsletter

Week 13/14 Newsletter  
November 14th-21st, 2017

## Forms and Flyers

If you are ever concerned that you lost a piece of paper, or not sure if one got home, we try and upload everything on the [Forms Tab of the website](#)

## Supplies/Repairs



Music & Arts is our primary partner for repairs and supplies. If you order anything, designate "deliver to school" and it will be brought straight to the band room. [www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

Phone: (314) 739-4265

## ILMEA Festival Information

[ILMEA Concert Festival Permission Slip 2017](#)

## Upgrade Your Sound Event

Upgraded instruments make a great Christmas Gift for your student! Music & Arts is hosting a Step-Up instrument event at Carriel on November 13th from 5-8pm. They will have a huge selection of upgraded instruments I, and you can book an individual appointment for personal service. If you are currently renting from Music & Arts, they can apply some current credit, but this event often has deeper either/or discounts to maximize your value. For more information or specific upgrade questions, Email our Music & Arts Rep, Michael Bryant at:

[william.bryant@musicarts.com](mailto:william.bryant@musicarts.com)

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## Private Lessons

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Private Lessons are the best thing you can do for your child's Music Education. We have a lot of great teachers and mentors who are eager to work with Jr. High Students. Email me at [mdonahue@of90.net](mailto:mdonahue@of90.net) and I can help put you in touch with a great teacher.

## Calendar Information

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For the most up to date calendar information, check out the [website calendar](#).

## Questions or Concerns?

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If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [mdonahue@of90.net](mailto:mdonahue@of90.net)

## Note-Symphonic Winds Clinic on Nov 17th and Concert on November 20th

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The Symphonic Winds has the opportunity to work with the All-District Guest conductor in a rehearsal on Friday, November 17th. Chip DeStefano is the band director at McCracken Middle School in Skokie, IL and is a nationally recognized band director and clinician. His band has been named the University of Illinois Superstate Honor Band 7 times, more than any other band. Mr. DeStefano will be working with us at a rehearsal from 5-7pm at Carriel on November 17th. Parents are welcome to attend. We appreciate your flexibility in this extra rehearsal, Mr. DeStefano is staying in town for the ILMEA Festival and this is a great opportunity to get to work with him! We will serve pizza for the band at the end of the rehearsal.

Please note, we have changed the Symphonic Winds Fall Concert from Tuesday, November 14th to Monday, November 20th. This concert is a joint concert with the Symphonic Winds and OTHS Wind Ensemble, 6:30pm at Carriel. We changed the concert due to a very tight schedule at OTHS.

## Jazz Band Auditions

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The music for Jazz Band auditions have been posted on Google Classroom. Students interested in auditioning should print off their own part to practice. There will be audition clinics to help students prepare for the audition. There are also rhythm section spots open for drum set, bass guitar, and piano. Students interested in these instruments should talk to Mr. Kennedy about auditioning. If there are any questions regarding jazz band feel free to email Mr. Kennedy at [akennedy@of90.net](mailto:akennedy@of90.net).

Carriel Jazz Band Clinic (Winds only): Tuesday, November 28th; 3-4pm  
Carriel Rhythm Section Clinic: Thursday, November 30th; 3-4pm  
Fulton Jazz Band Clinic (Winds only): Wednesday, November 29th; 3-4pm  
Fulton Rhythm Section Clinic: Friday, December 1st; 3-4pm

**Auditions will be held December 11th-15th by appointment.**

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## This Week in Band

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- Monday, November 13th, 5-8pm
  - Music & Arts Upgrade Your Sound at Carriel
- Thursday, November 16th, 6-8pm
  - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal
- Friday, November 17th, 5-7pm
  - Symphonic Winds Clinic with Mr. DeStefano
- Saturday, November 18th
  - ILMEA Concert Festival
  - [ILMEA Concert Festival Permission Slip 2017](#)

## Next Week

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- Monday, November 20th
  - Symphonic Winds and OTHS Wind Ensemble Concert at Carriel
  - 6:15pm Call Time
  - 6:30pm Concert
- Tuesday, November 21st
  - D90 School Board will recognize All-District Musicians at Fulton
  - 6:45 Call Time in the Band Room
  - 7pm Board Meeting

## Grades this Week

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- Participation/Preparation (20pts)
- ILMEA Scales Lines 1-2 (50 pts, 8th grades)
- Video Assignment #2 (50 pts, 7th grades)

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## Repair Information

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If an instrument breaks and you need an instrument repair, the best way to accomplish it in a timely manner is:

- [Fill out this form](#)
- Have your student take out their reeds, mouthpiece, supplies, etc. from their instrument case for use with their loaner instrument.
- Michael, our M&A rep will pick up the repair (usually on Friday mornings before school).
- Repair should be completed within about a week.
- Feel free to contact our rep, Michael Bryant with questions at:
  - William Bryant <William.Bryant@musicarts.com>