

O'Fallon District 90 Bands Jr. High Band Newsletter

Week 15 Newsletter

November 26th-December 1st, 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

Phone: (314) 739-4265

Busy 2 Weeks!

We're coming back to a very busy two weeks! Three big things are going on the District 90 Band World. First, we have audition clinics for jazz band beginning this week. Second, the Poinsettia Pick Up is this Saturday, December 2nd from 9am-noon. [We are in need of a few volunteers. Volunteer here!](#)

Third and Largest, we have Christmas in O'Fallon Next week. This includes a rehearsal for each grade level and the concert on Wednesday, December 6th.

This Week in Band

- Monday, November 27th
 - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm
- Tuesday, November 28th
 - Carriel Jazz Band Clinic (Trumpets, Saxophones, Trombones Only)
 - 3-4pm
- Wednesday, November 29th
 - Fulton Jazz Band Clinic (Trumpets, Saxophones, Trombones Only)
- Thursday, November 30th
 - Carriel Jazz Band Clinic (Drum Set, Bass Guitar, Piano Only) 3-4pm
 - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm
- Friday, December 1st
 - Fulton Jazz Band Clinic (Drum Set, Bass Guitar, Piano Only) 3-4pm
- Saturday, December 2nd
 - Poinsettia Pickup
 - 9-noon at Fulton Band Room

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Next Week

Private Lessons

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 and I can help put you in touch with a great teacher.

Calendar Information

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

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at mdonahue@of90.net

- Monday, December 4th
 - 7th Grade Christmas in O'Fallon Rehearsal
 - 6-7:30pm at OTHS Milburn Band Room
 - 8th Grade Christmas in O'Fallon Rehearsal
 - 6-7:30pm at OTHS Smiley Band Room
- Tuesday, December 5th
 - 6th Grade Christmas in O'Fallon Rehearsal
 - 6-7:30pm at OTHS Milburn Band Room
- Wednesday, December 6th-Christmas in O'Fallon
 - 6:50 Call Time
 - 7pm at OTHS Panther Dome (Smiley)

Jazz Band Auditions

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.

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. [Sign up for an audition here!](#)

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Solo & Ensemble

Students interested in participating in Solo and Ensemble Contest can register now. The contest will be on February 3rd at Carriel. Students in private lessons are typically expected to participate. This is a great way for students to challenge themselves and work in self directed ensembles with their peers.

[Students can register for Solo & Ensemble here.](#)

Grades this Week

- Participation/Preparation (20pts)
- Video #1 (Bb/Eb/Ab/Db Scales)-6th Grade Due Friday 12/1
- Video #4 (4 Major/4 minor Scales)-7th Grade Due 12/4
- Video #2 (All ILMEA Scales)-8th Grade Due Friday 12/15

Repair Information

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>

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