

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands 5th Grade Band Newsletter

Week 7, October 29th-November 2nd

## 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

## 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](mailto:mdonahue@of90.net) and I can help put you in touch with a great teacher.

## This Week In Band

---

**Wednesday is a SIP (Early Dismissal Day). We will still be having band as usual!**

All Students should bring their Band Books. If you still need a band book, you can order one here:

[Essential Elements for Band](#)

Or purchase one at Music & Arts in Fairview Heights.

**Please have students write their first and last name in their book, as well as their school.**

We will be reviewing our fundamentals, songs, notes, and articulation, and will begin reading music out of the book!

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands

## 5th Grade Band Newsletter

Week 7, October 29th-November 2nd

### Older information:

#### 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](mailto:mdonahue@of90.net)

#### Attendance

---

The biggest predictor of success in band is regular attendance. Just a reminder to aim to drop off before 7:10am. For security purposes, we will lock the front doors at 7:15am to ensure the campus is secure while we're there.

Also, we do track attendance, so we appreciate a quick email if a student is ill or absent.

#### The Honeymoon Phase

---

For some students, the honeymoon period of playing their instrument is ending, and they're realizing that playing an instrument is HARD! Some students face challenge and frustration early in their music career, some much later. Regardless, no student will have a completely easy time learning their instrument. When they hit those walls and frustrations, we will help them through it. The best thing you can do is to keep encouraging them, and remind them that nothing worth doing comes easy. We appreciate your support and encouragement of your student!

#### Oboe/French Horn Lessons

---

**French Horn and Oboe players should have had their first lesson by now.**

If you need help setting these up, please let me know.

##### French Horn Teachers

- Gwen Musenbrock (OTHS Mentor)-618-444-9270
- Mackenzie Brown (OTHS Mentor)-618-795-6895
- Lisa Cripe (Professional)-[lcripe@of90.net](mailto:lcripe@of90.net)
- Hailey Kingston (McKendree Student)-618-616-3764

##### Oboe Teachers

- Dawn Striker-Roberts-[oboe11@icloud.com](mailto:oboe11@icloud.com)
- Morgan Barnum (OTHS Mentor)-618-402-1441
- Austin Dichsen (OTHS Mentor)-618-791-0745
- Rebecca Graf (Professional)-[rebecca.graf@att.net](mailto:rebecca.graf@att.net)

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands 5th Grade Band Newsletter

Week 7, October 29th-November 2nd

## Friday Drop Offs

---

Due to the traffic we're experiencing, especially on Fridays, we are going to adjust our drop offs. Both the drop off lane off of the parking lot, and the circle are open to drop off. Especially on Fridays, Northbound traffic should plan on using the circle, while southbound traffic should use the parking lot lane, see below:



## Instrument First Lesson Reviews

---

[Flute Review Video](#)

[Clarinet Review Video](#)

[Saxophone Review Video](#)

[Trumpet Review Video](#)

[French Horn Review Video](#)

[Trombone Review Video](#)

[Instrument Pick Up Night Presentation](#)

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands

## 5th Grade Band Newsletter

Week 7, October 29th-November 2nd

### Bus Numbers (No Changes)

---

- EK- BUS 1981
- Schaefer- BUS 1913
- Moye- BUS 1984
- Evans & Hinch- BUS 1919
- Students taking the time to clean their instrument when they're done practicing.

### Repair Information

---

Heaven forbid, 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 Fridays).
- Repair should be completed within about a week.
- Feel free to contact our rep, Michael Bryant at:
  - William Bryant <William.Bryant@musicarts.com>