

O'Fallon District 90 Bands 5th Grade Band Newsletter

Week 1, January 8-11

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

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.

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a relaxing and refreshing break! We are very excited to begin the new year! We will start on Tuesday, January 8th with Flutes, Oboes, Horns, Trombones, and Baritones, and on Wednesday, January 9th with Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Trumpets, and Percussion.

(This is our normal weekly schedule)

This time of the year in band, we focus on refining basic techniques, rhythmic literacy, and we begin working on longer music. For 5th graders, we also begin talking to them about Jr. High Band and Jr. High in general to get them prepared to transition to Fulton or Carriel.

Private Lessons

Does your student love band? Is your student competitive? Does your student want to be the best musician they can be? We are fortunate to have a great network of private lesson teachers based out of OTHS and Carriel who teach for very reasonable rates. These teachers can refine and invest in your young musician and help them make their musical dreams and ambitions a reality. Email Mr. Donahue and he can help get you in touch with a great teacher!

Important Second Semester Dates

January 24/25th-No 5th grade band, the teachers will be at the State Music Conference.

Thursday, March 7th-O'Fallon Fine Arts Festival held at Fulton Jr. High. This will be the second performance for the 5th grade band. The concert features the 5th grade band, OTHS Wind Ensemble, and various jazz bands and choirs from D90 and OTHS. The concert begins at 6pm with the 5th grade band, they will be dismissed after they have performed and are invited to stay.

Thursday, May 16th-5th Grade End of the Year Concert at Fulton. 6:30pm, first FULL concert performed by the 5th grade Band!

June 3-6th-McKendree has a very high quality Jr. High Band Camp every summer. Registration is now open, but it is capped at 150 students and fills up quickly! [McKendree Jr. High Band Camp Application](#)

August-TBD, We have a band camp in D90 for all incoming 6th graders. We will establish the dates when the school calendar for 2019-20 is finalized.

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Repair 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

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>