

O'Fallon District 90 Bands Jr. High Band Newsletter

Week 1, January 8th-11th

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

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Happy New Year!

We hope you had a restful break, we are so excited to begin the new year! The third quarter is what we often call "contest season", as we're working on our most challenging music of the year in preparation for contests in March/April. This time of year can also get very busy very suddenly. I strongly encourage you to write all the dates in your calendar, and communicate any conflicts early.

D90 Band Parent Meeting-Get Involved!

The D90 Band Program does not have a standing "band booster" organization, we had one for a time, but based on our needs, we didn't feel it was necessary to continue a formal group with regular meetings. What we do have is key parents who help behind the scenes with organizing and planning our fundraisers.

To help with succession planning and forward progress, and to make sure we have key volunteers in every position, we will have a meeting on **Tuesday, January 15th, 6:30pm at the Fulton Band Room.**

Mr. Donahue will present a quick, in depth look at the total band program and fund raisers, as well as needs for shadows in the upcoming year. All parents are invited to attend!

Summer Camp

Time to start thinking about summer camps! Most camps open registration early in the year, and several fill up quickly!

McKendree University Jr. High Band Camp-June 3-6

This is a great camp for incoming 6th and 7th grade students, and some incoming 8th graders. Students audition for one of two bands and get to work with Dr. Moder and guest conductors throughout the week. They put on a great experience for the kids! The camp is capped at 150 students, and always fills up. [Register Here](#)

Illinois Summer Youth Music-Several Sessions

This is an incredible "away" camp held at the University of Illinois. We have had students attend in previous years who have had truly life changing experiences. I highly recommend this camp for students who are ready for an "away from home", intensive music experience. ISYM Offers Jr. High through High School sessions, so it's great for some incoming 7th graders and all ages above that.

[Registration is open, but there isn't much info online yet.](#)

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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

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!

This week in Band

- Tuesday, January 8th
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
- Wednesday, January 9th
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
- Thursday, January 10th
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Symphonic Winds, 6-8
- Saturday, January 11th
 - Symphonic Winds Winter Camp, 9am-2pm, Lunch Provided

Next week in Band

- Monday, January 14th
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Symphonic Winds (PICTURE NIGHT, wear concert attire) 6-8pm
- Tuesday, January 15th
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Band Parent Meeting, 6:30pm at Fulton Band Room
- Wednesday, January 16th
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
- Thursday, January 17th
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Symphonic Winds, 6-8
- Friday, January 18th
 - Lifelong Music in O'Fallon Trivia Night-*Are you Smarter than an 8th Grader?*
 - [Registration Form](#)

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Important Second Semester Dates

Saturday, January 12th-Symphonic Winds Winter Camp

Friday, January 18th-[Lifelong Music in O'Fallon Trivia Night](#)

Saturday, February 2nd-Solo & Ensemble Contest at Carriel

Monday, February 11th-Symphonic Winds Rehearsal with Dr. Peterson

February 15-16th-Symphonic Winds Recording Session at McKendree

Monday, March 4th-Symphonic Winds performance at OTHS Music for All Festival

Thursday, March 7th-O'Fallon Fine Arts Fest at Fulton (5th Grade and Jazz Bands)

Saturday, March 16th-Metro East Middle School Band Festival (6th Grade only)

Thursday, March 21st-Lullaby Concert (Volunteer/Service Project, select students)

Tuesday, March 26th 6:30pm-8:00pm-Carriel Contest Concert (6th-8th Grade)

Thursday, March 28th 6:30pm-8:00pm-Fulton Contest Concert:

Saturday, April 6th-IGSMA Contest (7th & 8th Grade only)

Saturday, April 27th-Symphonic Winds Clinic Rehearsal, 9am-2pm

Wednesday, May 1st-Symphonic Winds Spring Concert, 6:30pm at Carriel

Friday, May 3rd-U of I Superstate band Festival (Symphonic Winds-if accepted)

Tuesday, May 7th 6:30pm-8:00pm-Carriel End of the Year Concert

Thursday, May 9th 6:30pm-8:00pm-Fulton End of the Year Concert:

Graduation (6th & 7th Grade only): TBD

8th Grade Parents

These dates are specific for 8th graders planning on doing band at OTHS.

Tuesday, April 2nd-6pm OTHS Milburn

Marching Band Registration/Informational Meeting (very important to attend)

Wednesday, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th-6pm OTHS Smiley

Marching Band Rehearsal for current 8th graders

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