

O'Fallon District 90 Bands Jr. High Band Newsletter

Week 3, January 22nd-25th

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

This Week in Band

This week, we will be digging in on our contest music and beginning the rehearsal process. On Thursday and Friday, Mr. Donahue and Mr. Kennedy will be travelling to the Illinois Music Education Conference and All-State. Mr. O'Donnell will be subbing and rehearsing with the students. We will also have the Solo & Ensemble Accompanists in to rehearse with students.

Solo Accompanist Schedule

To find out the Solo & Ensemble Schedule and which accompanist is assigned, please check google classroom.

Ms. Cripe-January 25th and February 1st

Ms. Long-January 22nd and 31st at Carriel, January 28th and 30th at Fulton

Mr. Janus-January 23rd and 29th

Solo & Ensemble Information

General Information

- The contest is held at Carriel Jr. High on Saturday, February 2nd
- The building will open at 7:00am
- Solo & Ensemble is a contest where students will receive rankings based on their performance.
- **The focus of the event is the performance, not the rankings or results.**

Warm up and venue information

- The warm-up areas will be clearly marked. Students should leave cases and belongings in the warm up areas as the band room is a performance space. The warm up area will be monitored.
- Playing is not permitted in the hallways.
- We have four performance rooms; Band Room, Choir Room, and two other rooms which will be clearly marked.

Audience Information

- Students are expected to be an audience member for the event before and after their scheduled event.
- Parents, friends, and families are encouraged to watch and be supportive of the performers.
- Students are encouraged to stay longer to support their peers.
- No one should enter or leave the room during a performance.

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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

Performance information

- Students should arrive early to warm up and be standing outside their room at least 10 minutes before their scheduled time.
- Each student is allotted 10 minutes, after the performance, the judge will work with the students for the remainder of the time to provide some feedback.
- Students should dress professionally for their performance.

[Dine to Donate](#)



Dine in with Peel Wood Fired Pizza
On February 19th 2019 from 4PM-10PM and
20% of your bill will be donated to:



Please present this flyer to your server
at O'Fallon Peel Wood Fired Pizza.

You must present this flyer in order for the donation to be counted

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](#)

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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.](#)

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

- Monday, January 21st
 - MLK Day-No School
- Tuesday, January 22nd
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
- Wednesday, January 23rd
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
- Thursday, January 24th
 - Symphonic Winds, 6-7
 - Lt. Hults will be subbing and working with the students.

Next week in Band

- Monday, January 28th
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Symphonic Winds, 6-8
- Tuesday, January 29th
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
- Wednesday, January 30th
 - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
- Thursday, January 31st
 - Fulton Jazz Band, 3-4
 - Symphonic Winds, 6-8
- Saturday, February 2nd
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Important Second Semester Dates

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.

Wednesday, February 13th-6-8pm, Percussion auditions at OTHS Milburn

Tuesday, April 2nd-6pm OTHS Milburn
Marching Band Registration/Informational Meeting (very important to attend)

Wednesday, April 3rd, 10th, and 24th-6pm OTHS Smiley
Marching Band Rehearsal for current 8th graders

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