

# O'Fallon District 90 Bands Jr. High Band Newsletter

Week 10, March 11-15th

## 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](http://www.musicarts.com)

Phone: (314) 739-4265

## Spring Plant Sale

Last week, students received packets for the spring plant sale. After some issues with the spring plant sale supplier over the past couple of years, we are now working with a different greenhouse. With the new greenhouse, all plants are being grown locally in Mascoutah. We are excited about the quality of the plants, which will be delivered to Fulton on May 4th. Please note, the Boston Fern and Red Geranium are considered "premium" quality by the greenhouse and have a higher price.



Premium 10" Baskets  
Comes in a wire basket with a mulch liner

2019 Spring Plant Sales ~ February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>

Delivered May 4<sup>th</sup>



Red Geranium



Boston Fern

Premium 10" Baskets - \$20.00  
Standard 10" Baskets - \$15.00  
\*\*\* Please note ALL plants and colors are subject to changes and substitutions are based on availability. \*\*\*

☀️ Shade ☀️ Sun

Standard 10" basket comes in plastic basket with wire hanger.



Red Geranium ☀️



Pink Impatiens ☀️



Fuchsia ☀️



Hot Pink Calibrachoa ☀️



Yellow Calibrachoa ☀️



Wandering Jew ☀️

Standard 10" Baskets

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## Private Lessons

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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.

## Calendar Information

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

## Questions or Concerns?

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If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [mdonahue@of90.net](mailto:mdonahue@of90.net)

## March 16th-Metro East Middle School Band Festival

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On March 16th, the 6th grade bands will be performing at the Metro-East Middle School Band Festival, held at Carriel. The bands will warm up, perform, then receive feedback and work with 3 judges. Students received an itinerary last week.

## Summer Camp

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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.](#)

## Private Lessons

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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**

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- Monday, March 11th
    - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4pm
    - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm
  - Tuesday, March 12th
    - SIP Day, 11am dismissal
    - No Fulton Jazz Band
  - Wednesday, March 13th
    - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
  - Thursday, March 14th
    - Fulton Jazz Band 3-4pm
    - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm
  - Saturday, March 16th
    - Metro East Middle School Band Festival (6th Grade only)

## Next week in Band

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- Monday, March 18th
    - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4pm
    - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm
  - Tuesday, March 19th
    - Fulton Jazz Band 3-4pm
    - Spring Plant Sale Packets Due
  - Wednesday, March 20th
    - Carriel Jazz Band, 3-4
  - Thursday, March 21st
    - Fulton Jazz Band 3-4pm
    - Symphonic Winds Rehearsal, 6-8pm

## Important Second Semester Dates

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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

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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**

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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, and 24th-6pm OTHS Smiley

Marching Band Rehearsal for current 8th graders