

OTHS BANDS Director Notes

We had a great week of band this week in class and at our events this weekend. Thank you all for supporting our students!

Reminder for Marching Band students: You must sign up for every outside school rehearsal. We will change grades as needed but this is important documentation for participation. Thank you!

Please make sure that all students have black binders for the concert band.

ILMEA sign up is on the band website. https://othsband.com/about_ILMEA



O'Fallon Bands

The O'Fallon Township High School Band Program has a rich tradition of performance excellence. The Marching Panthers have participated in numerous national events including three appearances in the Tournament of Roses Parade, three appearances in the Fiesta Bowl Parade, and two appearances in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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Illinois Music Honors Society

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2024-2025 Illinois High School Music Honors Society Membership Application Society

Fill out completely. When complete, hit submit. Please complete by September 6th, 2024

Applicants must have:

- at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA,
- an entire academic year in a Smiley curricular ensemble,
- must currently be a member of a full year curricular ensemble

All nominees must:

- participate in our annual induction ceremony;
- participate in IMHS sponsored activities
- complete four (4) hours of music-based community service each semester to remain in good standing. These are divided by 1 hour of service in ensemble area, 1 hour of service in opposite ensemble area, and the last 2 hours of choice (can be outside of school).

Applicants will be informed of their acceptance by Friday, September 20, 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

O'FALLON MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND DAY FOOTBALL GAME

September 6th

Students will play the National Anthem with the OTHS band prior to kick-off.

*We will send out notification next week about what attire we are wearing for this event - weather will determine.

Metro East Marching Classic – Sat. Sept. 7th, 2024

Parents are highly encouraged to sign up for a Volunteer Shift for MEMC. We will be sending out notifications where we need additional support. MEMC is a great day for our band and all the surrounding bands in the bi-state area. It is a way that we can share our resources with others. It is all about students' experience and fun audiences.

We appreciate your time and dedication so that we can continue to provide the highest level of music education and performance to our students. The funds we earn from this event go directly back to our kids!!

THANK YOU!

Dr. G

Dr. G, Mr. Carter, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Langh



MEMC Volunteer Informational Meeting

On September 7, 24 bands from across the metro-east will be on our Smiley campus to showcase their field shows for the start of the marching season. There are 2 blocks (small school and large school) that are judged by BOA judges with our Marching Panthers performing twice in exhibition (we are not judged since we host). The Metro-East Marching Classic (MEMC) is an all-day event with many areas that need volunteers. New Band Families your attendance is highly encouraged for our MEMC Volunteer Information Meeting on 8/28 at 7:00pm in the Smiley Cafe (small room off the cafeteria). This is a great opportunity for you to learn about all the jobs it takes to make this event a success. **Key Workers** will be on hand to answer questions. Marc will have shifts listed in CutTime in the next few days. Feel free to reach out to Leigh Meyer (leighmeyer2520@gmail.com) or Chrissey Oldani (scdo23@sbcglobal.net) if you have further questions.

MEMC(METRO-EAST MARCHING CLASSIC)

2024 WORK SHIFT DESCRIPTIONS

LOCATION: OTHS SMILEY STADIUM & GROUNDS

DETAILS: The MEMC is a marching band competition held at OTHS. The event will begin at 11:00 and we will host 24 bands. The OTHS Marching Panthers will perform twice for exhibition. The given times are approximate for all shifts and updates may be made based on the final registrations. Parents, please wear your yellow spirit band shirts and report to the "volunteer/information" tent to sign-in just inside the gates of the stadium. **Please plan on getting to the stadium 20 minutes before your shift to allow for parking and check in. Please park as far off campus as possible.**

<p>INFORMATION BOOTH & SIGN-IN: This position requires sitting and possibly some walking around the grounds. Must know basic knowledge of how MEMC is run All volunteers must check-in at this booth and get your MEMC NAME TAG Position assists volunteers with check-in, issue name badges, and confirms attendance on volunteer list. Directs volunteers to work location and name of area key worker. Alerts Co-Chairs if a specific area is short volunteers and if extra volunteers are available.</p>
<p>WEBER GREETER & ESCORT: This is a mostly seated position Must be a friendly personality and have a general idea of how MEMC is run. Greet bands in the Weber Field area and answer any questions from volunteers & guest bands/parents/directors. You will need to hand out information packets to the band directors as they arrive.</p>
<p>TICKET SALES: North & South Entrances This job is a seated job and will not require standing Sit at tables in either the north or south entrance areas, greet all patrons, take money, sell programs, and provide wristbands. This will require taking cash and using a POS handheld device.</p>
<p>GATE GUARD: This is a position that requires standing for your shift Greet patrons and check to make sure all that are entering have a wristband. Direct patrons to the bleachers and let them know that they can also go to the other end of the bleachers to enter if the area is too congested.</p>
<p>PROGRAM SALES: This position requires standing and walking Selling programs inside the entrance of the stadium. Encourage all patrons to purchase a program. You can also walk around the entrance/bleachers/concession stand areas.</p>
<p>BLEACHER ACCESS CROWD CONTROL (1 PERSON NORTH & 1 PERSON SOUTH): This position requires walking and standing BUT you get to see ALL the bands 😊 Control one-way traffic of spectators at entrances and exits. Keep spectators from entering stands during band performances.</p>
<p>BAND ACCESS MONITOR: Assist bands in entering. Direct entering spectators/patrons to the main entrance gate. This ENTRANCE & EXIT is for BANDS ONLY!</p>
<p>PRACTICE FIELD MONITORS (2 PEOPLE PER A & B FIELDS): In this position the volunteer will sit at a table and use a timer to keep bands on schedule and must be authoritative. Keep visiting bands on time in moving to and from the practice fields east of the Weber parking lot.</p>
<p>HOSPITALITY ASSISTANCE: This position is very active around the stadium. Provide snacks in multiple areas throughout the day for judges, press box, and directors.</p>
<p>CONCESSIONS & BAND WAGON: This is a very active and busy area that involves a lot of stocking and supplying of food and drink. Grillers- Grills what is needed by the key worker Concession North- Main area – primary duties=taking orders, fulfilling orders, cash handling. Runners may need to run food items to south & visitor areas. Concession South- Far end of the field- duties are the same as above. Concession Visitors Side – Visiting side of the field with a limited menu. Band Wagon – Take orders, fulfill orders, cash handling, and use POS device. Items include funnel cakes, fried Oreos and nachos.</p>
<p>HYDRATION STATION: This position is busy especially when bands are finishing. Volunteers will hand out water to the performers as the bands exit the field after competing.</p>
<p>CROSSING GUARDS: This position will require you to be on your feet for much of the shift. You can bring a chair for times when traffic is slow or there is a break. Safely cross patrons and bands across the street from the Weber parking lot to the stadium.</p>
<p>BOUTIQUE: This is a seated position where you will sell merchandise and accept cash and credit.</p>
<p>MEDICAL: This position will aid any band or patrons that need medical assistance. If you are in the medical field, we would love to have help in this area. You will provide medical attention at any time during the event to participants and visitors.</p>
<p>FLOATERS: This position could be a mix of any of the above This could be odd jobs or working at an area that may be busier than others depending on timing of the event.</p>

2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

SCHOOL		WARM-UP TIME AND AREA		REPORT	PERFORMANCE	CLINIC (DIRECTORS)	PARKING LOT ARRIVAL
A	Centralia	11:52am-12:17pm	A	12:22pm	12:32pm	3:40pm	10:32am
	Monticello	12:05-12:30pm	B	12:35pm	12:45pm	3:40pm	10:45am
	Nashville	12:18-12:43pm	A	12:48pm	12:58pm	3:47pm	10:58am
	Breese Central	12:31-12:56pm	B	1:01pm	1:11pm	3:47pm	11:11am
	Effingham	12:44-1:09pm	A	1:14pm	1:24pm	3:54pm	11:24am
	Mater Dei	12:57-1:22pm	B	1:27pm	1:37pm	3:54pm	11:37pm
	Civic Memorial	1:10-1:35pm	A	1:40pm	1:50pm	4:01pm	11:50am
BREAK							
2A	Waterloo	1:36-2:01pm	B	2:06pm	2:16pm	4:01pm	12:16pm
	Triad	1:49-2:15pm	A	2:19pm	2:29pm	4:08pm	12:29pm
	Highland	2:02-2:27pm	B	2:32pm	2:42pm	4:08pm	12:42pm
	Hillsboro	2:15-2:40pm	A	2:45pm	2:55pm	4:15pm	12:55pm
	Mascoutah	2:28-2:53pm	B	2:58pm	3:08pm	4:15pm	1:08pm
	O'Fallon Township (Exhibition)	2:41-3:06pm	A	3:11pm	3:21pm		
SMALL SCHOOL AWARDS PRESENTATION - 3:30PM							
3A	Fox	5:11-5:36pm	A	5:41pm	5:51pm	9:00pm	3:51pm
	Lafayette	5:24-5:49pm	B	5:54pm	6:04pm	9:00pm	4:04pm
	Granite City	5:37-6:02pm	A	6:07pm	6:17pm	9:07pm	4:17pm
	Northwest	5:50-6:15pm	B	6:20pm	6:30pm	9:07pm	4:30pm
	Francis Howell Central	6:03-6:28pm	A	6:33pm	6:43pm	9:14pm	4:43pm
	Fort Zumwalt West	6:16-6:41pm	B	6:46pm	6:56pm	9:14pm	4:56pm
	Fort Zumwalt North	6:29-6:54pm	A	6:59pm	7:09pm		
BREAK							
4A	Lindbergh	6:55-7:20pm	A	7:25pm	7:35pm	9:21pm	5:35pm
	Alton	7:08-7:33pm	B	7:38pm	7:48pm	9:28pm	5:48pm
	Belleville East	7:21-7:46pm	A	7:51pm	8:01pm	9:28pm	6:01pm
	Collinsville	7:34-7:59pm	A	8:04pm	8:14pm	9:35pm	6:14pm
	Edwardsville	7:47-8:12pm	B	8:17pm	8:27pm	9:25pm	6:27pm
	O'Fallon Township (Exhibition)	8:00-8:25pm	A	8:30pm	8:40pm		
LARGE SCHOOL AWARDS PRESENTATION - 8:50PM							

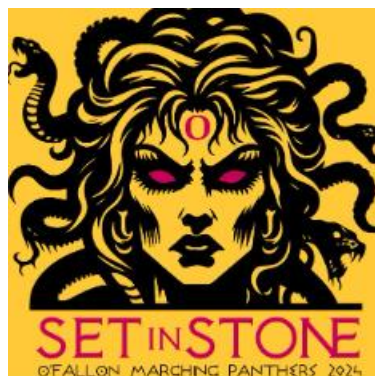
REHEARSAL DROP-OFF & PICK-UP



Reminder to all marching band students and parents, drop-offs and pick-ups should be at the front entrance ONLY. This is for the safety of all students as the band room (in red and smiley street) are too congested with traffic and students are not visible.

Wednesday Rehearsal Viewing:

*All are welcome to sit in the stands on Wednesday evening to watch our field show progress. **The stands open at 7:30 pm.** We ask that any videos and photos taken not be shared on public social media pages until the end of the season in November.*



Parent Meetings Location, Dates and Times

2024 – All Meetings are at 6:00 PM in the Smiley Cafeteria unless otherwise noted.

- Sept. 18th
- Oct. 23rd
- Nov. 20th
- Dec. 18th

FUNDRAISING WITHOUT FUNDRAISING

Soda cans!!! We collect them! They must be tied in **GARBAGE BAGS** and dropped off in the back of Smiley near the dumpsters.



Goodshop – similar to amazonsmile but you can pick your stores to use. Follow the link to sign-up!

<https://www.goodshop.com/nonprofit/ofallon-township-high-school-band-boosters>

Company matching – Does your company/business do match gifts? We currently have a family enrolled in a gift matching program through CarMax where if you donate time or money CarMax will match the monetary gift or hours that are given. So, CarMax pays \$15 an hour for every hour that they volunteer up to \$5000 a year. The same for matching donations, if we donate an amount of money CarMax will match that also up to a certain amount. Check with your companies and see what they offer. Every little bit helps!

STATUE/PROP DONATIONS

Be a part of the 2024 Field Show!

Your donation will help to offset our 22 statues.


\$1.00 - \$100.00.....Name in our programs

\$100.00 - \$400.00..... Small statue

\$450 and up..... Name on statue and photo op

We also accept donations for individual student fees and instruments/equipment.

O'Fallon Band Treasurer
@ofallonbandtreasurer



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O'FALLON BANDS

Mum FUNDRAISER

COMING in MID-SEPTEMBER

9" pots – \$10 each

Incoming and current families of ALL bands: listed below are your Band Together Section Leads. They are a great wealth of information and will be connecting with you in a few short weeks. Also, if you haven't joined our Parent Booster Facebook page, you can access that [HERE](#). We ask that you please answer the security questions to gain access.



Flutes & Piccolos

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[*OTHS Flutes and Piccolo Band Together*](#)

All Clarinets, Oboes & Bassoons

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[*Band Together - OTHS Clarinet Parents*](#)
[*Band Together - OTHS Bass Clarinet/Oboe/Bassoon Parents*](#)

All Saxophones

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[*Band Together - OTHS Saxophone Parents*](#)

Percussion (Front Ensemble & Drumline)

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[*Band Together - OTHS Battery & Front Ensemble*](#)

Trumpets

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[*Band Together - OTHS Trumpet Parents*](#)

Mellophones/Horns

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[*OTHS band Mellophone/French Horn Section*](#)

Low Brass & Contrabass

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[*Band Together - OTHS Band Low Brass & Contrabass*](#)

Color Guard

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[*Band Together - OTHS Colorguard Parents*](#)

Upcoming Events:

9/6 Feeder Night

Concessions Volunteers

9/7 MEMC

Required shifts: 1 Parent

9/13 Senior Night

Concessions Volunteer

9/20 Football Game

Concessions Volunteers

9/21 MB Competition – Edwardsville

9/28 BOA Regional – Louisville, KY

10/12 MB Competition – Ft. Zumwalt North, MO

10/18 Homecoming Game

Concessions Volunteers

10/19 Homecoming

10/25-10/26 BOA Super Regional – St. Louis, MO

11/1-11/3 Craft Fair

Required: 2 Parent shifts & 2 Student shifts

11/9 ILMEA Jazz Festival

11/14 -11/16 Grand Nationals – Indianapolis, IN

11/23 ILMEA Festival Band Concert

11/30 O'Fallon Illuminated Parade

12/6-12/8 Madrigals

12/11 Christmas in O'Fallon

12/13 Music Honor Society Concert/Induction

12/21 Wreaths Across America