



Chagrin Falls BAND

Monthly Newsletter 2022-2023

January 2023

A Note from Your Directors:

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2023 of music-making! Our students have been hard at work preparing tapes, solos, chamber music, and concert music for many events, concerts, and festivals this month and into the spring - please talk to your band student about the wonderful work they are doing in the band room!

— Miss. Reed & Mr. Sobnosky

Band Program Updates

- Our 5th and 6th graders are progressing through their method books in preparation for their Spring Concert music!
- Our 7th and 8th graders will be starting a chamber music project through the month of February!
- Our Concert Band and Wind Ensemble are busy preparing music for their February Instrumental Concert with the High School Orchestra on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.!



Info You Need To Know:

Scheduling is happening this month!

Students need to actively register themselves for 7-12 Band on both the middle school and high school schedules for next year. The scheduling process does not automatically “roll-over” students - students need to actively register themselves! Check-in with your band student and make sure that band is on their schedule!

Questions about scheduling?

Feel free to email Miss. Reed or Mr. Sobnosky -

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The Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools were awarded by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) as a “Best Communities for Music Education” 2022! This is an amazing honor and reflects the hard work of our students, faculty, families, and community members - congratulations to all!



Writing Our Story - A Letter from the Class of 2023's Ella Cimperman

Ella is a current senior at Chagrin Falls High School. She plays the flute and is the section leader and principal flute of the Chagrin Falls High School Wind Ensemble.

Dear younger students in the band program,

Throughout my past couple of years in the band program, I have grown and learned so much. Although I have learned how to play music, read rhythms, and even march on a football field while playing music, I feel I have also learned so much more from the band program than just that. For example, the band program taught me the importance of persevering. I am not a very naturally talented musician, and I have to work very hard to understand rhythms well. In fact, I could not make a noise on a flute until the middle of 5th grade, causing me to be behind compared to the other flutists my age. As I grew older, I continued to struggle, always being the one flute to never be asked to honors bands in my grade. However, I continued to practice during my free time, trying to master the rhythms and notes in all of my songs. Luckily, I eventually began to see my hard work pay off. Now, I have taken part in two honors bands, and was section and squad leader of the flute section during the Chagrin Falls Marching Band season. The idea that hard work can pay off in the future has now been applied to other areas in my life, such as soccer, and academically. Furthermore, the band program pushed me to get out of my comfort zone, forcing me to not be afraid to fail, lead others, or make new friends. Now, I truly feel that I have become a more confident and social person than I was before joining the band program.

With all of this in mind, I strongly urge all young members of the band program to continue to stay in the program. The program allows for amazing life experiences that can truly grow a person, along with helping create amazing life-long friendships. In addition, the ability to read and play music is a life-long skill that many only dream of being able to do. The ability to learn such an amazing skill in school is quite amazing. Most importantly, the band program helps you grow as a person while making great memories.

Upcoming Band Events:

01/21 - High School Solo & Ensemble

**02/13 - Music Lovers Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
(HS Library)**

**02/23 - High School Instrumental Concert at
7:00 p.m.**

02/23-02/24 - District 7 Middle School Honors Band

03/13 - Music Lovers Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (HS Library)

03/14 - 03/31 - High School Music Department Disney Trip



Celebrating Student Success

The below Chagrin Falls High School band students will be performing at Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, January 21st at Madison High School. The below 8th grade band members have been accepted and will be performing at the OMEA D7 Middle School Honors Band at Mentor High School on February 23rd & 24th. Congratulations to all on your continued musical success!

High School OMEA Solo & Ensemble:

Jack Gips (Alto Saxophone)
Fraya Brattebo (Clarinet)
Ben Lewis (Alto Saxophone)
Natalie Nemunaitis (Flute)
Caleb Zelch (Bassoon)
Westley Quintin (Alto Saxophone)
Greg Wilson (Tuba)

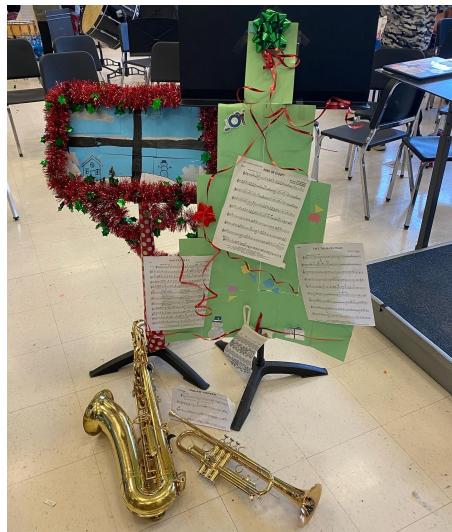
Woodwind Trio: Sofia Clark (clarinet),
Eire Ratcliffe (bass clarinet), Natalie Nemunaitis (flute)

Saxophone Quartet: Jack Gips (soprano sax),
Ben Lewis (alto sax), Erin Burchard (tenor sax), Erick Rochette (bari sax)

Trombone Quartet: Nathan Hill, Erin Hartle,
Corrina Barth, Michaela Plante (trombone)

OMEA D7 Middle School Honors Band:

Katie Rosner (Clarinet)
Alaina Woyt (Clarinet)
Eric Goyzman (Alto Saxophone)
Anton Flach (Trombone)
Riva Kogan (Horn)



Photos from the 8th Grade Band's "Music Stand Decorating Contest" before Winter Break!

Band Students of the Month!

Band Students of the Month are selected based upon their ability to exceed expectations and serve as a role model for their peers in the classroom. January's Band Students of the Month are:

Intermediate School (5-6): Olivia Venorsky (Trumpet, 6)

Middle School (7-8): Anton Flach (Trombone, 8)

High School (9-12): Ella Cimperman (Flute, 12)

Chagrin Falls Music Lovers

The Chagrin Falls Music Lovers funds over 65% of our school district's Performing Arts programs (exclusive of salaries). They will invest over \$50,000.00 in the performing arts during the 2022-2023 school year. Chagrin Music Lovers needs help from you! Please consider joining or renewing your membership. Music Lovers helps fund many projects, equipment, and trips for our music students. They also provide scholarship money to graduating seniors each year. If you are interested in joining Music Lovers, please see the link below!

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