NEWSLETTER



Chagrin Falls BAND

Monthly Newsletter 2024-2025

December 2024

A Note from Your Directors:

Concert season is here! We are so excited to share the wonderful work and efforts of our students so far this year! Please take a look at our upcoming dates for the new year as we have some important events coming up. We hope you enjoy your holiday break with family and friends, and we hope to see you at our Winter Concerts!

— **Ms. Reed & Mr. Sobnosky**

Band Program Updates

- Our 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert is on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate School Auditorium!
- Our 7-12 Bands have been working hard to prepare a challenging program of music for their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC!
- The Middle School and High School Jazz Band Concert will be Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC!



Info You Need To Know:

Did you know the Chagrin Falls High School Music Department has a music honors society? Tri-M is the first and only music honor society for students in the country!

Students from Band, Orchestra, and Choir applied and were officially accepted into the honors organization back in October. So far this year, we have organized many community service projects, including creating performance videos of "Happy Birthday" for local retirement communities, assisting at various concerts and performances, and hosting a "Movie Night" while collecting blanket donations for the homeless.

If you or someone you know is in need of young musicians to assist with any projects or events in our community, please contact Tri-M's faculty advisor, Ms. Casidy Reed at casidy.reed@chagrinschools.org. We are always looking for new ways to expand our outreach into our Chagrin Falls community.

You can find out more information about Tri-M by visiting their website: musichonors.com

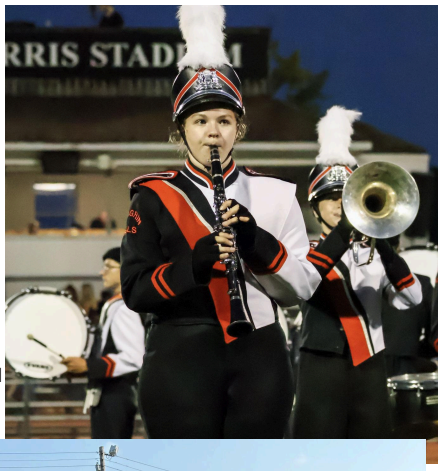
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The Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools were awarded by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) as a "Best Communities for Music Education" 2024! This is an amazing honor and reflects the hard work of our students, faculty, families, and community members - congratulations to all!



CF Together- A Letter from the Class of 2025's Fraya Brattebo

Fraya is a current senior at Chagrin Falls High School. She was the section leader of the clarinet section in marching band and plays clarinet in the Wind Ensemble.





If identity could be seen in one's reflection there would be a large, neon sponsorship stamp in the corner of my mirror reading "Brought to you by the Chagrin Falls Band program." I cannot imagine who I would be without band. She would be a funhouse version of me: someone with the same baseline qualities but warped to an unrecognizable point. Band bent the glass of my identity, sending my reflection in a new direction. As a freshman I gained confidence, as a sophomore I found my voice, as a junior I built a community, and now, as a senior I'm learning to say goodbye.

On the bus to band camp freshman year I worried about being impaled by my clarinet or decapitated by a tuba. I was sure, going into marching band, that my biggest problem was my own clumsiness. However, my fear of others' opinions of me and my perfectionism were larger threats. My band director announced "I would rather you make a loud mistake than not play at all." I wasn't playing, I was letting fear paralyze me. Overcoming that fear came from realizing I would rather be imperfect than invisible. A lesson I could not learn without band.

Sophomore year I became clarinet section leader. Launching into leadership forced me to find my voice because I needed it to help others. Leadership is not about being the best nor being perfect but rather about bettering others, facilitating a positive environment, and inspiring people to believe in themselves and their abilities.

By junior year, band ceased to be an activity to me, it was a community. It is where I feel heard, safe, and inspired. The band program at Chagrin not only allows students to learn an instrument but is also a great way of making friends and having new experiences. Through band I went to Disney for the first time, met my best friends, and went to Europe with American Music Abroad.

Now, as a senior, I'm recognizing that soon I will say goodbye to my band community. Eighth graders soaking up their first marching band show are no longer my soon-to-be bandmates. Fourth graders I recruit for band are going to play their first notes next year and I will be hundreds of miles away. I hope that as I say goodbye to this program that I can encourage others to join this fantastic family because it can truly change your life.

- Fraya Brattebo

Upcoming Band Events:

12/02: Chagrin Falls Music Association Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. HS Lib.
12/10: 5th & 6th Grade Band Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m. - IS Aud
12/12: 7-12 Band Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m. - PAC
12/17: MS & HS Jazz Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. - PAC
01/09: HS Band Informational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - Band Room
01/15: MS Music Informational Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - IS Cafeteria
01/25: HS Solo & Ensemble - Madison High School

Celebrating Student Success

The following Chagrin Falls High School Band students have participated/been accepted into the following honors bands, including the District 4/District 7 OMEA High School Honors Band at Cleveland State University, the Ohio Band Directors Conference Honors Bands at the University of Akron, and the Kent State University All Star Honors Band! Congratulations to all on your continued musical success!

D4/D7 Honors Band:

Amelia Strawn - Clarinet, 12
Kai De Leon - Trumpet, 12
Emily Shisila - Trumpet, 12
Peter Angelino - Trombone, 12
Greg Wilson - Tuba, 12
Caleb Zelch - Bassoon, 11
Zach Flaiz - Euphonium, 11



OBDC All-Star/Honors Band:

Claire Hoelzel - Clarinet, 11 (Honors)
Nathan Nguyen - Flute, 12
Kai De Leon - Trumpet, 12
Emily Shisila - Trumpet, 12
Peter Angelino - Trombone, 12
Marie Cain - Flute, 11
Megan Shisila - Horn, 10
Amelia Strawn - Clarinet, 12
David Kirsch - Tenor Saxophone, 10
Westley Quintin - Alto Saxophone, 11



KSU All-Star Bands:

Peter Angelino - Trombone, 12
Kai De Leon - Trumpet, 12
David Kirsch - Tenor Saxophone, 10
Alaina Woyt - Clarinet, 10
Amelia Strawn - Clarinet, 12
Westley Quintin - Alto Saxophone, 11
Caleb Zelch - Bassoon, 11
Will Wagner - Flute, 11

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. December's Band Students of the Month are:

Intermediate School (5-6): **Gavin Frangipane (Alto Sax, 6th)**

Middle School (7-8): **Drake Brindo (Alto Sax, 8th)**

High School (9-12): **Nathan Nguyen (Flute, 12th)**

Chagrin Falls Music Association

The Chagrin Falls Music Association needs help from you! Please consider joining or renewing your membership. CFMA 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 CFMA, please see the link below!

https://chagrinfallsmusic.org/



Photos from the High School Marching Band's performance at the Cleveland Charge game!