NEWSLETTER



# Chagrin Falls BAND

Monthly Newsletter 2022-2023

## December 2022

## 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!**

— **Miss. Reed & Mr. Sobnosky**

### Band Program Updates

- Our 5th and 6th Grade Bands performed an AWESOME first concert of the year in the Intermediate School auditorium! Congrats to all!
- Our 7th & 8th Grade Bands have been hard at work preparing for their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- Our High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble have been working hard to prepare a challenging program of music for their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.



# 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, Miss. 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" 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 Jack Gips

***Jack is a current senior at Chagrin Falls High School. He plays the alto saxophone and is the section leader and principal of the Wind Ensemble alto saxophone section. He also serves as the Band President for the 2022-2023 school year.***



**To younger band members:**

There are many reasons why someone might join our Chagrin Falls Band Program, whether their parents wanted them to learn an instrument, or they had an interest in music, or they just hoped to branch out and socialize. For me, it was the latter option. Originally, the only reason I ever touched a saxophone was that one of my friends had played it in fifth grade and told me I should try it out. Despite not knowing if I had any interest in music at the time, continuing to envelop myself with the band grew my love of music. Even though you younger students may not be sure whether or not you have interest in continuing music throughout secondary school, I strongly encourage you to stick with it.

Nowadays, not only do I find great joy in playing music, but I also have made friends along the way. Especially throughout high school, it was a blessing in disguise to have the ability to make new friends across different grade levels. Not only that, but through band I have been able to meet many like-minded people who go to other high schools as well. The band program at Chagrin Falls may be one of the best social and intellectual organizations the school has to offer, and I encourage you all to keep playing!



## Upcoming Band Events:

**12/15 @ 7:00 p.m. 7-12 Winter Band Concert - PAC**
**12/19 @ 7:00 p.m. Chagrin Falls Jazz Concert - PAC**
**01/09 @ 7:00 p.m. - Music Lovers Meeting - HS Library**
**01/12 @ 7:00 p.m. - HS Band Informational Meeting (for 8th grade band members & their families) - HS Band Room**
**01/13-01/14 - Kent State University All Star Band**
**01/21 - High School Solo & Ensemble**

# 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:

Ella Cimperman - Flute, 12
Fraya Brattebo - Clarinet, 10
Jack Gips - Alto Saxophone, 12
Michaela Plante - Horn, 12
Maxwell Klug - Trumpet, 12
Greg Wilson - Tuba, 10
Sid Austin - Percussion, 11

## OBDC Honors Band:

Ella Cimperman - Flute, 12
Natalie Nemunaitis - Flute, 11
Fraya Brattebo - Clarinet, 10
Ben Lewis - Alto Saxophone, 10
Kai De Leon - Trumpet, 10
Elle Merriman - Percussion, 9



## KSU All Star Bands:

Claire Guddy - Flute, 10
Sophia Lewis - Flute, 12
Erin Burchard - Tenor Saxophone, 11
Kai De Leon - Trumpet, 10
Duncan Scott - Trombone, 10
Sid Austin - Percussion, 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):*** **James Hamerstone (5, Baritone)**

***Middle School (7-8):*** **Sean Bencsath (7, Bass Clarinet)**

***High School (9-12):*** **Caleb Zelch (9, Bassoon)**

## 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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Photos from the Intermediate School Bands' dress rehearsals before their Winter Concert