NEWSLETTER



Chagrin Falls BAND

Monthly Newsletter 2022-2023

November 2022

A Note from Your Directors:

November is a month of gratitude and giving thanks as we prepare for our first concerts of the school year. Our students have been hard at work exceeding expectations, and they are so excited to share what they have prepared for you! **We also have many students attending a European tour next summer!!!** Please check below to see how you can support these students and consider donating to help offset the costs of their trip.

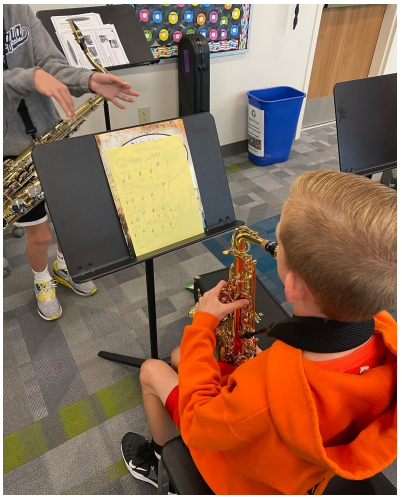
— Miss. Reed & Mr. Sobnosky

Band Program Updates

- Our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders have been hard at work preparing music for their Winter Concerts - check out the concert dates below!
- Our 8th Grade Band has been preparing some challenging music for the Winter Concert - their performance will feature a wide variety of challenging music!
- Our High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble have begun their rehearsals for the Concert Band season. They will perform their Winter Concert along with the 7th and 8th grade bands, (with a surprise guest or two!)



Info You Need To Know:



Thinking of buying something "music related" for your young musician for the holidays? See the document below for a list of band supplies we recommend for our band students:

Band Holiday Gift Ideas:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XIQ6SBCZrbgJ46mNroYO_ini9kWqZlf-84VUwfhocyU/edit?usp=sharing

Private lessons are also a wonderful opportunity for individual musical growth! Please email Miss. Reed if you are interested.

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 Michaela Plante

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

When I joined band in fifth grade, I had no idea how significant an impact it would have on me. The first time I took my instrument home, I was so eager to learn and immediately started attempting, and failing, to play something on it. It's crazy to think how far I've come since then. From driving my parents insane from the loud, horrible sounds they would hear from my trombone, to playing the french horn in our school's wind ensemble. Band has opened the door to countless opportunities. I learned to play both the trombone and the french horn, and I have gotten the privilege of performing in the honors band at Cleveland State last year with other talented students in the area. There is so much more to band than just musical skills, however. I have developed leadership skills, leading other members of my section throughout the years. And, most importantly, I have met so many amazing people. Some of my closest friends are in band, and I have had the greatest time getting to know them better and spending time with them these past seven years. The greatest piece of advice I could give to a fifth grader is to join band and stick with it, because the memories you make and the people you meet are absolutely worth it.





Upcoming Band Events:

11/15 @ 7:00 p.m. CFHS Library - Music Lovers Meeting
11/17-11/19 - D4 & D7 Honors Band @ CSU
12/02-12/03 - OBDC Honors Band @ The University of Akron
12/08 @ 7:00 p.m. IS Auditorium-5th & 6th Grade Band Concert
12/12 @ 7:00 p.m. CFHS Library - Music Lovers Meeting
12/15 @ 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Center - 7-12 Band Concert
12/19 @ 7:00 p.m. Chagrin Falls Jazz Concert

Congratulations!

The following Chagrin Falls High School Band students have been nominated and have accepted to attend the Liberty European tour through American Music Abroad (AMA)! These students will spend over two weeks performing and touring Europe, along with Miss. Reed, to various countries including Germany, Austria, France, Italy, and many more! They will depart at the end of June 2023. They will be performing with some of the best high school musicians in the country. Congratulations to all!

Ella Cimperman (flute)
Claire Guddy (flute)
Fraya Brattebo (clarinet)
Sofia Clark (violin/choir)
Eire Ratcliffe (clarinet)
Ben Lewis (alto saxophone)
Michaela Plante (horn)
Maggie Goss (horn)
Lyndsey Nielsen (horn)
Erin Burchard (tenor saxophone)
Max Klug (trumpet)
Kai De Leon (trumpet)
Carlo Ricco (trombone)
Diego Ochiai (euphonium)
Griffin Laws (tuba)
Sid Austin (percussion)
Theo Hawk (percussion)
Elle Merriman (percussion)'

These students need your help! We are currently accepting donations to help offset the cost of each student's trip. If you would like to donate, please contact Miss. Reed! Any amount will help!

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. November's Band Students of the Month are:

Intermediate School (5-6): **Nate Baraona (Percussion, 6)**

Middle School (7-8): **Braden Mooney (Trumpet, 8)**

High School (9-12): **Sid Austin (Percussion, 11)**

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 8th Grade Band's Halloween Performance