NEWSLETTER



Chagrin Falls BAND

Monthly Newsletter 2024-2025

September 2024

A Note from Your Directors:

Welcome to another wonderful year of band and music-making! This monthly newsletter is a new way to share information and celebrate our students' accomplishments. From our 5th graders making their first sounds on new instruments, to our seniors preparing to finish their final season of marching band, we are so proud of our students! We are hoping that this year provides incredible opportunities for growth, connection, and community. - #GoBand!

— Ms. Reed & Mr. Sobnosky

Band Program Updates

- **Our 5th graders have started playing their instruments and are learning their first songs!**
- **Our 8th grade band has been preparing music for our 8th Grade Band Night on Friday, September 13th. They will be performing with the High School Marching Band!**
- **Our High School Marching Band has been preparing multiple shows this season, including music from Lil Nas X, Billie Eilish, Ava Max, Olivia Rodrigo, and ABBA!**

Info You Need To Know:



Important Links

We strongly encourage ALL Chagrin Band students to take private lessons. If you are interested in taking private lessons, please see our private lesson document with contact information for teachers in the area:

Chagrin Falls Music Private Lessons

Chagrin Falls Band Website:
https://sites.google.com/chagrinschools.org/chagrinfallsbands/home

Chagrin Falls Band Merch:
https://chagrinband.itemorder.com/shop/sale/

Instagram: @cfevs_band
X: @CFEVSBand



CF Together - A Letter from the Class of 2025's Eire Ratcliffe

Eire is a current senior at Chagrin Falls High School. He plays the clarinet and is currently serving as one of the Field Commanders of the Marching Band.





Dear 5th graders,

Band has been one of the only consistent classes I have participated in throughout high school and during my time at Chagrin as a whole. When I first moved here in sixth grade, I obviously knew no one. I had quit two of the sports I had grown up playing because I was scared of being thrown into a new team. I had no way to make friends without these sports, but eventually I had band, where I sat between Fraya Brattebo and Sophia Martens. For the majority of the year I was Fraya's stand partner but Sophia and I had our fair share of time to chat. Another member of the woodwinds, Claire Guddy, was also one of my first friends at Chagrin, even though she played the flute. Even with the instrument barrier, Claire and I became very close over our time in band.

Today, all three of them remain some of my closest friends who I look forward to seeing every day. Eighth period with Fraya, Claire, and so many other amazing members of the band is the highlight of my school day. After sitting in classes and taking notes for hours, band lets me be social and create music with my friends. At the Friday night football games, Claire and I conduct the band together as field commanders and our friendship has never been stronger. Fraya is band president and helps to organize so many band events and makes sure everyone stays happy, working alongside Claire and I.

If I had to give one piece of advice to the 5th graders who are starting their first year in band, it would be to stick with it. The friendships, memories, and experiences I have had in band and because of band have changed my life for the better, and I hope one day that all of the new band students will say the same.

– Sincerely, Eire Ratcliffe

Upcoming Band Events:

09/06 - Home vs. Kenston
09/13 - Home vs. Cuyahoga Heights (8th Grade Band Night)
09/20 - Away @ Independence
09/25 - Homecoming Parade
09/27 - Home vs. Crestwood (Homecoming)
10/04 - Away @ Fairview

Chagrin Falls Music Association

The Chagrin Falls Music Association funds over 80% of our school district's Performing Arts programs (exclusive of salaries). They will invest over $50,000.00 in the performing arts during the 2024-2025 school year. CFMA 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 CFMA, please email Susan Austin (suaustin12@gmail.com) for more information!

https://chagrinfallsmusic.org/



