



## Chagrin Falls **BAND**

Monthly Newsletter 2023-2024

## January 2024

### A Note from Your Directors:

**Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2024 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!**

— **Ms. 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 22nd at 7:00 p.m.!



## Info You Need To Know:

### Scheduling is beginning 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!

**Our High School Band Informational Meeting for current 8th Grade students** is Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Band Room

**Our Middle School Band Informational Meeting for current 6th Grade students** is Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the IS Cafeteria

***Questions about scheduling?***

Feel free to email Ms. 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” 2023! This is an amazing honor and reflects the hard work of our students, faculty, families, and community members - congratulations to all!





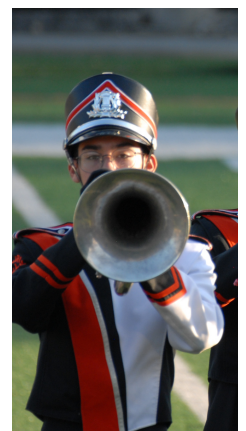
# CF Together - A Letter from the Class of 2024's Diego Ochiai

***Diego is a current senior at Chagrin Falls High School. He plays the euphonium, was the section leader of the baritone section in marching band, and is principal euphonium of the Chagrin Falls High School Wind Ensemble.***

I remember moving to Chagrin as a new student. The first time I'd visited the highschool I wandered through the hallways with my baritone case—which was practically bigger than I was at the time—strapped to my back. I was insanely nervous in this unfamiliar environment despite hardly anyone being around. That was until I walked into the band room to find the amazing instructors that I've gotten to know and learn from over the years. It's hard to explain, but I recall this sudden feeling of comfort even though it was my first time there. That immediate sense of belonging is something that I will never forget.

I love thinking back on all the memories that I've made thanks to Chagrin's band program. Not to mention all the friends. Every event that we got to take part in thanks to the directors' planning, to the pieces we learned, were so much fun. Alongside a few others in the band, I even had the chance to tour six countries in Europe and play my instrument; who would have thought? I cherish all of the times leading up to football games trying to remember how the songs started, or the constant buzz of conversation broken by the occasional, "Wait there was a playing assignment due?" And I can't forget cramming into the back of the bus for every away game.

Band has been a core part of my highschool experience. It was my creative outlet and my escape. I met some of my closest friends through band and they've stuck with me through it all. So, for every game, every practice, every parade, I'm thankful for all of the effort that Mrs Reed and Mr Sobnosky put in to make that experience unforgettable. By learning an instrument, every bit of practice leads to improvement and that feeling is incredibly rewarding and honestly unmatched in my opinion. So I would strongly recommend sticking with or embracing the incredible opportunities that are made available through Chagrin's band program.



## Upcoming Band Events:

**01/18: Middle School Band Informational Meeting for current 6th graders - 7:00 p.m. - IS Cafeteria**

**02/10: High School Solo & Ensemble at Madison High School**

**02/22: High School Instrumental Concert**

**02/29-03/01: OMEA D7 Middle School Honors Band**

**04/13: Middle School Solo & Ensemble**

# Celebrating Student Success

The below Chagrin Falls High School band students will be performing at Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, February 10th 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 29th & March 1st. Congratulations to all on your continued musical success!

## High School OMEA Solo & Ensemble:

Natalie Nemunaitis, Flute  
Layla Hauserman, Flute  
Fraya Brattebo, Clarinet  
Claire Hoelzel, Clarinet  
Ben Lewis, Alto Saxophone  
Westley Quintin, Alto Saxophone  
Eric Goyzman, Alto Saxophone  
Zach Flaiz, Euphonium  
Greg Wilson, Tuba

Natalie Nemunaitis, Layla Hauserman, Lily Victoroff, Marie Cain: Flute Quartet

Eveleen Malley, Sophia Martens, Maggie Watson: Clarinet Trio

Natalie Nemunaitis, Layla Hauserman, Fraya Brattebo, Sophie Perzynski: Mixed WW Ensemble

## OMEA D7 Middle School Honors Band:

Natalie Lareau, Oboe  
Milo Quintin, Horn  
Nick Warner, Tenor Sax  
Sean Benscath, Bass Clarinet  
Max Horvath, Bari Sax



**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 Ellis (Horn, 6th)*

*Middle School (7-8): Nick Warner (Tenor Sax, 8th)*

*High School (9-12): Amelia Strawn (Clarinet, 11th)*

## Chagrin Falls Music Lovers

The Chagrin Falls Music Lovers 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 2023-2024 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!

<https://chagrinfallsmusic.org/>

