

Notable News

North Olmsted Band and Orchestra Boosters



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The marching band performed at the very appropriately named, "Thunder Over Aurora" band show on September 24th. Everyone was wet, but it didn't seem to dampen their spirits. I heard many compliments on the band's performance.

If you missed any of the band's performances this year make sure you come to the *Sounds of the Season* concert on Nov. 1 at 2:30 in the high school gymnasium. You will have a chance to hear the songs played at the football games, while staying warm and dry.

The orchestra and wind ensemble are planning a trip to Chicago. Specific dates and itinerary are still in the planning phase. When we receive school board approval a letter with more information (dates, cost, and itinerary) will be sent home and a parent meeting will be scheduled to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Fundraisers, fundraisers, fundraisers, by my count we've had over 12 since the middle of June. We've mixed smoothies, washed cars, roasted corn. We've had ice cream, barbeque, whoppers, and chicken sandwiches. We could not have done any of this without the parent and student volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped. Many of our parent volunteers have a graduating senior. To continue helping the band and orchestra we're going to need new volunteers to replace those leaving. It's not that hard and most of us actually have fun. Please consider volunteering.

The North Olmsted Athletic Boosters is trying to raise money to purchase new lights for the football stadium. They have approached NOBOB to see if we can help with this worthy cause. They are running the Nautica Charity Poker Tournament Nov. 12-15. There are eight shifts and 40 volunteers are needed for each shift. If you are interested in helping out please call the athletic office at 779-8797 or Kathy Busse at 521-3018.

We are still looking for someone to chair the spring recognition event. If you are interested or have questions, please call.

David Balfe

NOBOB

General Meetings
Monday, January 11, 2010

Monday, March 8, 2010

Monday, May 10, 2010

Board Meetings

Monday, February 8, 2010

Monday, April 12, 2010

All meetings begin at 7pm in room 162 at the high school, except the May 10, 2010 meeting which will be held in room 432.



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Parents often ask me what they can do to support their child's success in music. I am always glad to hear this question because it demonstrates that the parent understands the important role music plays in his/her child's life. Fortunately, there are several straightforward ways that parents can help to supplement the music instruction that students receive in school.

Private Lessons are tremendously effective in helping to enrich a person's musical experiences. Good private lessons focus on instrument-specific techniques and skills, teach students how to get more out of their practice time, and help students develop a true appreciation and understanding of his/her instrument. Numerous local music stores offer private lessons on many instruments. In addition, there are qualified local professional musicians who teach from their homes. For a more detailed outline of private lesson feel free to call on me at any time.

Step-Up Instrument. You might be surprised, but the instrument your student plays makes a significant difference in their performance. Entry-level instruments (which students generally play beginning in 5th grade) are relatively economical and are designed to help the student easily produce a sound. However, as students become more advanced, these beginning-level instruments can become restrictive to the growth of their musical skill. Specifically, these challenges can be seen as a student's tone production, intonation, fingering technique, and note range – not to mention motivation level.

Check with the music vendor of your choice, as some stores offer programs that allow you to upgrade at reduced prices. Beware – not all instrument brands are the same. If you are interested in upgrading to an intermediate or professional level instrument, it is **HIGHLY** recommended that you check with your director or private teacher about recommended instrument brands and models.

Step-Up Instrument (2.0) If a step-up instrument is not in the budget right now, there is an alternative improvement that can be made to a student's equipment. Upgraded mouthpieces, ligatures, reeds, bows, and strings are all items that can make a significant difference to the tone and response of an instrument. These lower-cost solutions are also great ways to make the instrument feel "fresh", and this can help to provide just a bit of extra motivation to your student-musician.

Outside Music Groups/Honors Bands & Orchestras We are very fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful cultural opportunities in the Cleveland area. Among these are honors ensembles that cater to the more advanced young musician. Groups such as the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra (COYO), Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Contemporary Youth Orchestra, Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra, and Baldwin-Wallace Youth Orchestra meet weekly throughout the school year and give advanced musicians a chance to perform music of greater difficulty with other advanced students. In addition, numerous one-time honors groups are sponsored by colleges and universities throughout the state. Both types of ensemble can benefit the individual kid greatly, and these experiences can then be shared with other students in our bands and orchestra here at North Olmsted.

Listening to Your Child Finally, the least expensive, and possibly most valuable thing that you can do to help your child develop his/her skill in and love for music is to take an interest in their performance. Listen to them play at home. Better yet, *ask them* to play at home. Ask to hear what they have been playing in school or in other venues. And be sure to attend their concerts. Every one of them. Your interest in what your child is doing will reinforce the positive activity of music-making. More importantly, it can help to strengthen your relationship with your child.

Mr. Ben McMurtrie

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North Olmsted Homecoming Festival

Thanks to all the band and orchestra parents, students and siblings who helped at NOBOB's Homecoming Festival booth. NOBOB's roasted sweet corn was a huge hit among the hungry attendees. The only thing sweeter than the corn was the Sunday performance by the wonderful North Olmsted High School Marching Band!

You all looked and sounded great!! Kudos to you all.

Dave Konold
North Olmsted Community Council Rep

Eaglets News

Parents, do you need a night out?

The Eaglets are sponsoring a fundraiser at Scoundrels Bar & Grille on Front Street in Berea on December 5, starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets go on sale in November. Your donation of \$20.00 gets you all you can eat -- pizza, pasta, salad and wings -- and all you can drink -- soda, draft beer, and well drinks. There will be baskets to raffle and side boards to try your luck. So find an Eaglet or stop by the bursar's office to buy your ticket. We hope to see you there!

2009-2010 NOHS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CALENDAR

From November...

Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals & performances is expected of each member.
Schedule is subject to change; advance notice will be given for any changes.

November

1	Sun	Eagle Marching Band "Sounds of the Season" Concert	1:00 report; 2:30 concert
10	Tue	Marching Band Banquet	6:00 pm
TBA		Marching Band – Veteran's Day Ceremony	1:00 pm
TBA		Orchestra – "Salute to Veterans" Ceremony	2nd Period

December

17	Thu	Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert	7:00 pm
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January

13	Wed	Orchestra Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
22	Fri	NOBOB Pasta Dinner	4:30 pm – 8:00 pm
27	Wed	Concert Bands Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
28-30	Th-Sa	OMEA Convention – Cincinnati (All-State Ensembles)	

February

3	Wed	Orchestra Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
11	Thu	Orchestra Pre-Contest Concert	7:00 pm
19 or 20	F-Sa	OMEA State Orchestra Adjudicated Event	TBA
		Held at either Lakewood HS or Brecksville HS	
22	Mon	SWC Honors Band (Tentative – Held at CSU???)	All Day – 7:00 concert
24	Wed	Concert Bands Evening Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
TBA		Greater Cleveland Solo & Ensemble Contest	8:30 am – 4:00 pm

March

2	Tue	Bands Pre-Contest Concert	7:00 pm
5 or 6	F-Sa	OMEA District Band Adjudicated Event (Westlake HS)	TBA
11	Thu	All-City Orchestra Festival (Struttin' Our Strings)	7:00 concert
TBA	M-F	OGT Week – Adjusted school schedule	
TBA		Orchestra & Wind Ensemble Tour (March or April – TBA)	TBA

April

23 or 24	F-Sa	OMEA State Band & Choir Adjudicated Event (If qualified)	TBA
25-29	Su-Thu	NOHS Musical Tech Week Rehearsals Schedule	TBA
30	Fri	NOHS Spring Musical Performance	7:00 pm

May

1	Sat	NOHS Spring Musical Performance	7:00 pm
2	Sun	NOHS Spring Musical Performances (Matinee)	2:00 pm
3		Student Leadership Applications & Petitions Available	During Class
10		Marching Band Leadership Interviews Begin	As Scheduled
12		Band & Orchestra Spring Recognition Night	7:00 pm
19	Wed	Spring Festival of the Arts Instrumental Music Concert	7:00 pm
31	Mon	Band - Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony (No School)	TBA

June

1	Tue	Drum Major Auditions	During Class
1-2	T-W	Officer Elections (Band & Orchestra)	During Class
8	Tue	Last Day of School for Underclassmen	
17	Thu	Freshman Fitting Night (New Band & Orchestra Members)	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Marching Band Banquet

Join us for a night of recognition and fun!

Tuesday, November 10th

Doors open at 6:00 pm - Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Location: German American Culture Center, 7370 Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls

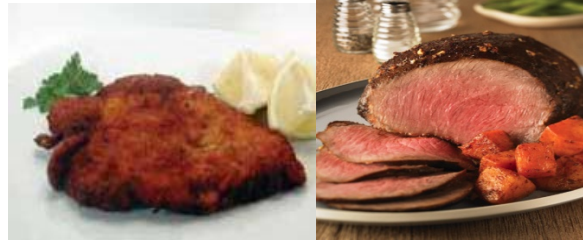
Please make your meal selection from the following:

Roast Beef, Pork Schnitzel, or Vegetarian (Pasta dish).

All meals include salad, bread, side dishes, dessert and soft drinks.

Ticket Prices:

- Senior Band Members – Free
(Make sure to sign list in band hall)
- Band Members - \$12.00
- Guests - \$18.00



For information, contact: Elaine Balfe – 777-4452 or Bridget Bryner – 716-9494

Tickets will be available at Wednesday evening practices from October 6th through October 28th.
The last day to purchase tickets will be at the Marching Band Concert on November 1st.

No tickets will be sold after November 1st. Make checks payable to N.O.B.O.B.

Please keep the top portion for your records and submit the bottom section with your reservations.

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Marching Band Student's Name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Senior Band members sign up for selection in Band Hall.

Number of Non-Senior Band Members: _____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

Please list the quantity of food selections for the Non-Senior band members:

Roast Beef _____ Pork Schnitzel _____ Vegetarian (Pasta dish) _____

Number of Guests: _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

Please list the quantity of food selections for the guests:

Roast Beef _____ Pork Schnitzel _____ Vegetarian (Pasta dish) _____

Total Payment received _____ Check No. _____

Music Spirit Inventory Items

The following spirit items and apparel are available. Items will also be available at the Eagle Marching Band "Sounds of the Season" Concert and the Orchestra Fall Concert or by contacting me.

Spirit items	No.	Price	Apparel	Sizes				
				S	M	L	2X	Price
Yard Signs	37	\$10						
White T-shirts						3		\$10
Grey T-shirts	2					3		\$10
Grey Sweatshirts	1	2					1	\$15

Custom Embroidered Band and Orchestra Apparel

Customized Embroidered Apparel for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles is available see the order form at:

<http://www.eaglemusic.org/images/ApparelOrderForm.pdf>

Polo shirts are available in orange, black and white. A sleeveless women's polo is available in white. Hats and sweatshirts are available in black.



A black pullover hoodie for children is available in XS2-4, S6-8, M10-12, L14-16, and XL18-20 sizes with custom embroidery (example: North Olmsted Band & Orchestra Sister) for \$20.

A black or grey zip up sweatshirt jacket is available for \$33.00 and a black zip up fleece jacket is available for \$29.00. The jackets are a few dollars more for extended sizes.



Orders received are generally available within 7-10 days. Any questions or special requests please feel free to contact me.

Elaine Balfe (777-4452)

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