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Shaker BANDS

The Pride of Shaker Heights

Shaker Middle School Fall Concert 2016

A Letter from the Band Boosters Co-Presidents

Welcome to the first Shaker Middle School Band concert!

Your Shaker Heights Middle School band program is off to a great start thanks to the efforts of our outstanding band directors and staff as well as the students themselves! Music takes a quantum leap forward at the Middle School.

Communication with parents is a priority for us. We want you to have the information (time/date/place/attire) you need -- to make sure everyone is on the same page. Here's where you can go for information about your student musicians' requirements and responsibilities:

1. Shakerbands.org is the official Band website where you can find all information on the Shaker Bands program overall as well as details specific to each school's band program and to the Band Boosters. On the Middle School page, you will find information about the Middle School band program - the calendar, links to private music teachers, YouTube links to past performances, and much more. You can scan the QR code on the last page of this newsletter to take you directly to the Middle School's page on the band website.
2. Watch for band announcements in the eScoop. If you do not already subscribe to the Middle School e-newsletter, the eScoop, you can sign up to receive it by going to the Middle School page on shaker.org.
3. Your Middle School Band Boosters representative is Hannah Mendelsohn. You can contact her with questions at hbmendelsohn@icloud.com.
4. Join us at the Band Boosters meetings – the next one is on Monday, January 23 at 7 pm in the High School band room. We want you to know what's going on with the band program. You may even surprise your student by knowing something before THEY do!

New this year - please support our Donatos Pizza fundraiser. Our local Donatos is donating a portion from sales on the Thursdays of our band concerts to the Band Boosters. Be sure to mention you are with the Shaker Band when you call in your order! Details can be found in this newsletter.

If your student is in Band, you already ARE a Band Booster. By filling out the form in tonight's program, you can become a Band Patron. Patron donations are tax-deductible and you will be recognized in future concert programs.

The Shaker Bands ARE the Pride of Shaker Heights. We want to thank you on behalf of the students and staff for your patronage and overall support. We look forward to a very musical and successful year together. If you have any questions about the Shaker Band Boosters, please contact one of us below.

Band Boosters Co-Presidents

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Important Band Dates

- Oct.- Dec. **Fruit & Candy Sale Fundraiser**
The annual fundraiser to help Shaker Band students raise money for their 2016 International Band Trip is underway. **To order**, visit shakerbands.org and click on Fundraiser.
- Jan. 12 **Middle School Jazz Band Concert**
Middle School Auditorium at 7 pm
(Woodbury and Middle School Jazz groups)
- Jan. 25 & 26 **Middle School Winter Concerts**
Middle School Auditorium at 7 pm
- Jan. 28 **Shaker Bands Chamber Fest**
High School at 8 am
- April 12 **Middle School Jazz Fest**
Middle School Auditorium at 7 pm
- April 19 & 20 **Middle School Spring Concerts**
Middle School Auditorium at 7 pm
- April 25 **Ice Cream Social & Band Concert**
High School Front Lawn at 6:30 pm

Shaker Middle School Band Program

All students at the Middle School enhance their music education by participating in a band, choir or orchestra. Middle school students participate in the Middle School Band program through one of the following bands:

8th Grade Bands

Symphonic Winds: This is the most advanced 8th grade band playing high school level pieces of music. It is directed by Mr. Pocaro and Mr. Hughes.

Concert Winds: This band is directed by Mr. Pocaro and Mr. Clemens, assisted by Mr. LeeGrand.

Concert Band: This band is directed by Mr. Clemens.

Jazz Ensemble: The Jazz Ensemble is a music enrichment class which meets daily during Raider Time after school and is directed by Mr. Pocaro.

7th Grade Bands

Symphonic Band: This is the most advanced 7th grade band, directed by Mr. Pocaro with help from Mr. Hughes.

Concert Winds: This band is directed by Mr. Crain and Mr. Hughes.

Concert Bands: These bands are directed by Mr. Clemens and Mr. Pocaro and band staff.

Jazz Ensemble- This band meets after school during Raider Time and is directed by Mr. LeeGrand.



Adrian Pocaro
Lead Shaker Middle School Band Director

Mr. Pocaro grew up in Twinsburg, Ohio. His main performance instrument is the trumpet. His secondary instruments are the French horn, and Euphonium. Mr. Pocaro graduated from Ohio University

University in Athens, Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in Music Education in 2000. In 2001, he was hired by the Shaker Schools as high school Concert Band director and brass instructor at Woodbury Elementary. He was the Marching Band Director from 2004-2009 and Co-Directed the Marching Band from 2010-2014. In 2015, he became lead band director at Shaker Middle School, and he currently assists the High School Band program as a sectional instructor.

Has your band student outgrown her/his concert attire?

Consider donating clean and gently-used white shirts, black pants, black skirts or black shoes to the band program. The band directors maintain a supply of these items for emergency use by SMS and Woodbury band members. If you would like to donate concert attire, simply send it to one of the band directors with your student. Thank you!

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Donato's Pizza Doughnation Nights

Visit Donato's Pizza on Van Aken from 4-9 pm on the following dates and mention that you are with Shaker Bands. They will *doughnate* 20% of the cost of your order to the Shaker Bands. Donato's can be found at 20116 Van Aken Blvd. (283-3333).

November 17

December 15

January 12 and 26

February 23

April 13 and 20

May 4

Scan this QR code to see the 8th graders performing with the High School Marching Band on September 17, 2016.



Thank you for your continued financial and volunteer support of all the Shaker music programs. You make our students outstanding!

Shaker Band Boosters Mission Statement

The purpose of the Shaker Band Boosters shall be to support and enhance the Shaker Heights band programs by coordinating and facilitating events, contributing financially for special activities and equipment, communicating with band families via newsletters and social media and organizing volunteers to assist with diverse events throughout the year.

Become a Band Boosters Patron!

You can make a donation to Shaker Band Boosters by filling out the patron form in this program, downloading the Patron Form from the Band Boosters page of the website or by making a donation online at PayForIt.

Visit our Shaker Bands website at www.shakerbands.org. Scan the QR code to go directly to the SMS page.



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