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The Pride of Shaker Heights

Shaker Middle School
Winter 2017

A Letter from the Band Boosters Co-Presidents

We always hear many questions about the High School band program from Middle School parents during the fall. We think it is helpful to address some of these questions now as the 8th graders start considering their high school courses.

At the High School, all band students have band as their first period class and will play in the Marching Band during the football season. Then concert season begins. There are five concert bands. Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are by audition for which students are required to prepare a personal music selection in addition to the piece selected by the band directors. Band students not in Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band are divided into the three remaining concert bands. Band students are also invited to audition for Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo. They can join the Jazz Band for which auditions are not required. All of the jazz groups meet after school.

In May, Percussionists and Raiderettes audition for the Marching Band. Eighth graders will receive audition information from the Middle School band directors.

In August, the Percussion and Raiderette squads report to camp 2 weeks before school starts. The remaining band members join in for Marching Band Camp the week before school starts with the new band members (includes all incoming 9th graders) required to attend Rookie Day, which is always the Friday before Marching Band Camp begins.

We hope that this quick overview is helpful with planning your child's high school schedule and your summer vacation! The band directors send out a Marching Band packet at the beginning of summer with more details. If you have any further questions, check out the band website (www.shakerbands.org) or contact one of us.

But before your 8th graders move on to the high school, we can still look forward to the Middle School Band Spring Concerts as well as the band clinic in May where each band will perform, during the school day, and be critiqued by a visiting band director.

Enjoy this evening's performances!

Musically yours,
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Upcoming Musical Events

Shaker Chamber Music Festival

January 28 at 8 am at SHHS

Our 8th -12th graders will showcase their solo and ensemble talents in a master class teaching environment before an instructional judge. Silent spectators are welcome.

Middle School Jazz Fest

April 12 at 7 pm in the SMS Auditorium

Come to the Middle School on April 12 to hear the Middle School Jazz Band and Middle School Jazz Ensemble.

Middle School Spring Concerts

April 19 & 20 at 7 pm in the SMS Auditorium

Ice Cream Social & Band Concert

April 25 at 6:30 pm at SHHS

Join us on the front lawn of the High School. Enjoy ice cream while you listen to the various high school concert bands.

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!

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).

January 26

February 23

April 13 and 20

May 4



Meet Mr. Jason Clemens

Mr. Clemens is a lifelong Cleveland area resident, having grown up in Painesville and graduated from Riverside High School. He has a Bachelor of Music Degree, Cum Laude with Honors, from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, OH. He also has a Master's

degree in Educational Administration from John Carroll University and is currently taking principal licensure classes. His major instrument is trumpet.

Mr. Clemens started his teaching career working in the Ledgemont Local Schools, where he taught band, choir and general music for five years. In July 2008, he was hired by the Shaker Heights City Schools. He directs the high school Concert Ensemble, both 7th Grade Concert Bands, the 8th Grade Concert Band, and one 7th Grade Choir, as well as co-directing the marching band with Mrs. Tyrrell.

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Scan the QR code to go directly to the
SMS page.



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 downloading the Patron Form from the Band Boosters page of the website or by making a donation online at PayForIt.



*Thank you for your continued financial
and volunteer support of all the Shaker
music programs.*

You make our students outstanding!

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