



## Boardman Band Newsletter

2019-04-13

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### Upcoming Events

Jazz Trip to NYC - Mon-Tue, April 15-16, Only for students going on trip

8th Grade Band/Jazz Concert - Friday, April 26, HS Band students not involved in this

Spring Concert of the Boardman Bands - Wednesday, May 1, **MANDATORY for HS Band**

Dine to Donate at Chik-fil-A Southern Park Mall - Date/Times TBA, Optional

Jazz 1 at Assumption Village - Monday, May 13, **MANDATORY for Jazz 1**

Band/Jazz Banquet - Sunday, May 18, **For HS Band/Jazz students/guests**

BSMB at Cedar Point - Saturday, May 25, **For Band students grades 7-12**

BSMB in Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 27, **MANDATORY for 8th grade and BSMB**

Wind Ensemble at Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 27, **MANDATORY for Wind Ensemble**

5, 6, 7 Bands Concert - Thursday, May 30, HS Band students not involved in this

Spring Jazz Concert in Cafeteria - Friday, May 31, **MANDATORY for Jazz 1, 2, 3**

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### Spring Concert of the Boardman Bands

Invite some people you know to our concert on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00pm in the BPAC. Admission at the door is only \$3, \$2, and free for senior citizens.

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are sounding great as are Senior Soloists Sophia McGee and Danny Turillo.

### Florida Trip News

The Boardman Band Website at [www.boardmanband.org](http://www.boardmanband.org) now has a special page dedicated to the trip. It currently includes a pdf version of the Florida Trip Brochure from the tour company and the information for tagalongs.

Coming soon will be an Intent to Travel form which will serve as a permission slip, commitment to pay, and some information reminding students and parents that luggage and carry-ons are subject to being searched prior to departure.

I will add pertinent information as I get it.

## **Greenlightcard.com**

The next item to be added will be this link: <https://www.greenlightcard.com/>

Great not only for trips, this service allows parents to give children a little safe, supervised financial independence.

## **Spartan Silks**

Congratulations to Marissa Allison, Megan Bendel, Alyssa Magrini, Grace McCarty, Katie Sarkkinen, Katherine Wamsley, Brynna Welsh, and Section Leader Gabi Pantaleo! They are the 2019-2020 Spartan Silks.

## **Summer Jazz**

We had to change one date in the series. 2k19 will play at Woodworth Park off of Western Reserve Road on Monday, July 15.

Waterfire Sharon is still a possibility for Jazz 1 if everyone is available. Our tour company usually sponsors our appearance and will be contacting the organizers to offer their sponsorship. I'll let you know.

I just want you to know about a 'seed' I planted this week. I contacted JAC Management and asked them to consider an award-winning local jazz ensemble as an opening act for Chicago or Earth, Wind and Fire at the new amphitheater. I hope I hear back from them!

## **Band Calendar**

Fitch Band Night was just changed from Monday, August 26 to WEDNESDAY, August 28.

As I mentioned before, the calendar is updated when new events come up. Using Google Calendar and asking me to share the Band Calendar with you will make all the Band events show up right on your device.

## **BBOP Fundraising**

When it comes to fundraising, we always struggle with striking a balance between maximizing profits and overwhelming families with one project after another. The result of our discussions usually favors fewer projects. However, my personal opinion is that it is okay to make a lot of opportunities available as long as we make it clear that parents are not *obligated* to participate.

I think people are smart enough to realize how sales-type fundraisers work: you're not really getting a bargain on most products, but you participate because it is convenient and it's for the kids. Parents certainly realize that an outright donation to BBOP is better than buying sausage or pies because all of the money goes right to the organization. Still, we offer some sales projects because people like to *see* or *touch* something for which they spend money.

BBOP does more research and discussion about potential fundraisers than you probably know. We've been through enough projects to know what works and what doesn't. We scrutinize over potential fundraisers and work to do things that are unique and desirable to customers. We hope you don't feel overwhelmed or get bugged by lots of fundraisers and we most definitely want you to know that it is your *OPTION* to participate in sales projects.

Always keep in mind that BBOP is a non-profit organization and every penny earned goes right back to the students in one form or another.

## **BBOP Spring Flower Sale**

One project that seems to work for us is a Spring Flower Sale. It's perfect for Mothers Day and spring gardening. A brochure is attached and students can pick up a hard copy on the table in the Band Department.

## **Band Banquet**

Sunday, May 19, 6:00pm at Mr. Anthony's. All students will be recognized so they are all expected to be there. I will need an Excuse Request Form submitted if you have a conflict that night. The cost is \$22 per person. Student cost is taken from the Band Accounts so each student should have at least \$22 in the account. Check with me if you need to know your current balance.

## **Seniors**

I have started working on the morphs. If I don't have your pictures by the time I reach a certain point in the process, you won't be included.

## **Scholarships Awarded at the Banquet**

Here is a link to the Band Scholarships Common Application:

<https://forms.gle/ivMAjmQWH7Uvg8jK6>

Copy and paste it if clicking on it does not take you to the form.

## **8th Graders and Band for Next Year**

Our numbers are increasing! At first glance at the list of students who requested Band on their schedules for next year, it looks like we should be over 190! There may be some 8th graders waiting until Cedar Point and Memorial Day so we may go up from that.

Interestingly, there are four or five students on the list who dropped out of Band, then realized what a mistake they made and are hoping to get back in next year. Think about that, 8th graders. It's a lot harder to get in if you drop out for a year.

## **Dine to Donate**

These events have raised over \$1960 so far! Watch for details about the next one which will be at Chik-fil-A in the Southern Park Mall at the beginning of May.

## **Cedar Point/Memorial Day**

I will soon have exact details about these events. It looks like the costs will be the same as last year:

\$45 - Park admission, picnic lunch served by chaperones

\$60 - Park admission, picnic, Cedar Shores water park admission

\$6 - Band T-shirt (if needed)

Cedar Point changed the procedures for marching bands. Instead of letting them perform on a first-come, first-served basis, now they schedule the marches. Ours is at 11:30am on Saturday, May 25. I'm thinking we will depart that morning at 8:00am instead of 7:00. We will stay longer in the park than we normally do.

## **Intonation Training Apps**

We were talking about this in Wind Ensemble the other day. It can be difficult for young musicians to tell whether they are playing higher or lower than a reference pitch or one another. With practice, students can improve these skills and be able to adjust their tuning more efficiently.

There are free apps for Android and iOS to help with this. Just search for "Intonation Trainers" and choose one you like.

## **TEDx Youngstown 2019**

Do you know about TED? Keep reading to find out what it is and why it is Boardman Band newsworthy.

TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages. Meanwhile, independently run TEDx events help share ideas in communities around the world.

TEDx Youngstown will be held at DeYor Ford Family Theater downtown on Saturday, September 7. **BHS Jazz Ensemble 1 will be featured!!** Greg Smith of COMPCO Industries is the organizer of the Youngstown event. He called and asked me to be one of the speakers and asked for Jazz 1 to be part of my talk! This is a BIG DEAL! More details will be available soon.

## **Stage Crew for Choir Concert**

For Band and Jazz concerts, BPAC Manager Mr. Stelts has students involved in our Choral Music Program make up the stage and lighting crews. Those students are obviously going to be busy performing at the Spring Choral Concert on Wednesday, May 8. Mr. Stelts is hoping some Band students would like to volunteer to help. Let me know if you want to do that and I'll get you started. There is a dress rehearsal on Monday, May 6 so you'll get to practice any duties.

## **Orchestra and Choir Trips**

Best wishes to these groups as they both take their big trips on April 24. Orchestra travels to Chicago and Choir goes to New York.

## **Happy Easter!**

Please enjoy your break and have a safe and happy Easter!

As always, I am readily available to answer any questions you have.

Thanks for your continued support of the Boardman Band.

Mr. Ruggieri