



PULASKI MUSIC BOOSTERS - "WE LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!"

The Weekly Trumpet 🎵 April 28, 2017

Notes from Pulaski Community School District's Music Programs

VOLUNTEER & DONATION NEEDS

- **Resch Center:** <http://signup.com/go/cefAFi>
- Save gallon ice cream containers for upcoming booyah sales, and items to donate to the upcoming garage sale. See the messages on page 2.

WEEKLY MUSIC CALENDAR

Always double-check the online calendar on our website homepage for the latest updates



PHS

- **April 28:** Chamber Choir rehearsal, 6:30am
- **April 28:** Jazz Combo rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 1-3:** Red Raider Auditions
- **May 1:** Red Raider Jazz rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 1:** Descant rehearsal, 7:00am
- **May 1:** Choir Honors recital, 6:30-8:30pm
- **May 3:** Chamber Choir rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 4:** Red Raider Jazz rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 4:** Drumline rehearsal, 6:00pm
- **May 5:** Chamber Choir rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 5:** Jazz Combo rehearsal, 6:30am
- **May 5:** State-Bound Band & Choir soloists – National Anthem, 8:30am
- **May 5:** State ensemble (large group), 4:00-10:00pm, UW-Green Bay
- **May 6:** State Solo & Ensemble, UW-Green Bay
- **May 6:** Drumline at Blizzard game, 6:00pm

PCMS

- **April 28-29:** Band Trip to Minneapolis

Community Band/Choir

- **April 30:** Concert



ANY UPDATES AND NEW ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS ARE NOTED IN **RED**

From the PHS Band Directors

- **The Future of the Red Raider Marching Band Program**

Recently, we have been asked on a more frequent basis "If I'm in the band, do I have to be in marching band?" and previously, the answer was always "Yes, if you are a part of the band program, you are also a part of the marching band." This was true until recently... This school year (2016-17) we piloted a non-marching band member program for a handful of 9th grade students who were/are members of the Symphonic Band (our entry level band, taught by Mrs. Stocco) but did not participate in the marching band program.

The Symphonic Band is a freshmen level (not all are freshmen) "welcome to the high school band program" ensemble. The basics of high school band and musicianship are introduced and emphasized to these students throughout their first year of high school instrumental music. After they complete this year of Symphonic Band, the students have 2 choices for their 2nd year of band based upon a couple of opportunities. If the student performed a solo for the annual solo & ensemble festival, they have earned the right to audition for the Wind Ensemble, which is our school's top instrumental music group. If they chose to not perform a solo or were unsuccessful in their audition attempts for the Wind Ensemble, they would gain membership in our intermediate ensemble, the Concert Band.

Now, *back to the future* of the marching band program.... Next school year, if a student is in any of the 3 bands at PHS, the marching band is optional. The curriculum for these students would change for the 1st and 4th quarters and would be based more in the chamber music study and performance along with a greater emphasis on the study of music theory and music history. However, an extremely important element should be noted with regards to pursuing this option... simply put, by opting out of the marching band program the student is also opting out of participating in the band and music department trips. Since 90% of these trips are focused heavily on the marching band aspect (parades, field shows, bowl games, etc.) it is not conducive to ask students to participate in a band trip without having the appropriate marching skills and understanding, for a successful performance experience while on a band trip.

Before the end of April, we will be asking students and their families to commit to any number of summer parades that the PHS Red Raider Marching Band has been asked to participate. Since we are not preparing for a major performance trip, there is no 'minimum expectation' for participants, as we had last summer, excluding Pulaski Polka Days Parade and our band camp. Attendance at both of these events are 100% mandatory for students that are participants in the marching band. That being said, if a student and their parents do sign up for a parade and we have enough students to make the parade a reality, their word is their bond and they are without a doubt expected to be at that performance, prepared to perform at the best of their ability.

From Lisa Voelker – PMB President:

- **GAS AND GROCERY CARD PICKUP TIMES: May 2, 6-7pm, Polka Grounds shelter.** If you purchase gas & grocery gift cards, there is now a handy form available to make it easier for our card processing folks to ensure credit goes to your student's account. See the fundraising page on the website. Our card program is a great way to raise money for your student's music account in both band and choir! For groceries, we offer **Woodman's** and **Festival** gift cards. Woodman's profit is 5%, and Festival is 3%. We will split the profit between student accounts and booster general fund. We are offering \$50 & \$100 cards for both stores. We also offer **Kwik Trip** cards with a 5% profit to student accounts, in \$25, \$50, and \$100 amounts. Send any requests or questions to Lisa Voelker, lisa@thevoelkers.com, 822-1045.

- **GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** All hands on deck! Volunteers are needed to set up and staff the annual Booster rummage sale. Adults or students may help. Many hands make light work! Items for donation may also be brought during setup times to the new pavillion/shelter at the Polka Grounds. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/t87BEQ>

From Sue Johnson, Resch Center Fundraising Coordinator:

- **RESCH CENTER SPOTS AVAILABLE APRIL 29.** A great opportunity to raise money for your choir or band account. See <http://signup.com/go/cefAFi>.

From Bill & Deb Larscheid:

- **SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING!** July 29 at Crystal Springs Golf Course. Contact pmbmetforce@gmail.com with questions.

From Renee Slezewski, PMB Vice-President:

- Please save gallon/5-quart ice cream pails for the booyah sales. Our last sale depleted our inventory. They can be brought to the collection box in the band hallway.



Always use the Pulaski Music Booster website calendar for current updates

PHS Bands & Choirs

<p><i>During the school year:</i></p> <p>RR Jazz Rehearsals – Every Monday & Thursday 6:30-7:30am</p> <p>RR Jazz Combo Rehearsals – Every Tuesday & Friday 6:30-7:30am</p> <p>Chamber Choir Rehearsals – Every Wednesday & Friday 6:30am</p> <p>Show Choir – Every Tuesday at 6:30am until RR Showcase</p> <p>Jazz 2 & 3 Rehearsals – Every Monday evening 5:30pm & 6:30pm respectively, watch for start date</p>	<p align="center">PERFORMANCES & EVENTS</p> <p align="center"><i>Always use the Pulaski Music Booster website calendar for current updates</i></p> <p>MAY 2017 1 – Choir Honors Recital 5 – State ensemble (large group) 6 – State solo & ensemble 6 – Drumline @ Blizzard game 16 – Roncali festival 19 – BACAS 21 – PHS Spring concert</p> <p>JUNE 2017 3, 10 – Drumline @ Blizzard game Summer lessons & Marching (see “Music Notes” section)</p> <p>JULY 2017 23 – Polka Days 24-28 – Band Camp 29 – Golf outing</p> <p>AUGUST 2017 17 – Home football game 31 – Home football game</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2017 8 – Home football game 29 – Home football game</p> <p>OCTOBER 2017 13 – Home football game</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2017 3-4 – Winona Honors Band 11 – Veterans’ Day dinner dance</p> <p>DECEMBER 2017</p> <p>JANUARY 2018 28 – Chilirific Musicpalooza</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2018</p> <p>MARCH 2018 3 – District solo & ensemble 16 – Music for Moderns</p> <p>APRIL 2018</p> <p>MAY 2018 4 – State solo & ensemble small group 5 – State solo & ensemble 18 – BACAS 20 – Spring concert</p>
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PCMS Bands & Choirs

<p>April 28-29 – Band Trip to Minneapolis May 2 – Band concert</p>

Community Band & Choir

<p>Concert April 30, St. John’s Lutheran Church in Morgan</p>

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🎵 Music Notes 🎵

Summer 2017 band lesson dates:

- June 13-15, June 20-22, June 27-29

2017 *Anticipated* Marching Band Rehearsals:

- June 13, 15, 20, 22, 27: Evening rehearsals time TBD
- June 29: Concert
- July 24-28: Band Camp
- August: Thursday evenings; 5:30pm drumline report; 6:30pm winds report; 9:30pm dismissal
- September-October: Thursday evenings, same report times, 8:30 dismissal once school starts

Be sure to check the www.pulaskimusicboosters.com calendar for the most current dates/times

Tips for a successful Marching Band Experience:

1. Your student must always be on time for rehearsals. If rehearsal starts at 6:30pm, that means they must have their instrument together, music in order and in the band room warmed up and ready to play at 6:30pm. It is strongly suggested the students arrive no less than 15 minutes prior to the report time.

REMEMBER: To be on time is to be late!

2. Make sure your student eats well prior to a marching band performance or rehearsal. The body needs fuel to be able to make it through rehearsals and performances.

3. Make sure your student is well hydrated prior to rehearsals and/or performances. During rehearsals many students do bring their own water bottles so they have access to water at all times.

4. If needed, be sure to discuss any special physical/medical concerns or needs your child may have with the director well in advance of rehearsals and performances.

5. Make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. During cooler months, dress in layers, during warmer months, lighter colored clothing is best. Please keep in mind that the school dress code is in effect for marching band rehearsals and dress appropriately.

6. Make sure your student is wearing appropriate footwear during rehearsals. Flip-flops and sandals do not cut it for marching band rehearsal. If your student has new dinkles (marching shoes), it is a good idea to wear them with thick socks during rehearsals to break them in.

7. Sunscreen and bug spray are good things for your student to have at marching rehearsals. The mosquitoes get quite large in Wisconsin!

8. Make sure your student has all the appropriate instrument needs during rehearsals and performances. Mouthpieces, reeds, lyres, valve/slide oil, flipbook & lyre and music are important. It is also a good idea for your student to make sure they have a pencil and paper. If your marching instrument is in need of cleaning and/or repairs, do so as soon as possible.

9. **Rehearsals and Summer Band Camp are a part of the PHS Band Curriculum.** If your student will be missing any rehearsal, you must get with Mr. Busch well in advance with the information and arrange to make up any missed rehearsal time. Mr. Busch is the final authority regarding missed rehearsals. Do not miss rehearsals!

10. Parents are encouraged to attend marching band rehearsals and/or band camp and help out as needed. Just show up and let someone know you are there and ready to help!