



Music Notes 🎵 for August 24, 2018

Weekly news and updates from Pulaski Community School District's Music Programs

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS and FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- **VOLUNTEER:** Parade chaperones <http://signup.com/go/VPTmGJn>
- **VOLUNTEER:** Uniform help @home football games <http://signup.com/go/VPWoJnt>
- **FUNDRAISING:** Lambeau Field Stadium Cleanup: <http://signup.com/go/PtwdxRm>
- **FUNDRAISING:** Lambeau Field Stadium Rental Seat Pickup: <http://signup.com/go/DmLHprg>
- **FUNDRAISING:** Lambeau Field Ticket Scanning: <http://signup.com/go/fUGCskn>

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC CALENDAR

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



Pulaski High School Band & Choir

- **August 29:** Marching Band rehearsal: 5:30 drumline and CG report; 6:30 winds; 9:30pm dismissal
- **September 1:** New York Trip deposit due

Pulaski Community Middle School Band & Choir

- None

Community Band & Community Choir

- None



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

From D. Thomas Busch, PHS Director of Bands

- **NEW YORK TRIP CHAPERONES:** Thank you to all who have applied to chaperone for the upcoming trip to NYC in March of 2019. We have reached our capacity of adult chaperones for this event—in fact, we are over the limit of chaperones we can accommodate on this trip to maintain our desired 1:8 chaperone to student ratio.

Unfortunately we must therefore adjust our number of chaperones to meet the needs of our students and the music department. We will be using a “last in, first cut” process, unless the needs of a particular situation dictate otherwise. If you have volunteered to chaperone, we will notify you next week if we will unfortunately be unable to accommodate you. Any money you have paid will be refunded, or applied to your student’s trip at your preference. Thank you again to all who volunteered.

From Mindy Jensen, PMB President

- **LAMBEAU STADIUM RENTAL SEAT PICKUP** is a new fundraising opportunity. All proceeds go to student accounts of those participating. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/DmLHprg>. Watch for additional games to be added based on participation.
- **NEW YORK TRIP-BOOSTER TRIP CONTRIBUTION DETAILS:** The Boosters will make a contribution toward trip expenses of students/families who actively support fundraising efforts allocated to that contribution. In order to receive a contribution, a minimum of 10 hours of service is required for each participant attending. i.e, if one student in the family is attending, 10 hours are required. If two students are attending and two parents are chaperoning, 10 hours per person are required (40 total to receive a contribution for all four attendees). The 10 hour minimum will not be pro-rated to receive a lesser contribution--it is "all or nothing."

The exact amount of the booster contribution will be determined after the last fundraiser is completed and therefore depends on the success of each fundraiser and the number of people participating. However the contribution is expected to be approximately \$200.

The following fundraisers count toward minimum hours required for a PMB contribution to your New York Trip.

Currently available:

- Lambeau Field ticket scanning

Upcoming:

- Cookie trays
- Booyah
- Chilirific Musicpalooza
- Raffles
- Fish boil

Other fundraisers may be added and announced later.

From Lisa Voelker – PMB Treasurer:

- **GAS AND GROCERY CARD PICKUP TIMES:** At the concession stand for football game @ Saputo Stadium, August 27, 5:00-6:00pm. (No admission charge.) Email me before so I have them ready: lisa@thevoelkers.com. 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.



Always use the Pulaski Music Booster website calendar for current updates

Pulaski High School Band & Choir

<p>During the school year:</p> <p>RR Jazz Rehearsals – Every Monday & Thursday 6:30am</p> <p>RR Jazz Combo Rehearsals – Every Tuesday & Friday 7:00am</p> <p>Chamber Choir Rehearsals – Every Wednesday & Friday 6:30am</p> <p>Show Choir – Every Tuesday at 6:30am until RR Showcase</p> <p>Descant rehearsals – Every Monday & Thursday at 7:00 am</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>September 2018 3 – Suring Parade 8 – Lena Parade 14 - Band @ Home football game 21 - Band @ Home football game w/PCMS</p> <p>October 2018 5 – Band & Choir @ Home football game 18 – RR Concert Winds Fall Concert</p> <p>November 2018 3 & 4 – Red Raider Showcase 10 – Jazz Veterans’ Day Dinner Dance</p> <p>December 2018 15 – Sounds of the Season Concert 17 – Holiday concert</p>	<p>January 2019 27 – Chilrific Musicpalooza</p> <p>February 2019 9, 10, 16, & 17 – PHS Musical</p> <p>March 2019 2 – Solo & Ensemble @ PHS 12 – Large group ensemble 13-19 – New York trip</p> <p>April 2019 29 – Honors recital</p> <p>May 1 – Roncalli Band festival 2 – Roncalli Choir festival 3 – State S&E Jazz & large ensembles 4 – State S&E for soloists 17 – BACAS 19 – Spring Awards Concert 27 – Memorial Day performance 29 – Graduation ceremony</p>
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Pulaski Community Middle School Band & Choir

None

Community Band & Community Choir

October 14 – Community Band concert
 December 20 – Christmas Collage concert (band & choir)

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Summer 2018 PHS Band and Marching Band Information

In August, we will have Wednesday evening rehearsals from 5:30 (drum line and color guard) and 6:30 (winds) until 9:00pm.

Once school begins, our rehearsals will go to Thursday night.

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 Marching Band.** 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!

Pulaski Music Essential Info

Ways to keep Informed:

- Attend Booster Meetings - Second Monday of each month during the school year, generally at 7pm at PHS in room LG-1 (by the library).
- Pulaski Music Booster (PMB) Website - www.pulaskimusicboosters.com
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PMBoosters>
- Twitter - @pulaski_music
- Newsletter - If you do not already receive this newsletter via email, you can subscribe or view from the PMB website—check the “Newsletter” tab.
- Music Booster Calendar - View at pulaskimusicboosters.com/calendar or add it to your own Google Calendar by searing for pulaskimusicboosters@gmail.com
- Text Remind - Each class of band and choir has its own text remind list. Students and parents should sign up to receive reminders about field trips, rehearsals, payments, schedule changes, etc. Instructions are on the website under the Band->PHS Band and Choir->PHS Choir tabs.
- Email us at pulaskimusicboosters@gmail.com

Commonly used abbreviations:

RR = Red Raider

RRMB = Red Raider Marching Band

SL = Section leader

DL = Drum line

CG = Color guard

MET Force:

- MET Force is a group of parents that help move the instruments and band equipment so the directors can focus on the kids. MET Force is needed for parades, football games, concerts, solo ensemble etc. Help at one event or help at all! **Many hands make light work.**
- If you are interested in helping or just checking it out, email pmbmetforce@gmail.com.

Attendance Policy:

- Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required
- Excused Absence: Notify director with a written note 3 days prior to rehearsal and 7 days prior to a performance
- Full policy given on PMB website – Band/PHS Band/PHS Red Raider Band Attendance Policy

Student Accounts:

- There are two types of accounts available to your student for fundraising; one through the school and one through the boosters. The balance of all student accounts is posted on the bulletin board in the band room. It is typically updated monthly.

Fundraising:

PMB offers several fundraising opportunities during the year that provide funds for student accounts, our general fund, or a combination thereof. Some typical opportunities include:

Lambeau Field Ticket Scanning

- Volunteer to sign up to scan tickets before Packer home games.

Resch Center

- Volunteer to work food and beverage booths at the Resch center.

Script/Gas & Grocery Gift Cards

- Raise money for student accounts and the booster general fund at NO additional cost to you.

Chilirific

- The PMB biggest fundraiser of the year.

Additional Fundraisers include: Holiday Cookie/Candy Trays and Booyah at Kimp's Hardware in Howard.

8th Grade Band Families: Save the Dates!

Are you planning on being part of the Pulaski High School marching band your freshman year? We hope the answer is YES!

If so, save these dates on your calendar now for the summer of 2019:

POLKA DAYS PARADE: Sunday, July 21, 2019.

BAND CAMP: July 22-26, 2019. Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm each day.

These are mandatory events for marching band students. Summer 2019 may seem like a long way away, but it will be here before you know it! When you are planning your summer schedule, be sure to keep these dates in mind so that your student will be here for these required dates.

Additionally, there will be marching band rehearsals leading up to Polka Days. These are typically on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting in mid-June.

What is band camp? This is the week where the band practices marching technique and learns the field show for fall football games. Think of it like a “Training Camp” that you would do for sports. Band camp is mandatory for all marching band students, and the week is ***essential*** for incoming freshmen in order to learn the fundamentals.

