



# Music Notes 🎵 for August 31, 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

- **September 1:** New York Trip deposit due
- **September 3:** Suring Labor Day parade. 7:30am report; 10am step off; 1:30pm approx. return
- **September 4:** Drumline rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
- **September 6:** Marching Band rehearsal: 6:30pm report; 9:30pm dismissal
- **September 7:** Drumline on Fox 11, 6:30am report, 9:45 return to school
- **September 8:** Lena Parade. 8:00am report, 10:30am step off; 1:30pm approx. return

### Pulaski Community Middle School Band & Choir

- None

### Community Band & Community Choir

- **September 5:** Community Band rehearsal, 7:00pm, PCMS



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

**From D. Thomas Busch, PHS Director of Bands**

**NEW YORK TRIP CHAPERONES:** "It's a great problem to have!" We have had more chaperones volunteer for our upcoming trip than we have students. Between the three music instructors, we decided to follow the "first come - first served" method for our selection process.

It should also be noted that we have divided up the parent volunteers to represent the same percentage of the kids going on the trip. There are roughly 140 band and 40 choir students participating in this trip. This in turn meant our chaperones selected were 18 band parents and 5 choir parents which will allow us to keep our ratio of 1 chaperon for every 8 students (2 quad rooms).

Lisa Matuszak	7/13/18
Erin McCallum	7/21/18
Steve Wilinski	7/25/18
Donna Wilinski	7/25/18
Kelli Birk	7/25/18
Mindy Jensen	7/25/18
Betsy Nickel	7/25/18
Frances Gwidt	7/25/18
Michael Janes	7/25/18
Alexandra Janes	7/25/18
Helen Seiltz	7/26/18
Amy Lynn Herison	7/26/18
Lisa Ficarri	7/28/18
Ross Ficarri	7/28/18
Erica Huettl	7/30/18
Michelle Lowery	7/31/18
Chad Lowery	7/31/18
Michelle Graf	7/31/18
Dave Graf	7/31/18
Jamie Hock	7/31/18
Stephanie Dworak	8/1/18
Sue Tengowski	8/1/18
Tom Tengowski	8/1/18

To those who were not selected, we thank you... deeply! Your willingness to assist as a chaperon with this trip is a fantastic testimony to your dedication to your child and their educational opportunities.

If you have sent in a check for your deposit, we have a few options... The easiest is to simply return the check to you (if it has not been cashed). The other option is to credit your payment to your child's account for the trip.

Lastly, we may be able to forward your payment to the 'Shadow Tour' if you would like to participate in that program.

Once again, thank you to all that volunteered and please consider doing so in the future.

**From Lisa Voelker – PMB Treasurer:**

- **GAS AND GROCERY CARD PICKUP TIMES: Wednesday, September 5, 6:00-6:30pm, PHS concourse.**  
**Email me with orders: [lisa@thevoelkers.com](mailto: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](mailto:lisa@thevoelkers.com), 822-1045.



Always use the Pulaski Music Booster website calendar for current updates

**Pulaski High School Band & Choir**

<p><b>During the school year:</b></p> <p>RR Jazz Rehearsals – Every Monday &amp; Thursday 6:30am</p> <p>RR Jazz Combo Rehearsals – Every Tuesday &amp; Friday 7:00am</p> <p>Chamber Choir Rehearsals – Every Wednesday &amp; Friday 6:30am</p> <p>Show Choir – Every Tuesday at 6:30am until RR Showcase</p> <p>Descant rehearsals – Every Monday &amp; Thursday at 7:00 am</p> <p>Jazz 2 &amp; 3 Rehearsals – Every Monday evening 5:30pm &amp; 6:30pm respectively, watch for start date</p>	<p align="center"><b>PERFORMANCES &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Always use the Pulaski Music Booster website calendar for current updates</i></p> <p><b>September 2018</b>          3 – Suring Parade          8 – Lena Parade          14 - Band @ Home football game          21 - Band @ Home football game w/PCMS</p> <p><b>October 2018</b>          5 – Band &amp; Choir @ Home football game          18 – RR Concert Winds Fall Concert</p> <p><b>November 2018</b>          3 &amp; 4 – Red Raider Showcase          10 – Jazz Veterans’ Day Dinner Dance</p> <p><b>December 2018</b>          15 – Sounds of the Season Concert          17 – Holiday concert</p>	<p><b>January 2019</b>          27 – Chilrific Musicpalooza</p> <p><b>February 2019</b>          9, 10, 16, &amp; 17 – PHS Musical</p> <p><b>March 2019</b>          2 – Solo &amp; Ensemble @ PHS          12 – Large group ensemble          13-19 – New York trip</p> <p><b>April 2019</b>          29 – Honors recital</p> <p><b>May</b>          1 – Roncalli Band festival          2 – Roncalli Choir festival          3 – State S&amp;E Jazz &amp; large ensembles          4 – State S&amp;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**

<p>None</p>
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**Community Band & Community Choir**

<p>October 14 – Community Band concert          December 20 – Christmas Collage concert (band &amp; choir)</p>
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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](http://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](http://pulaskimusicboosters.com/calendar) or add it to your own Google Calendar by searing for [pulaskimusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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