OFHS Bulldog Marching Band marches down Main Street at Disney’s Magic Kingdom on Sunday, February 19, 2017
HELP US “FILL THE TRUCK” again
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- Clothing & Shoes
- Accessories (purses, scarves, gloves, hats, book bags, cloth lunch boxes)
- Linens, curtains, draperies, towels, beddings, fabric

Ballroom Blitz
Thanks to all who came and participated in the Ballroom Blitz and made it a successful and fun evening.

Did you know?
Last school year, OFMA gave a total of $10,000 to the music programs in all Olmsted Falls schools. This was made possible through generous financial donations and fundraisers.

Help OFMA give again to all music programs in Olmsted Falls school by giving today. See membership form in newsletter for more information.

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Buy Krispy Kreme donuts at Band & Choir concerts
$7 per dozen

Olmsted Falls Music Association’s mission:
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Support and be involved in OFMA!
Upcoming OFMA’s meeting dates:

April 5, 2017 ■ May 3, 2017
Meetings are held at OFHS choir room at 7 p.m.

June 7, 2017 End of year picnic
(place to be announced)
Contest Events

OMEA District IV
Large Group Contest
March 10 - 11, 2017 (Friday & Saturday)

Here is the schedule:

Friday, March 10th
Symphonic Winds @ 5 p.m. in Westlake HS gym
Wind Symphony @ 8:30 p.m. in Westlake HS PAC (auditorium)
Wind Ensemble @ 10:15 pm in Westlake HS gym

Saturday, March 11th
Symphonic Band @ 9 a.m. in Westlake HS gym
Treble Choir @ 9:40 am at Midview Intermediate School
Chorale @ 11 am at Midview Intermediate School

Parents, family members and friends are welcome to come and support the band and choral ensembles. Please leave plenty of time to arrive and be seated as the doors close once the performance begins. Also, please do not bring cameras [still or video], or any other type of recording device as these items are forbidden by OMEA Rules. Failure to comply with the rules could result in disqualification for OFCS. After the performance, it is always encouraged to applaud and to consider standing to show admiration for the hard work of the performers.

Congratulations...

...choir students and band students who received Superior and Excellent ratings are OMEA District IV Solo & Ensemble contest in February.

Choir students with SUPERIOR Ratings:
Laney Ventimiglia, Audrey Guildoo, Sarah Henry, Lexy Jensen, Brynn Hanratty, Alex Bolton, Nico Humphrey, Dan Fidler, Nadia Bubna, Marlee McMahan, and Elizabeth Gonzalez

Choir students with EXCELLENT ratings:

For band: 113 band students participated in 22 groups & 29 solos. 38 SUPERIOR ratings & 13 EXCELLENT ratings were received.

Middle School
Solo & Ensemble Contests
March 18th & April 8th

OFMS band students will participate in the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest at Mayer Middle School in Fairview Park on Saturday, March 18th.

OFMS choir students will participate in OMEA District IV Middle School Solo & Ensemble contest at Tri-C West on Saturday, April 8th.

Best wishes to all students on their preparations and performances.
OMEA District IV Middle School Honors Festival

Olmsted Falls Middle School was represented by seven 8th grade choir students and ten 8th grade band students at the OMEA District IV Middle School Honors Festival that was held at Avon Lake High School on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

The Honors Choir was conducted by Dr. Christopher Venesile from Kent State University. The choir performed the following songs: Omnia Sol, Battle Above the Clouds, The Rivers are Running Again, The Little Hummingbird, La Vida and It Sings in Me.

The Honors Band was conducted by Mrs. Michele Monigold from Jackson High School in Massillon, Ohio. The band performed the following songs: Air Force One, Fires of Mazama, An Irish Air and Steppes of Russia.

OFMS 8th grade band students who participated are (pictured above):

kneeling (l to r): Emma Barnard, Brian Drobnak & Giana Formica
Standing (l to r): Ellie Goetz, Alex Hargenrader, Adam Kwan, Casey Schmidt, Andrew Parkowski, Rebecca Johnson & Theodore Humphrey.

OFMS 8th grade choir students:

Front Row L to R: Brianna Opheim & Maggie McElroy

OFMA awards scholarships to graduating music seniors and students attending summer music camps. In order to be eligible for a senior scholarship you must have completed a local scholarship application as well as an OFMA senior music scholarship application. The summer music camp scholarships are for 4th to 12th grade students planning to attend a music camp this summer. Both applications are located in this newsletter. Fillable pdf applications can be downloaded from the OFMA facebook page. Completed applications are due to your music teachers by March 21st.

OFIS 4th Grade Choir Presents

SONGS OF BROADWAY

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
7 p.m. at the OFMS Cafetorium

Seize the Day from "Newsies", Popular from "Wicked", Hard-Knock Life from "Annie" and Seasons of Love from "Rent" are just a few of the songs that will be performed.
Calling on students to be “In The Spotlight”

Music students of Olmsted Falls (k-12): submit a brief profile of what you are currently involved musically at your school and in the community to Kathy Green at bgreen9339@aol.com to be featured in upcoming issues of Musical Notes.

Katelynn Weaver, a 5th grader at Olmsted Falls Intermediate School, is involved in multiple musical pursuits.

Katelynn's interest in musical theater was initially sparked in the fall of 2014, when she enrolled in a class at Olmsted Performing Arts. She participated in her first stage production at OPA the following spring, and since that time has really developed a passion for musical performances. Last fall, she played Grandma Georgina in Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr. Katelynn will take the stage for her sixth show with OPA as Sally Brown in Snoopy!!! The Musical March 24-26 at the Parma Snow Library Auditorium.

Katelynn plays the trumpet in the 5th grade band at OFIS and is currently taking voice and guitar lessons. In 4th grade, Katelynn participated in choir and continued in choir in 5th grade. She was thrilled to play the role of Penny Sears in the 5th grade choir performance of North Pole Radio Hour last December.

Katelynn loves music and the stage. She is always eagerly anticipating more opportunities to pursue her passion. She plans to continue her voice and guitar lessons and playing the trumpet in the 6th grade band next school year. She looks forward to more musical performance opportunities as she advances through the grades in school.

Michael DiFilippo, a 7th grader at OFMS, has been involved in music for many years. He began studying piano and the age of 6 and currently studies with Jake Briggs. He plays the trombone in the 7th grade band and percussion in the Percussion Ensemble at OFMS. At St. Clarence Church, Michael often accompanies the church choir on percussion.

Michael is a composer. He enjoys using Finale software to create music. He is composing arrangements of the Resposorial Psalms that he hopes will be used in mass at church.

Michael has received several local Reflections Music Composition awards. He has placed at the State level twice and received an Honorable Mention award at the National PTA Competition.
Marching down Main Street at Disney!

Thank You Mrs. Budd!
Olmsted Falls Music Association
In Partnership with the Easter Seals
will host a

“Fill the Truck” Fundraiser

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**WE CANNOT ACCEPT HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, TOYS OR ANY ITEMS NOT CLOTH.**

All donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt!

Bring items to be donated in plastic bags or boxes. Need bags? No problem, we’ll have bags!

If you have any questions contact Kathy Green at khg712@aol.com.

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Easter Seals’ Community Action Program supports vital services for children and adults with disabilities in Northern Ohio. The proceeds from the bulk sale of the contributions support programs such as speech therapy, home care, medical equipment loans and summer camp opportunities.

Thank you for your support. Go Bulldogs!!!
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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!
Membership contributions and fund raising moneys are used to provide additional equipment, extra support, and new learning experiences for all music programs in the Olmsted Falls School District.

Your contribution is tax deductible, as allowed by law. OFMA is a non-profit, 501c3 organization. Many employers match contributions. See if yours does.

For more information contact Ellen Bertrand at 216.347.2474 or email at ellenbertrand@sbcglobal.net.

Olmsted Falls Music Association (OFMA)

I (we) wish to help provide support for our talented young music students in the Olmsted Falls Schools!

Name(s)*: ____________________________________________
*as you wish it to appear in printed recognition, including school programs

Address: ____________________________________________

E-mail: _____________________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Membership/Donation Level (Please make your check payable to OFMA)

_____ $250+ Leadership Patron  _____ $150 Diamond Patron  _____ $100 Platinum Patron
_____ $50 Gold Patron  _____ $25 Silver Patron  _____ $10 Patron
_____ $5 Student/Friend

_____ YES! I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

Please make check payable and return to:
OFMA
PO Box 38023
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
Attn: Ellen Bertrand
OLMSTED FALLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR SENIOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Please return to your Band/Choir Director by March 21, 2017

There are three scholarships awarded by the Olmsted Falls Music Association each year to graduating seniors from Olmsted Falls High School: the W. F. Kunberger Scholarship to a senior choir student, The George Miller Scholarship to a senior band student and one to a senior choir/band student (Outstanding Music Student). The OFMA Senior Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Awards Assembly at the high school in late spring. A student can only receive a single scholarship and this scholarship is not renewable.

Students eligible for a college scholarship shall be current seniors who have participated in a Olmsted Falls High School sponsored choir and/or band program for a minimum of two years at Olmsted Falls High School and who have been a leader in the music program and Olmsted Falls High School in general. Parent and student involvement as a volunteer with OFMA will be a factor in the selection process.

To allow for confidentiality in the selection process of scholarship applications, please include your contact information on just the cover sheet. Scholarship forms are reviewed blindly by music educators and professionals that are not associated with the Olmsted Falls School District. Each question is given a numerical value and is ranked per the opinion of the reviewer. Try not to leave any answer blank. Answer all to the best of your ability.

** DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON ANY OTHER PAGE OTHER THAN THIS COVER PAGE! **

To allow for confidentiality in the selection process for the OFMA Scholarships, please use this cover sheet for you name and contact information.

Application may be completed by graduating seniors only and seniors must complete the local scholarship form to be eligible.

NAME _________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER __________________ AGE _______

ACADEMIC GRADE IN BAND: ______ CHOIR: _______
1. Please detail what OFHS choir or band programs you participated in. Give examples of how you have been a leader and/or mentor in these ensembles. In addition, add any other (in school) music activities you have participated in.

2. List all music honors and distinctions you have earned – examples: B-W Youth Orchestra or Honors Chorale, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Summer Music Camps and include contest ratings and whether they were large group, solo or ensemble. Please include all music activities, including private lessons and outside of school productions.

3. Please list any (non-music) extra-curricular activities you have been involved with and the extent of your involvement (Include jobs and volunteer positions). Give examples of how you have been a leader in these activities.
4. What are your plans for the future? Include the name of the college to which you have been accepted or to which you have applied as well as your area of future study at the college level.

5. Why should you receive this scholarship award? How has participating in OFHS music programs made a difference in your life?

6. Please indicate if you/and or your parent(s) or guardians have volunteered with the Olmsted Falls Music Program and the Olmsted Falls Music Association. Provide details on when and what volunteer activities they were involved with.
Additional Comments (optional)
Please return to your Band/Choir Director by March 21, 2017

OFMA Scholarship Application Form  
Part 2 (to be completed by student’s Band or Choir Director)

Director Name:____________________________________________________________

Director’s Phone:_______________________

Please rate the applicant on the following criteria on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the highest.

Potential      _____
Cooperation    _____
Musicianship   _____
Motivation     _____
Dedication     _____

Director’s Signature:______________________________________________

Note to Band / Choir Director, please return completed forms to the OFMA Scholarship Committee by Friday, March 24, 2017. Thank you.
Olmsted Falls Music Association
SUMMER 2017
MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Part 1 (to be completed by the Student)
Due to Band / Choir Director by March 21, 2017

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Recipients of the OFMA Music Camp Scholarship will be notified of their acceptance in late spring. Please note that no scholarship awards will be processed until after the conclusion of the camp and when proof of camp attendance has been received by OFMA at the address listed below. Therefore, payment of the award will be given at the beginning of next school year.

When filling out the forms we ask that they be completed as much as possible by the students and not their parents. Please be sure to use additional paper as necessary.

Good luck.
Olmsted Falls Music Association
SUMMER 2017
MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON ANY OTHER PAGE OTHER THAN THIS COVER PAGE!

Name__________________________________________

Phone__________________________________________

Address________________________________________

City __________________________________________

Zip _______________
Olmsted Falls Music Association
SUMMER 2017 MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Part 1 (to be completed by the Student)
Due to Band / Choir Director by March 21, 2017
(Use additional paper if necessary)
Students must show proof of acceptance and attendance to the summer music program prior to payment of any scholarship monies

1. Place a √ by current grade in school (2016-17 school year):
   ___ 4   ___ 5   ___ 6   ___ 7   ___ 8   ___ 9   ___ 10   ___ 11   ___ 12

2. Major instrument or vocal type: _________________________________

3. Secondary instrument (if applicable): ____________________________

4. List Olmsted Falls City School instrumental/music group(s) applicant participates in:

5. List any outside instrumental music group(s) applicant participates in, include private lessons:

6. List music honors or awards applicant has received:

7. Please list extracurricular (non-music) activities:
8. List previous summer music camp(s) attended (location and date):

9. List OFMA related events that you have participated in (such as working at last year’s Hoagie sale, donut sales, etc.) with specific jobs and dates:

10. List OFMA related events that your parents have volunteered at (such as Donut or Hoagie sales, serving as an OFMA officer or co-chair, serving snacks at games, working on uniforms, participated in chaperoning, etc.) with specific jobs and dates:

11. Has applicant received an OFMA scholarship in the past? Yes____ or No_____ (check one)

12. Name of camp applicant plans to attend__________________________________________
   a. Dates of attendance___________________________________________________
   b. Estimated costs: $____________________________________________________

13. Why does the applicant want to attend summer music camp and/or benefits expected from camp:
14. Have you received any other outside summer music camp scholarship(s)?
   From where?
   
15. Please state why you want (need) this scholarship:
   
Additional Comments (if needed):
OFMA Scholarship Application Form
Part 2 (to be completed by student’s Band or Choir Director)

Director’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

Director’s Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Please rate the applicant on the following criteria on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being the highest.

Potential _____
Cooperation _____
Dedication _____
Motivation _____
Musicianship _____

Director’s Signature: __________________________________________________________

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