

PERFORMING ARTS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Supporting the Old Donation School Band

GUIDE TO THE ODS BAND PROGRAM 2019–2020

Welcome to ODS Band! Get ready for an amazing year. This program will help your student grow musically and positively impact their academic career at Old Donation School. Please take some time to review this information.

BECOME A PAPA MEMBER & VOLUNTEER

The ODS Band Performing Arts Parents Association (PAPA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides financial and volunteer support to the award winning ODS Band. Your support helps to cover costs that will enrich **EACH BAND STUDENT'S** experience and is used under the direction of Mr. Reid.

The success of the ODS Band benefits from the support of our community. Becoming a PAPA member is a no-hassle way to raise funds for our incredible ODS Band. We are also seeking business sponsorships and volunteers. Please see the JOIN PAPA form or visit olddonationband.com to see our membership options and join today!

We encourage all families to keep up to date by joining our email list. **Visit olddonationband.com to sign up.**

UNIFORMS

CONCERT UNIFORMS All students are required to wear proper concert attire. The band program provides each student a tuxedo shirt, vest and bowtie. Students will need their own black dress pants, black socks and black dress shoes. Uniforms are to be kept at home until the end of the school year. They will be returned, professionally cleaned, pressed, clear bagged and labeled with the student's name at the end of the school year.

JAZZ BAND UNIFORMS Students will be required to purchase an ODS polo shirt from Mr. Reid to be worn at Jazz Band events. Black pants, socks and dress shoes are also required.

Volunteers are needed to help fit the students for their shirts during school hours as well as manage the check-out/check-in process at the beginning and end of the school year. Contact PAPA if you can help!

REHEARSALS

Afterschool rehearsals are required to prepare for concerts. Activity buses are available on these days. Mr. Reid will make the schedule and details available

on the band website and send text reminders. There are some dates which only a particular group is needed (e.g., "woodwinds" or "percussion".)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parent Facebook Group (NO STUDENTS PLEASE):
"ODS Band Parents and Alumni"

PAPA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Questions? Email: odspapaband@gmail.com

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Parents & students, **sign up for REMIND** to receive important information throughout the year via text message:

8th Grade

To: 81010

Message: @odssym8

7th Grade

To: 81010

Message: @odscon7

6th Grade

To: 81010

Message: @odsbeg6

Jazz Band

To: 81010

Message: @odsjazz

Parents/Volunteers

To: 81010

Message: @odspapa

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BAND CALENDAR OVERVIEW 2019–2020

Dates subject to change. Sign up for emails and visit olddonationband.com to stay up to date.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOST EVENTS. Please let us know how you can help!

** PAPA general membership meetings (4) are held at events throughout the year. Budgets, financial reports, volunteer opportunities, etc. are discussed at general membership meetings. We will vote to approve the budget at the first meeting as provided in the bylaws. Next year's board is elected at the last meeting.

SEPTEMBER

PAPA BAND KICKOFF MEETING** Sept. 23, 6 PM @ODS,

UNIFORMS. Students measured and issued concert uniforms.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

COMMUNITY CONCERT. Oct. 18, 6 PM @ODS Courtyard.

7th & 8th grade band will perform with the Chorus. PAPA will be selling pizzas via pre-order and hosting a food truck for a sweet treat. This concert is open to the community. An email with details will be sent in October.

BRAIDED BREAD SALES. As in past years, we will sell delicious, frozen braided breads in October, with delivery to the school in November. A yummy tradition!

DECEMBER

VBCC CONCERT. Dec. 2. More info to follow.

DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS. Dec. 7. Location TBD. Open to all 7th and 8th grade students. Mr. Reid may select some 6th grade students to audition. Those who are selected for inclusion will attend All-District Band weekend (first weekend in February.)

POINSETTIA SALE. We will sell, via pre-order, poinsettia plants to decorate the stage for our winter concert. At the end of the concert, you may take your pre-ordered poinsettia plant(s) home with you to enjoy. Great gift!

WINTER CONCERT** Dec. 18, 7 PM @ ODS Auditorium. 6th, 7th, 8th and Jazz bands will perform. More info to follow regarding: volunteers; donations (for our post-concert dessert reception); poinsettia order forms; and program "shout-out" (ad) submissions (prices vary; boosters, major donors and businesses receive as part of their membership.)

JANUARY

ALL-CITY AUDITIONS. Date & location TBD. 6th and 7th grade students will be selected by Mr. Reid to audition for the All-City Band. Those who are successful will participate in the All-City Band concert in March.

FEBRUARY

DISTRICT BAND WEEKEND. Jan 30–Feb. 1 @Cox High School. Practices begin on Thurs. evening, continue Fri. and Sat. This event culminates with a Saturday afternoon performance. It is a wonderful experience and many ODS musicians are chosen to participate.

DANCE FUNDRAISER. Date TBD @ODS. Each year the band hosts a school dance open to all middle school students. We will sell tickets to the dance, pizza and concessions.

MARCH

PRE-ASSESSMENT CONCERT. March 4 @ODS Auditorium. In preparation for the final assessment concert, the 7th and 8th grade bands will do a "practice" assessment. There may be an additional prep-concert; info to follow.

VBODA FESTIVAL. March 12–14. Location TBD. An important competition for the 7th & 8th grade bands. This is the "SOL" for band! The band will be graded by professional judges on their performance of several prepared musical selections as well as a sight-reading piece. It's exciting and impressive to see how well they perform!

ALL-CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL. March 26– 28. Location TBD. Similar to District Band but city-wide. Students are selected by Mr. Reid to audition. Those successful participate in either the 6th or 7th grade All-City Bands. Rehearsals begin Fri. evening and continue Sat., with the performances Sat. afternoon.

APRIL

DINNER & CONCERT FUNDRAISER. Date TBD, @ODS Cafeteria. Enjoy a student concert while enjoying dinner (tickets will be sold prior.) Dinner is catered, desserts donated.

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL. April 22. Location TBD. Required event for all 7th and 8th grade students and suggested for some 6th graders. Students perform before a professional judge and have the opportunity to earn a VBODA medal. Mr. Reid will provide more info. Awards are presented in June.

INTERNATIONAL TATTOO FIELD TRIP. April 30, Norfolk. An amazing field trip! Chaperones needed. More info to follow.

MAY/JUNE

JAZZ BAND ASSESSMENT. Date TBD.

SPRING CONCERT ** May 19, 7 PM @ODS Auditorium. 6th, 7th, 8th and Jazz bands will perform. More info to follow regarding end of the year program "shout-out" (ad) submissions (prices vary; boosters, major donors and businesses receive as part of their membership.)

SPRING TRIP. Date and location TBD. 8th grade students will perform. All band students are encouraged to attend. MANY chaperones are needed.

JAZZ & STEEL DRUMS CONCERT. June 3, 7 PM @ODS.

AWARDS BANQUET ** Date TBD @ODS Cafeteria. A fun way for band students to end the year. Awards and trophies are given out for various categories. Families are asked to donate refreshments. The new PAPA board is elected for the following year.

UNIFORMS RETURNED.