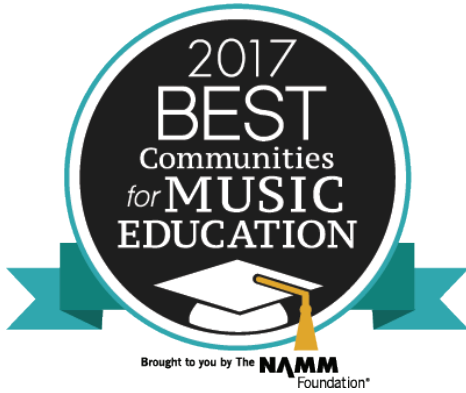




Olmsted Falls MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Musical Notes

April 2017



Olmsted Falls City School District music program receives National Recognition for the 11th time!

Olmsted Falls City School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. OFCS District is one of 4% of districts across the nation receiving the prestigious award in 2017.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, OFCS District answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by The National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. Its mission is to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs.

OFMS's Golden Harmonies held the American flag and led the audience in the National Anthem at the April 2nd Cavs game!





Fundraising Events



Dine in or carry out breakfast, lunch or dinner at Bob Evans (near Great Northern Mall on Lorain Rd.)

Monday, April 10th
Anytime between 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales to OFMA.

Printout flyer that's in this newsletter.

YOU MUST GIVE FLYER AT CHECKOUT IN ORDER FOR OFMA TO RECEIVE 15% OF SALES RECEIPT.



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



Olmsted Falls Music Association's mission:

To support, encourage, advance, and cultivate, through volunteerism and fundraising, the musical education of all students in the Olmsted Falls City Schools.

Support and be involved in OFMA!
Upcoming OFMA's meeting dates:

May (date to be announced)
Meetings are held at OFHS choir room at 7 p.m.

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

Rally for Music

Olmsted Falls High School Instrument Repair and Replacement Fund

The band department at Olmsted Falls High School has a strong tradition of excellence in music. The students in this program are extremely passionate and driven. They participate in many adjudicated events, band shows, and extra-curricular music ensembles. Performances in the community are often standing room only, and it's hard not to leave with a smile on your face.

The high school band program currently have approximately **350 students** and is estimated to continue to grow in years to come. The large number of students has brought some challenges when it comes to playable instruments. Despite a very active music association and supportive administration that provides financial assistance, it is hard to keep up with the financial needs.

As shown in the picture (to the left) **some instruments are falling apart** and are being held together with duct tape. Many of the instruments are over 30 years old. Some students have had to switch to a different instrument, because of the lack of working instruments.

Join in the "Rally for Music" campaign and donate to the Instrument Repair and Replacement fund. [Click here](https://www.gofundme.com/rally-for-music) or copy and paste this url in the browser to donate:
<https://www.gofundme.com/rally-for-music>

Support Music in our Schools!!!
Donate today.

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Contest Events



OMEA District IV Middle School Solo & Ensemble Contest Saturday, April 8th Tri-C West Campus (Parma)

Best wishes to the 7th & 8th grade choir participants.

You did it!
Congratulations

Congratulations to the OFMS band students who participated in the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble contest in March.

Received Superior (I) rating:

- Kaitlyn Budd (Flute Solo)
- Ellie Goetz (Flute Solo)
- Heidi Daeufel (Flute Solo)
- Cathy Doherty (Fute Solo)
- Elise Grant, Samantha Gaba, Sarah Schuff (Woodwind Trio)
- Theodore Humphrey (Bassoon Solo)
- Ryan Burkhart (Alto Saxophone Solo)
- Brian Drobnak, Avi Rathod, Emma Barnard, Jimmy Lippus, Garret Opheim (Brass Quintet)
- Rebecca Johnson, Claire Oliver, Amanda Wu (Clarinet Trio)
- Emma Barnar (French Horn Solo)
- Kevin Hebovia and Paul Kulaga (Alto Sax Duet)
- Matthew Gluvna, Daniel Corrigan, Kyler Kuntz, Alyssa Mandak (Low Brass Quartet)
- Trevor Knierim, Dan Holm, Grace Wright, Michael DiFilippo (Percussion Quartet)
- Simon Skoutas, Evan Bolton, Colin Clark (Percussion Trio)
- Delaney Condosta, Caleb Sherman (Trumpet Duet)
- Alison Kraniske, Noah Young, Morgan Short, Zoe Sadowski (Clarinet Quartet)
- Giana Formica, Ben Zak, Hannah Prante, Matthew Tomko (Saxophone Quartet)
- Brian Drobnak (Trumpet Solo)
- Greg Smith, Dillon McKiegue, Kyle Kruichuck (Trumpet Trio)



Received Excellent (II) rating:

- Katie Gareau (Flute Solo)
- Jocelyn Palyo, Nicholas Rowan, Lauren Lodato (Woodwind Trio)
- Giana Formica (Alto Saxophone Solo)
- Sanat Subhash (Trumpet Solo)
- Mallorie Norton, Molly Cohan, Thomas Telegdy (Clarinet Trio) Stephanie Figueroa, Lauren Burch, Selena Tapia (Clarinet Trio)
- John Joseph, Ben Cutarelli, Holly Robinson, Juan Mendoza (Saxophone Quartet)



4 OFHS bands and 2 OFHS choirs participated in Large Group Contest in March.

OFHS's Chorale, Treble choir, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band gave outstanding performances at district contest in March.

Chorale received **SUPERIOR** rating and will participate at state contest in April.

Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds and Treble choir all received **EXCELLENT** ratings.

Best wishes to Chorale at State Contest on April 22nd!



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Broadway at Olmsted Falls



The Olmsted Falls Intermediate School
4th Grade Choir

Proudly 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.

The Olmsted Falls High School Masquers
Proudly Present



Three show times:
Friday, April 28th @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29th @ 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors & students.
Tickets will be available at the door and in advance by calling
(440) 427-6183.

In The Spotlight



Kailey Hochevar is a fourth grader at OFIS who is blossoming in music and theater. Her music and theater journey began in 2014 when she began classes at the Beck Center and later transferred to the Olmsted Performing Arts Center where she is currently taking voice lessons.

Kailey loves performing on stage. In the past few years she has been in many productions at OPA such as *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, and *Willy Wonka Jr.* On April 21st – 23rd, Kailey will be in OPA's production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* as Windward. This performance will be at the Elyria High School Performing Arts Center.

On April 11th, Kailey's musical talents will be on display on stage at OFMS's cafetorium at OFIS 4th grade choir music event *Songs of Broadway*. Kailey will perform a solo in the song *Popular* (from the Broadway show *Wicked*).



Kailey as "Chip" in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*



Dominic DiFilippo, a 4th grade OFIS student, has been studying piano since age 6 and enjoys playing in recitals. He also studies saxophone with Ethan Miller at Baldwin-Wallace Community Music School.

Dominic enjoys singing in the OFIS 4th grade choir and the Children's Choir at St. Clarence Church. In the upcoming April 11th music event by OFIS 4th grade choir, *Songs of Broadway*, Dominic will introduce the song *Singing in the Rain*.

When Dominic is not playing the piano or taking saxophone lessons, he is composing music for piano and solo instruments. He has received local PTA Reflections awards for his compositions. In May, Dominic will receive the Honorable Mention award at the State PTA Reflections Competition for his music composition titled *Nature's Story*. Congratulations Dominic!



Calling on students to be "In The Spotlight"

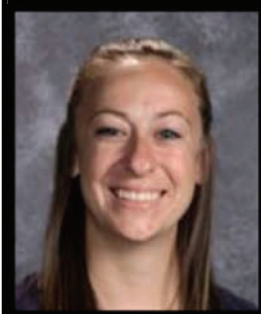
Music students of Olmsted Falls (k-12): submit a brief profile of what you are currently involved musically at your school and in the community to Kathy Green at kgreen9339@aol.com to be featured in upcoming issues of *Musical Notes*.



Meet the 2017-18 Golden Bullettes



Listed in alphabetically order by last name: Isabelle Cameron, Kai Falcone, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Audrey Guildoo, Taylor Jones, Lauren Kane, Georgia Kelley, Autumn Knierim, Rachel Korba, Cameron Nelson, Lexi Pishkula, Arianna Ponticelli, Bailey Sharp, Gaby Solis, Sara Tonissen, Cassie Urry, Gabi Wasikowski and Kayla Zapotosky



Laryssa Byndas, an Olmsted Falls High School math teacher, will be the new coach of the Golden Bullettes Drill Team this upcoming season. She was a member of her high school dance/flag line at Brooklyn and was a member of the auxiliary at the University of Mount Union, where she was captain and choreographer. Byndas also has a variety of other dance experience, including tap, jazz, ballet, and latin, as well as a diverse musical background. She is very excited to be given this opportunity and cannot wait for the upcoming season!

Lisa Topolski has been an OF bulldog all of her life and was a Golden Bullette while a student at OFHS. After graduating from OFHS, she went to Bowling Green State University and was a Pomerette at BGSU. Topolski even auditioned to be a Cavs dancer! Coming back home to OFHS to teach and being able to coach the Golden Bullettes team have been an amazing joy and a labor of love for her. Coach T, as she is often called, have been at the helm for 20 years and have loved every minute of it! *"This has been such a major part of my life, I know it will leave a huge void and I will miss it. I will also miss working along side our awesome band director and staff. With both of my girls, also former Bullettes, away at college, I will be able to visit them and spend more time with my husband who has been very supportive over the years! I will definitely still be attending the games and beaming with pride watching the team/program I helped to build!"* - Lisa Topolski



Lisa Topolski and daughter Faith (class of 2017)



Concerts in May



*May 2nd @ 7 p.m.
OFIS 5th grade band*

*May 3rd & 4th @ 7:30 p.m.
OFHS Choir Spring Pops Concert*

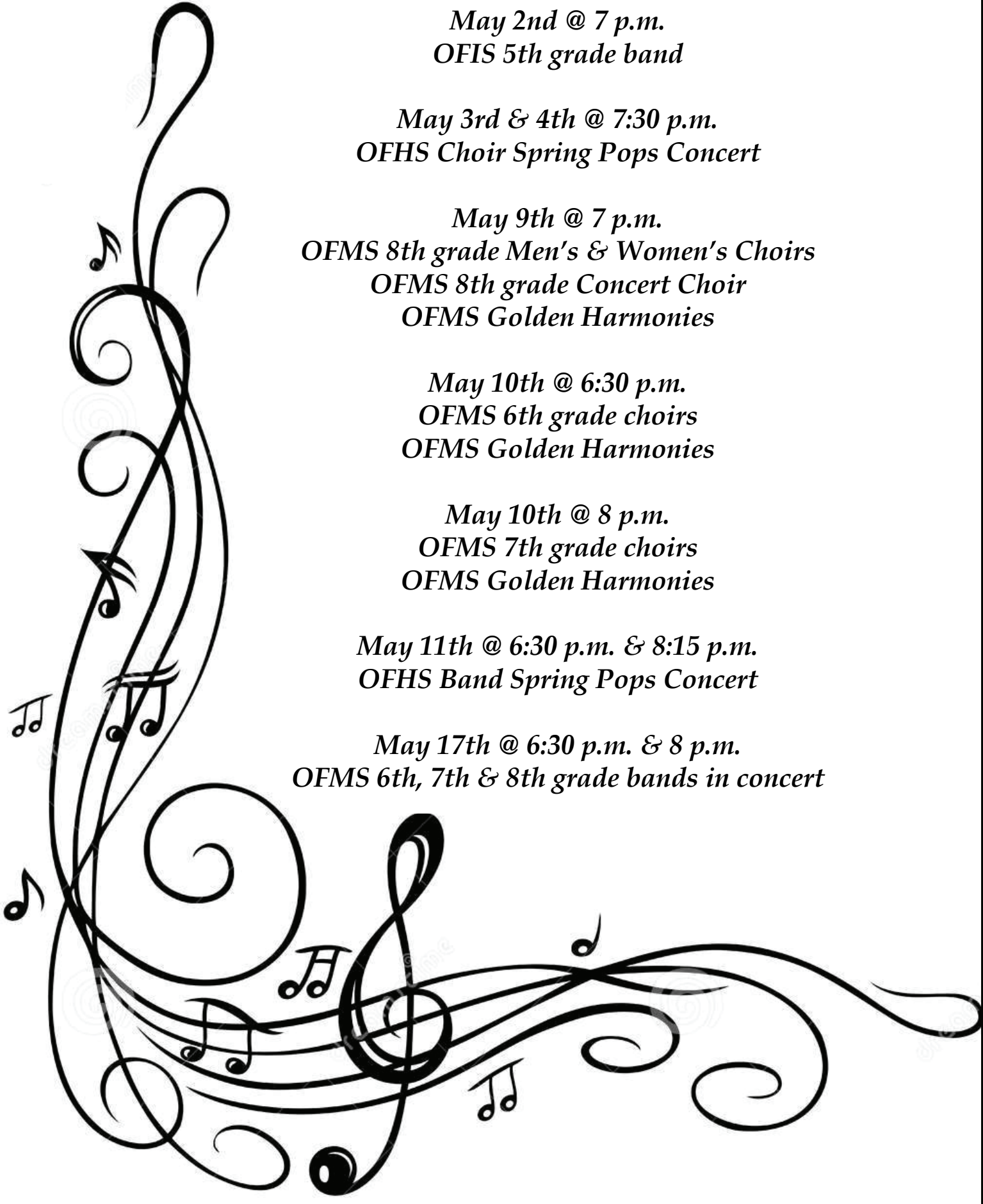
*May 9th @ 7 p.m.
OFMS 8th grade Men's & Women's Choirs
OFMS 8th grade Concert Choir
OFMS Golden Harmonies*

*May 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
OFMS 6th grade choirs
OFMS Golden Harmonies*

*May 10th @ 8 p.m.
OFMS 7th grade choirs
OFMS Golden Harmonies*

*May 11th @ 6:30 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.
OFHS Band Spring Pops Concert*

*May 17th @ 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.
OFMS 6th, 7th & 8th grade bands in concert*



Graduating “Music” Seniors



*The June edition of **Musical Notes**, will have a section honoring the 2017 graduating music students.*

*Please submit the following information to Kathy Green via email at **bgreen9339@aol.com** by **May 5th**.*

- *Your name*
- *A photo of you (preferably a headshot photo)*
- *List of musical ensemble(s) you are involved in during your senior year.*
- *College or career plans*
- *Your most musical memorable moment(s) during your time in Olmsted Falls City School District.*
(Please be concise and no more than 3 sentences.)



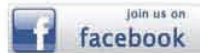
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YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!

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)

-----**Detach and Return**-----

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:

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Attn: Ellen Bertrand**