

Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters Meeting Notes from September 15, 2020

(These are not official meeting minutes.)

Plainfield South High School Band

Mr. Guzman is a Student Teacher from Illinois State University, helping through mid-October. He is a Joliet native who is happy to be here. ***Welcome Mr. Guzman!***

Mr. James Stephenson has been commissioned to write a work commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of Plainfield South High School, to be played next school year (2021-2022). Mr. Stephenson has been commissioned by many other organizations including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Marine Band in Washington DC.

The band is using Google Classroom, SmartMusic, and Flipgrid. There are music theory assignments on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marching technique is being taught on Wednesdays.

If your student doesn't have an instrument, a SmartMusic account, or a Charms account, please contact Mr. Cook or Ms. Wojdula ASAP.

Another Coronavirus Cancellation:

We are sad to announce that the Disney trip scheduled for 2021 has been cancelled. Refunds are being processed.

Congratulations to:

- Mat Gray for receiving the first place band scholarship
- Lindsey Weymouth for receiving the second place band scholarship

Aux Sable Middle School Bands

Students are assigned 1 playing assignment per week, which is assessed via SmartMusic or Flipgrid. A music theory exit slip is completed at the end of each class.

Videos and tutorials are available on the Google Classroom pages. Be sure to check out all of the resources Mrs. Bedore has made available to you.

Office Hours:

Beginners of any grade should attend office hours for their instrument. Hours are posted at the beginning of each week, and you use the same zoom link that you use for your regular band class.

The later part of office hours is open for students who need help or a refresher, regardless of their grade or instrument.

Jazz Band:

An interest survey was sent out to 7th and 8th grade band students asking what days/times work best to meet. No auditions for the rhythm section will be held until in-person learning resumes.

Drauden Point Middle School Bands:

Students are learning to use SmartMusic. We recognize learning over Zoom is not ideal, but we will all come together eventually. Do not get discouraged!

Volunteers:

We are still looking for volunteers to act as the Chairs of the Hospitality Committee and the Booster Shop Committee. If you are willing to help, please let us know. We would be happy to have your assistance!

Financials:

Please pay any outstanding band fees on Charms. You can also pay for your Booster Membership on Charms. Our 2020-2021 school year budget of \$23,495.00 was approved at our September meeting. ***Every penny is important and benefits our students!***

Refunds for high school band gloves and payments made for the Disney trip are in the process of being refunded.

PPE specific to band (masks and instrument bell covers) is being ordered, and will cost nothing extra to our students. Middle School band fees, and High School marching materials fees will be used to cover these costs. PPE will be distributed upon our return to in-person learning.

Our Next Meeting:

The next general membership meeting of the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:30pm, presumably on Zoom. Please watch your email closer to this date for a link to the meeting. We hope to see many new faces there!

Did you know... ?

Our organization has an Amazon Smile account. When you shop at Amazon.com, the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters will receive a portion of the price of your purchase. ***This costs nothing extra to you!*** You will need to start at ***Amazon.com/smile*** and search for "Plainfield South High School Band Boosters".

Contact us...

If you have a question, an idea to share, or wish to volunteer, please feel free to contact any of our Executive Board Members. E-mail is the best way to reach us:

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You can also follow us on Twitter: ***@PSHSBands***

Mrs. Bedore's Aux Sable Band Blog can be found [here: https://asband.wordpress.com/](https://asband.wordpress.com/)