

Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters Meeting Notes from October 13, 2020

(These are not official meeting minutes.)

Plainfield South High School Band

Masks and bell covers have been ordered for band students. They are black with PSHS artwork on them. There are 2 types of masks: 1 is the standard mask, and the other is a mask with a slit in it (to accommodate a mouthpiece) for wind instrument players to use. Black was ordered to match concert band attire, in case we are allowed to have a concert season this year.

Students will have SmartMusic assignments every day. There is a video for the marching band visual curriculum on Wednesdays. Music theory is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fridays are guided listening days, to expose students to genres of music they might not normally listen to. Short band music and Music Racer assignments are given weekly.

Jazz Band:

Jazz Band will be starting virtually. Information will be sent out by the end of the week.

Aux Sable Middle School Bands

Masks and bell covers have been ordered for all band students. They will be black, with no logo or artwork on them. Students are working on short SmartMusic assignments, as well as a short exit slip each day. Jazz Band starts virtually on October 26th.

Recital Night:

A recital interest survey was posted to Google Classroom. The recital night will be combined with Drauden Point Middle School Bands, as usual, and will be held virtually this year on January 14, 2021. Students can invite members of the household to perform in small ensembles with the student, if they wish. More details will follow, once we know how many students are interested.

Drauden Point Middle School Bands:

Students have been working hard to study over remote learning. Some students have turned in audition videos for ILMEA. Jazz Band will start virtually on Tuesday, October 28th from 3-4pm. A code for Jazz Band was sent out already, and students who are interested in joining will need to join the Jazz Band Google Classroom by 10/28.

Recital Night:

The recital night will be combined with Aux Sable Middle School Bands, as usual, and will be held virtually this year on January 14, 2021. Students can invite members of the household to perform in small ensembles with the student, if they wish. More details will follow, once we know how many students are interested.

Follow your band:

PSHS Band has 2 facebook pages. Search for (the official page) **Plainfield South Band** and (the unofficial page) **Friends of PSHS Band**.

There is also a PSHS Band Alumni facebook page. Search for **PSHS Band Alumni**.

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

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

The PSHS Band website is <https://plainfieldsouthband.com/>

Open Volunteer Positions:

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

Financials:

If you indicated you wanted to join the boosters, or wanted to take advantage of the fundraiser buyout, or if you wanted to purchase miscellaneous items such as ear plugs or extra t-shirts, those fees have been assessed to your student's account in Charms. **Please pay any outstanding band fees on Charms.** Refunds for high school band gloves, shoes and payments made for the Disney trip have all been processed.

Currently we have collected approximately \$5,200 in fees/memberships/etc. and spent about \$5,500. There is approximately \$2,600 in outstanding charges still owed to our bands. Again, please pay any outstanding band fees on Charms.

We are looking for fundraising ideas!

If you have ideas for activities that can be done virtually or remotely to help us raise funds, please share them! Our contact information is below.

Booster Shop Items are Coming:

New items will be coming soon for the PSHS, Aux Sable, and Drauden Point Bands. We will send out more information when the virtual shop is ready. Information will also be shared on the band's facebook pages.

Our Next Meeting:

The next general membership meeting of the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 7:30pm, on Zoom. Please watch your email closer to this date for a link to the meeting. Meetings are pretty short these days (the last 2 have been under 30 minutes), since there hasn't been much activity outside of school hours. Joining in on Zoom is a great way to put a face to the names you may have seen in an email, and to get your questions answered. We hope you will join us! When logging in, please include your full name, so we can "meet" you.

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**". This account benefits Aux Sable, Drauden Point, and Plainfield South band students.

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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