

Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters Meeting Notes from November 10, 2020

(These are not official meeting minutes.)

Plainfield South High School Band

On Thursday, November 12th, at 5:30pm, there will be a virtual music major panel discussion with 6 alumni from 2014-2019, and with a parent representative of an alumni, to talk about pursuing music as a career. PSHS Band Alumni are pursuing degrees ranging from music education, music composition, music therapy, music performance and music business. The Zoom link was emailed last week and will come again.

There is no homework this week! All NHIs are due by 11/16/2020.

Tuesday and Thursday band classes are spent learning music theory. Fridays are guided listening days.

Jazz Band:

Jazz Band will be starting soon. Information has been posted to the Google Classroom.

Aux Sable Middle School Bands

Jazz Band has started. It is open to 7th and 8th graders, and is held on Mondays from 3-4pm.

Virtual Concert: December 9, 2020 – Each grade level will perform a song.

Recital Night:

So many students were interested in the virtual recital night that this will most likely take place over 2 nights in January! Students will record their piece, and all work will be compiled into an unlisted YouTube playlist. More details will be shared soon.

Drauden Point Middle School Bands

Jazz Band has started, and meets on Tuesdays from 3-4pm.

6th graders will learn how to record a video of themselves performing, which will be revealed on Zoom.

7th and 8th grade students are learning a piece, which will be recorded and turned into a virtual collage performance.

Congratulations to the students selected to participate in ILMEA!

Many of our band students auditioned to earn a place in one of the ILMEA Bands. The following students were selected to participate:

- **Kamryn Cook**, ASMS 7th grade, percussion player

- **Katelyn Cook**, ASMS 7th grade, french horn player
- **Jacob Schmidt**, ASMS 8th grade, tuba player
- **Shane Young**, ASMS 8th grade, baritone player
- **Allison Sefcovic**, DPMS 8th grade, french horn player
- **Emily Roerig**, PSHS Senior, flute player

We are so proud to have you represent our bands!

Franco's Dinner Night – Our first fundraiser of the year

Take a night off from cooking and order dinner from Franco's this **Tuesday, November 17th**. Franco's will donate a portion of the sales to the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters for every order that mentions Plainfield South Band! They are open from **4-9pm**. A [menu](#) is on [their website](#) at pizzabyfranco.com. You can place your to-go order by calling **(815) 230-3241** or **(815) 230-3244**.

Would you like to join the Band Boosters?

We are always looking for new members! A family booster membership starts at \$15/year, and you can join at different levels. [This link](#) will take you to the Google form to start your membership. Families of high school students can pay for their membership through Charms. Families of middle school students can send a check to Mrs. Bedore or Mrs. McCammon's attention at their school. If you have both high school and middle school band students in the same family, please pay through Charms. We hope you consider joining!

Open Volunteer Positions

We are still looking for a volunteer or 2 to head , or Co-Chair, the Hospitality Committee. Since we are not currently able to host in-person events, this would be an easy way to start getting involved. If you are willing to help, please let us know; our contact information is below. We would be happy to have your assistance!

Booster Shop Items are Coming Soon

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.

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***. Music memes and videos are encouraged!

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/>

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.***

Currently we have collected approximately \$5,800 this year and spent about \$9,200. Our first fundraiser of the year is Franco's Night on Tuesday, November 17th. Please support your band!

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.

Holiday Shopping?

Watch for new booster shop items coming soon!

Also, 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](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and search for "Plainfield South High School Band Boosters". This account benefits Aux Sable, Drauden Point, and Plainfield South band students.

Our Next Meeting

The next general membership meeting of the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters will be held on Tuesday, January 12, at 7:30pm, on Zoom. ***There is no December meeting.*** Please watch your email closer to this date for a link to the meeting. We hope you will join us on Zoom. When logging in, please include your full name, so we can "meet" you.

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:

President, Sherry Burns: sburns777@sbcglobal.net

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