

## Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters Meeting Notes from March 9, 2021

*(These are not official meeting minutes.)*

### Plainfield South High School Band

- Information regarding the Leadership Team for the 2021-22 school year has been posted in the Google Classroom. The audition process starts this week.
- Students are using Smart Music to complete their formative assignments on Wednesdays, and their summative assignments on Fridays. These are short, 15-second/8-10 measure pieces to be played and recorded for grades. Late work can be turned in for each unit until the first week of the next unit. Units are 4 weeks long. Late work gets lowered by 1 grade category. Worked turned in on time is rounded up by 1 grade category.
- There are 3 Jazz Band Quartets instead of one big jazz band this year. Students are working on a late April performance. More details will be shared closer to the time of the event.

**THANK YOU** to **Melissa Abbott** for making bell covers for all of the french horns, and to **Jill Johnson** for your persistence with fundraising during this difficult year. Your support of our bands is much appreciated!

**Parents & Students** – please watch your email for a survey coming soon. Included will be questions regarding Monticello, the 2022 Disney trip, and the schedule for marching band camp days held at PSHS. Your input is needed! Surveys will be sent to parents and students separately, so that both viewpoints are captured.

The **Marching Band Invitational** is scheduled for **September 18, 2021**. The Publicity Coordinator and the Awards Coordinator positions are still open. We are also looking for another person with medical training to Co-Chair the Medical Coordinator position. Please contact Brian Mohr at PSHSBandInvitational@gmail.com if you are able to help.

### Aux Sable & Drauden Point Middle School Bands

Mrs. Bedore and Mrs. McCammon are thrilled to have students back in the classroom!

At Aux Sable, students are working toward their May concert, which will also include a concert by the Jazz Band. Jazz Band students are learning to swing and solo.

At Drauden Point, the virtual Solo Recital was a success. 13 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students performed. A Jazz Band virtual concert is coming over Zoom in the next few weeks.

### Financials

- No money has been spent this past month.
- We received \$63 from our Amazon Smile account for the November 2020 through January 2021 time period. Thank you to all who shopped to help support the boosters!

- Our booster organization is proud to donate to the renovation & dedication of Edward F. Jones Band Library at Plainfield Central High School. If you are interested in learning more, or in supporting this cause, please click [this link](#).

## **Fundraising**

- ***Save the date for our Five Below Fundraiser! March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>***, the Five Below location on Plainfield Road in Joliet will donate 10% of your purchase total to the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters. Please see our facebook pages for a copy of the flier needed to participate. The flier will also be emailed through Charms.
- Another restaurant night is being planned. Stay tuned for more information!
- Please remember to use our Amazon Smile account. 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, and costs nothing extra to you. ***THANK YOU to everyone who shopped*** throughout the holiday season using the Amazon Smile account. We earned \$63 this quarter!

## **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.

## **Would you like to serve on the Band Boosters Executive Board?**

A Nomination Committee has been established. Thank you to Sarah Scott, Jennifer Clarke and Adrea Tuck, who have volunteered to serve on this committee. Please contact any of these 3, or any of the board officers, if you wish to run for a position on the board. Our contact information is below, and the election will be held at our meeting in May.

## **Our Next Meeting**

Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of the month, September through November, and January through May. ***The next general membership meeting of the Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters will be held on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, on Zoom.*** 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. ***Executive Board nominations will be presented at this meeting.***

## **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*.

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/>

## **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](mailto:sburns777@sbcglobal.net)
- Vice-President, Marsha Orwig: [morwig@QandF.com](mailto:morwig@QandF.com)
- Treasurer, Rob Grooms: [robgrooms1@gmail.com](mailto:robgrooms1@gmail.com)
- Secretary, Joann Badali: [jsbadali@hotmail.com](mailto:jsbadali@hotmail.com)

If you wish to run for a position on the Executive Board, you may also contact the following members of the Nomination Committee:

- Sarah Scott: [sarahascott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sarahascott@sbcglobal.net)
- Jennifer Clarke: [jen4clarke@att.net](mailto:jen4clarke@att.net)
- Adrea Tuck: [adreat1@gmail.com](mailto:adreat1@gmail.com)

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