

Plainfield Blue House Band Boosters Meeting Notes from February 8, 2022

(These are not official meeting minutes.)

Plainfield South High School Band

- The SPC Honor Band Festival will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15th at Minooka Central High School. This is for selected students – see the list below. Kudos to all who were selected!
- Students have Smart Music assignments each Monday, which are due on Thursdays. These are listed as “practice” in the grade book, and can be repeated until the desired grade is reached. Assessments are assigned at the end of each unit, and can only be taken once.
- The Charms calendar has been updated with information for the second semester.
- **The next concert is Wednesday, March 2nd starting at 6:30pm in the auditorium. *Note the change of date!***
- The Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Plainfield Invitational Concert Band Festival (PICBF) on Saturday, March 12th. A detailed agenda will be coming soon; concert band will perform early in the day, and Wind Ensemble will perform later in the afternoon.
- Spring Fest will be held at PSHS on Saturday, April 30th from 12-3pm. See the fundraising section below for more information.

Aux Sable Middle School Band

- The solo and ensemble recital video recordings are due at the end of next week.
- The next concerts will be held in May.
- 8th grade band students should be on the lookout for a visit from Mr. Cook and Mr. Ferguson. Our high school band directors are going to be stopping by to meet with students and talk about the high school bands.

Drauden Point Middle School Band

- **The Jazz Band Concert will be held on Tuesday, March 8th starting at 5pm in the cafeteria.**
- **Ensemble performances will be held on Tuesday, March 15th starting at 5pm in the cafeteria.**
- 8th grade band students should be on the lookout for a visit from Mr. Cook and Mr. Ferguson. Our high school band directors are going to be stopping by to meet with students and talk about the high school bands.

Appreciation

- Mr. Cook thanked Mindy Soldat and Kacey Cook for checking in the marching uniforms when they came back from the cleaners.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to the following 19 high school students who were selected for the **SPC Honor Band**:
Freshman/Sophomore Band: **Lexi Camera, Robin Ciechna, Abbey Clarke, Jose Lopez, River Merlin, Ricky Meyer, Alison Sefcovic, Mia Solita, and Brandon Youngren**
Junior/Senior Band: **Brennan Burns, Ian Dziewa, Georgie Fortuna, Sam Fortuna, Braden Kidd, Cate Knepper, Hailey Kovarik, Graham Miller, Rylee Soldat, and Noah Zabelka**
- Kudos to **Sam Fortuna** who won the **Concerto Competition** and will be performing a french horn concerto at the March 2nd concert.

Financials

- We currently have 15 band families who still owe band fees. Invoices will be emailed to families who still owe fees. You can make a payment using the link in the email.

Fundraising

- High school students will be selling Worlds' Finest Chocolate Bars for \$1 each. Candy bars will be distributed soon.
- High school band portraits will be sold at the March 2nd concert. Please bring cash if you are interested in purchasing pictures of your band student. Prints will be available to take home that night.
- TCBY will again be sold after the March 2nd concert. We will order more of the cookies & cream flavor!
- We are accepting donations of items to be sold at Spring Fest, which will be held on Saturday, April 30th from 12-3 at PSHS. Items that are band/music or PSHS-themed are preferred. All profits will go to the boosters. This is a vendor fair benefiting clubs and organizations at Plainfield South.

Volunteers

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! Volunteers will be needed for the following events:

- Saturday, March 12th help is needed to load the trailer and handle percussion equipment at PICBF. Signup in Charms.

- The pasta dinner is coming back! This event is held on the Friday night that the spring musical opens. Please contact Jenn Presbitero or Sherry Burns if you are able to help with this event. (Contact information is below.)
- Saturday, September 24th a whole lot of help will be needed at our marching band invitational. It is not too early to volunteer as a committee chairperson. Please contact Jenn Presbitero or Brian Mohr if you can help. We are especially looking for someone to chair Concessions.

Spirit Wear

Another booster shop is coming this spring. Please contact Jenn Presbitero if you have suggestions for items and/or designs you would like to see sold in our shops.

PSHS Marching Band Invitational

The 2022 Marching Band Invitational date has been set for September 24th. There are already 3 schools signed up! We will need many volunteers to make this event a success. Please contact Brian Mohr or Jenn Presbitero if you are able to help chair a committee. Contact information is listed below.

By-laws Update

The by-laws have been updated, and a copy of the proposed changes have been posted to the band's website. By-laws changes were voted on and passed at this meeting. Once they are signed, the updated by-laws will be posted to the band's website.

Nominating Committee

Jill Johnson, Jenn Presbitero and Jamie Bowman volunteered to comprise our Nominating Committee to find and nominate booster members for the Booster Officer positions for the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you "triple Js!" If you are interested in running for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary position, please contact Jill, Jenn or Jamie. This committee will also be looking for volunteers to chair any of our open committee positions; please contact them if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Committee Chairperson. We appreciate everyone who steps up to help!

Parent Party

The parent holiday party was not held this winter. We are looking to reschedule this event closer to the end of the school year. Stay tuned for details to come.

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on **March 8, 2022, at 7:30pm.**

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, pictures, and videos are encouraged!

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

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

The 2021-2022 Band Boosters Executive Board Contact Info

You may contact us with any questions, concerns or ideas. Please remember, we are parents just like you, and are volunteering our time to help make the band programs a success. Clicking on our names should open up a blank email message. We will reply as soon as we are able.

[Roland Kuehtreiber](#) – President

[Marsha Orwig](#) – Vice President

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[Sherry Burns](#) – Treasurer

[Jill Johnson](#) – Fundraising

[Nicole Knepper](#) – Uniforms

[Mindy Soldat](#) – Uniforms & Volunteers

[Sherry Jepsen](#) – Hospitality

[Sandra Kuehtreiber](#) – Membership

[Jennie Clarke](#) – Communications

[Lori Mulcahy](#) and [Armida Infante](#) – Alumni

[Jenn Presbitero](#) – Booster Shop

[Brian Mohr](#) – Pit/Trailer & Competition

[Jeff Przlucki](#) – Competition

[Jamie Bowman](#) – Aux Sable Financial Liaison

[Adrea Tuck](#) – Drauden Point Financial Liaison