



OTSEGO BAND BOOSTERS

PO Box 141

• Otsego, MI 49078

GREETINGS

Welcome to another marching band season! Planning, organizing and prepping for the 2016-17 marching season is now in full swing. We hope that you and your band student are as excited as we are to begin this new season.

As a parent of a band student in grades 6th – 12th, you are an Otsego Band Booster and play an important part in the Otsego Band program. Your support is very important – from getting your child to and from their practices and their performances, attending your band student's performances, and assisting the high school band with equipment and uniforms during football games, parades, and band competitions. We couldn't do this without your support.

At the high school level, it takes a lot of hands to pull off a successful marching band season from the marching staff that design the programs and prepare the band students for performances, the uniform moms who make sure that your child looks great when they hit the field marching, the band dads who load and unload the trailers for competitions and parades, the band parents that provide food for festivals, etc., the band parents that help with fundraising events, and the band parents that help publicize all band events. This year we are looking at 120+ students for the new season. We would love to have you join us.

At the middle school level, there are many opportunities for you to become involved from assisting with fundraising events (i.e., Allegan Fair Concessions booth, Otsego Band Invitational (OBI) activities), helping with uniforms for the eight grade band students, attending Band Boosters meetings to stay informed of what is happening in your child's band program, and attending your child's band performances. We would really love to have you join us.

Please take time to look over the enclosed list of band volunteer opportunities to see where you could possibly help out throughout the 2016-17 year.

Sincerely yours,

Andy Black, President
John Pula, Vice President
Amy Vlietstra, Treasurer
Lisa Fall, Secretary



PARKING

As a reminder to all parents and staff, please park in the spaces provided between the middle school and the high school buildings. **DO NOT PARK behind the band room**, as it makes it very difficult to maneuver the band trailers within that area in order to load the equipment and uniforms. **DO NOT PARK along the curb** when picking up your student following band competitions and parades. This area needs to remain clear for incoming buses and to provide a safe environment for student traffic during pick-up times. We will appreciate your help in keeping these areas clear for the instrument and uniform trailers and to help keep your band students safe.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Photographer: Will be photographing band students at uniform fittings, senior band students, and throughout band camp and the performances.



Fair Booth Coordinator: We need someone to take over the Allegan Fair Booth for next year, this person would train with Andy Black this year.



Band Booster Board: We need 2 more people to fill the president and vice-president positions for next year. These people would train with Andy Black and John Pula this year.

If you would like more information, please e-mail [Andy Black](mailto:obbpresident@gmail.com) at obbpresident@gmail.com.

There are many opportunities to volunteer. If you are interested in any of these areas, please speak to one of the Booster officers and we will gladly answer any questions that you might have and will happily introduce you to the volunteers currently working in these areas. We would love to have you join us and we look forward to working with you.

Loading Trailers

Uniform Fittings

Allegan Fair Booth

OBI

**Providing food,
treats, and water**

**Handing out
uniforms**

Pit Crew

Parades

MARCHING BAND CAMP

🎵 **Marching Band Uniform Fittings**

Please have students bring their completed, theme t-shirt orders form, uniform accessories orders form, and payment to their scheduled uniform fittings. Checks are to be made out to Otsego Band Boosters.

If your child has a different last name than the name on your check, please put their name in the memo, it helps us tremendously in keeping track of payments.

SENIORS – Monday, August 1st from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

JUNIORS – Tuesday, August 2nd from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SOPHOMORES – Wednesday, August 3rd from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

FRESHMEN – Thursday, August 4th from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

🎵 **DO NOT SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES DURING YOUR BREAK ON THE DAY OF YOUR FITTING.** Fittings can take a while, especially for sophomores and freshmen. We fit the students on a first come first serve basis. We want to make sure that your uniform fits you well so please be patient and plan to stay for your fitting day. It would be most convenient if your child brings their lunch on their fitting day.

🎵 **Uniform Accessory Orders**

Uniform accessory forms and T-shirt forms are due with the payment on **Friday, August 5th**.

If you are unsure of sizes, your student will be fitted for gloves and shoes during their uniform fitting day. So you may just send in the order form without sizes as well as payment and sizes will be added at fittings. We will not be sizing for T-shirts! Please have your child's T-shirt sizes marked. It is a busy and hectic time, make sure your child lets us know they need to be sized for shoes and/or gloves. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The students will be wearing white shoes and white shoes only this year. All freshmen and sophomores need to order white shoes except color guard who will order color guard shoes. Juniors and seniors only need to order white shoes if they do not have any or if the ones they own do not fit. Have your child try their shoes on prior to their fitting day to make sure they fit please!

Please call **Shannon Black @ 377-3252** with any uniform questions you might have.

🎵 **Brag Buttons**

We will be taking orders for brag buttons again this year for \$5.00. Please note the deadline for payment is **August 5th**. Please e-mail the Band Boosters at otsegobands@gmail.com with any questions that you might have.

🎵 **Decals**

Various vehicle window decals will be available during the full band camp for \$5.00 each.

🎵 Help **“KEEP US KOOL!”** – We are asking that each band student bring in \$1.00 to purchase and maintain a large Igloo jug cooler(s) for band camp, parades and other events.

IMPORTANT BAND CAMP REMINDERS

- ♪ Learn your music prior to band camp. Music is available at otsegobands.com
- ♪ Drink plenty of water **BEFORE** and **DURING** band camp.
- ♪ Bring snacks to munch on during breaks and a water bottle. Healthy snacks will carry you through the day better.
- ♪ Eat a good breakfast before you come to band camp.
- ♪ Bring sunglasses, sunscreen and wear hats for shade. These items are strongly recommended during band camp.
- ♪ **NO** flip flops. For your own safety and the safety of others, please wear tennis shoes.
- ♪ The weather **DOES NOT CANCEL** band camp!
- ♪ Don't forget to pack a dinner. There will be a dinner break during the evening practice.
- ♪ The fee for dry cleaning your uniforms is now collected at the uniform fitting and is on the form.



Be sure to check the enclosed band schedule for your band student's full schedule of events. This list covers some of the important dates that we would like band parents to be aware of.

JULY

- 25th – 29st Drumline, Sideline, & Color Guard Band Camp
Otsego High School from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a break from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 30th Freshman Basics Begins
Otsego High School from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST

- 1st Freshman Basics Continues
Otsego High School from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 1st **FULL BAND CAMP** begins
Meet in the High School Band room at 10:30 a.m. following Freshman Basics
Hours: 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

- 1st *Freshman Parents Meeting*
7:30 p.m. in the High School Band room – Very important meeting for 1st time HS band parents.
- 2nd – 5th *FULL BAND CAMP*
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- 8th-9th *FULL BAND CAMP*
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 9th – 17th *Allegan County Fair Concessions. You can sign up for shifts to work during Band Camp.*
- 12th *Allegan County Fair Parade (approximately 5:15 – 9:00 p.m.).*
- 24th *Otsego Band Invitational (OBI). This is an all day event at our Bulldog Stadium*

“Friends of the Band”

This program is held each fiscal year through the Otsego Band Boosters program. Beginning each June a new campaign begins again as the previous year’s funds have been spent on items for the band program. The money that is raised each year is used to purchase items for the band programs at the high school level and at the middle school level. This money is used to provide items that enhance the band programs that the school budget does not, or cannot, cover. Items to be purchased will be recommended by the band booster board and voted on by you, as a member of the band boosters, in April or May’s general boosters’ meeting.

“Friends of the Band” will be recognized by having their name printed in each concert program and the OBI program of that year. Donations are tax detectable and forms are available upon request. The following are the four levels of contribution:

- Gold Member..... \$200.00+*
- Blue Member..... \$100.00 – \$199.00*
- White Member.....\$ 50.00 – \$99.00*
- Will be Noted in program..... \$ 49.00 or less*



2016 - 2017 High School Band Performance Calendar

All of the following performances are mandatory and graded. Please write all dates down on your calendar ASAP. Thank you for your support. Let's have a great year!!!

7/25/16	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Drumline and Guard Camp
7/30/16	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Freshman Basics, including all percussion and guard regardless of class
8/1/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Freshman Basics
8/1/16	10:30 AM 9:30 PM	Band Camp 10:30 - 1 & 4:30 - 9:30 PM
8/2/16	8:00 AM 9:30 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 & 4:30 - 9:30 pm
8/3/16	8:00 AM 9:30 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 & 4:30 - 9:30 pm
8/4/16	8:00 AM 9:30 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 & 4:30 - 9:30 pm
8/5/16	8:00 AM 9:30 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 & 4:30 - 9:30 pm
8/8/16	8:00 AM 12:00 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 pm.
8/9/16	8:00 AM 12:00 PM	Band Camp, 8 - 12 pm.
8/16/16	4:30 PM 9:30 PM	Night Rehearsal
8/17/16	4:30 PM 9:30 PM	Night Rehearsal
8/18/16	4:30 PM 9:30 PM	Night Rehearsal
8/23/16	4:30 PM 9:30 PM	Night Rehearsal
8/25/16	5:15 PM 9:15 PM	VFB Game - Paw Paw, 5:15 meet time
8/29/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
8/30/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
9/6/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
9/9/16	5:15 PM 9:15 PM	VFB - Edwardsburg, report 5:15 PM
9/12/16	5:15 PM 8:00 PM	Allegan Fair Parade, Parade meet 5:15 pm
9/13/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
9/17/16		Rockford Invitational, meet 8:00 am
9/20/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
9/23/16	5:30 PM 9:15 PM	VFB - Three Rivers, Meet 5:30 PM
9/24/16		Otsego Band Invitational - ALL DAY
9/27/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
10/4/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
10/7/16	5:00 PM 9:15 PM	VFB - Homecoming - Allegan, pre-game performance, Meet at 5:00 pm,
		HomecomingParade at 5:45 pm
10/8/16	8:00 AM 12:00 PM	Win - A - Band, time TBD
10/11/16	3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
10/15/16		Grandville Invitational, Meet at 8:00 am
10/18/16	6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Night Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
10/21/16	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	VFB - Plainwell, meet at 5:45 PM
10/22/16		Jenison/East Kentwood Invitational, Meet at 8:00 am
10/24/16	1:45 PM 2:45 PM	Concert Auditions Begin
11/11/16		Band - A - Thon, 24 hrs 4pm Friday - 4 pm Saturday
11/12/16		Band - A - Thon, 24 hrs 4pm Friday - 4 pm Saturday
12/1/16	7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Christmas Concert, 7 pm HS Auditorium
12/3/16	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Christmas Parade, Meet at 6 pm, Parade starts at 7 pm
1/28/17		HS. Solo & Ensemble, Holland West Ottawa
2/8/17	7:00 PM 8:30 PM	Pre-Festival Concert, 7 PM
2/23/17		Hosting District Band Festival
2/24/17		Hosting District Band Festival
3/18/17		HS State Solo & Ensemble
3/29/17		Collage concert auditions, in Class
4/1/17	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	HS Band Trip to Florida
4/26/17		Hosting State Band & Orchestra Festival
4/27/17		Hosting State Band & Orchestra Festival
5/3/17	8:00 PM 10:00 PM	Collage Concert Rehearsal, 8 - 10 pm
5/4/17	7:00 PM 9:30 PM	Collage concert, 7 pm
5/9/17	7:00 PM 8:15 PM	Band Awards Banquet - 7 - 8:15 pm
5/26/17	1:00 PM 2:45 PM	Swingout, 1 pm
5/29/17	7:20 AM 11:00 AM	Memorial Day Parade, Meet at 7:20 am, Parade starts at 9:30 am
6/2/17	5:45 PM 9:15 PM	Graduation, Meet 5:45 pm

**2016 – 2017 OHS Band
UNIFORM ACCESSORY ORDER FORM**

Dear Band Student & Parent(s):

Each marching band student is required to have one pair each of white marching gloves and white marching shoes for the season. Drumline and Sideline do not require gloves. Color Guard are required to have one pair of Color Guard shoes, gloves and color guard jacket. It is recommended that drumline have wristbands for their jacket sleeves. ALL students are required to have at least 1 theme T-shirt(T-Shirts orders are on a separate form) to wear under their uniform and color guard to wear when they are traveling. Dry cleaning money is also due now for cleaning at the end of the season.

Please fill out this order form and send it with payment during band camp and no later than **Friday, August 5,**

2016. Unsure of sizes? We will be happy to fit your child before filling in their sizes during their uniform fitting. Please ask your child to let a uniform mom know if they need to be fitted for gloves or shoes.

Student's Name: _____ Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

GLOVES – Cotton	Qty	Total	GLOVES – Grip Palms (Tuba & Baritone players only)		
X-Small	\$2.50 _____	\$ _____	X-Small	\$3.50 _____	\$ _____
Small	\$2.50 _____	\$ _____	Small	\$3.50 _____	\$ _____
Medium	\$2.50 _____	\$ _____	Medium	\$3.50 _____	\$ _____
Large	\$2.50 _____	\$ _____	Large	\$3.50 _____	\$ _____
X-Large	\$2.50 _____	\$ _____	X-Large	\$3.50 _____	\$ _____

GLOVES – Leather (Drum Major)					
Size (Women's)	\$25 _____	\$ _____	(Men's)	\$25 _____	\$ _____

COLOR GUARD GLOVES - \$15 Qty _____ \$ _____

Drumline and Sideline are not required to order gloves. **Total Glove Order** \$ _____

WRISTBANDS – Drumline only **\$6.00 each** Qty _____ **Total Wristband Order** \$ _____

SHOES – allow for growth, indicate wide width with size & circle Men's or Women's for marching shoes below

- Colorguard Shoes – women's sizes 5 ½ to 12, including half sizes, Medium widths only
- White Marching Shoes – women's sizes 5½ - 12 including half sizes. Wide widths 7 to 11
- White Marching Shoes – men's sizes 5½ to 16 including half sizes up to 11½, Wide widths 6½ to 14, including half sizes(except 13½, 14½, & 15½),

WHITE MARCHING SHOES – Circle one: Men's / Women's	COLOR GUARD SHOES – Women's
Size	Size
_____	_____
Price	Price
\$32	\$25
Total	Total
\$ _____	\$ _____

COLOR GUARD JACKET(1 per high school band career)

Size	Price	Total	Name to appear on jacket
_____	\$42	\$ _____	_____

Price **Total**
DRY CLEANING COST FOR THE YEAR PER STUDENT \$25 \$ _____

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Otsego Band Boosters**
PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER FORM & ORDERS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PAYMENT.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER THE DUE DATE.
Questions? Call Shannon Black @ (269) 377-3252 or email at we6lovejesus@gmail.com

BRAG BUTTONS

A picture of your band student will be taken at the uniform fittings for the Brag Button photo. We will only make a Brag Button for orders received. Cost is \$5.00.

Please fill out this order form and make checks payable to **Otsego Band Boosters**. Order must be received by **Tuesday, September 6st**. You can send the order form and payment with your band student during band camp or mail them to - **Otsego Band Boosters, PO Box 141, Otsego, MI 49078**



Qty	Total	Student
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____



2016 OTSEGO BAND INVITATIONAL (OBI)

We would like to invite you to place a student ad in this year's OBI program. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, and friends to show their pride and appreciation for their favorite Otsego band student(s). If you have a file or a picture that you would like us to use, please send it to Louise Hubbard at otsegobands@gmail.com. We will be able to scan the original picture and return your photo to you. Deadline to place an ad in the OBI Program is **September 9th**.

If you would like to place a 1/4 page ad in this year's OBI program, please send \$5.00 along with your photo and your phrase that you would like printed with your band student's photo to:

**Otsego Band Boosters
Attn: 2015 OBI Student Ad
PO Box 141
Otsego, MI 49078**

Join us at OBI on September 24th, 2016 in the Otsego Bulldog Stadium to watch the bands perform.

Otsego Band Boosters
CONTACT INFORMATION

Director	Brent Morrisson	<i>bmorrisson@otsegops.org</i>
Director	Mitch Piersma	<i>mpiersma@otsegops.org</i>
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Drumline Instructor	Will Alderman	
OBB President	Andy Black	<i>obbpresident@gmail.com</i>
OBB Vice President	John Pula	<i>johnpula@hotmail.com</i>
OBB Secretary	Lisa Fall	<i>lisa.s.fall@wmich.edu OR otsegobands@gmail.com</i>
OBB Treasurer	Amy Vlietstra	<i>steamfert@sbcglobal.net</i>
Uniforms	Shannon Black	<i>we6lovejesus@gmail.com</i>

***Otsego Bands Webpage**– Please watch for the latest information by going to www.otsegobands.com
Please visit often and consider volunteering opportunities.*

***"Otsego Bands" Facebook Page** – Like Us! On Facebook*



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