



OTSEGO BAND BOOSTERS

PO Box 141

• Otsego, MI 49078

GREETINGS

Welcome to another marching band season! Planning, organizing and prepping for the 2019-2020 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 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 instruments 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 crew 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 100+ 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 with fundraising events (i.e., Allegan Fair Concessions booth, Otsego Band Invitational (OBI) activities), helping with uniforms for the eighth 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 2019-2020 year.

Sincerely yours,

, President
Michelle Vorndran, Vice President
Carla Stratton, Treasurer
Susan Calkins, 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 POSITIONS

- ♪ **Food Coordinator:** During OBI and Band Festivals we provide food for judges and directors. We need someone to coordinate volunteer food donations and man the food throughout the day. Also help to coordinate food donations for band cookouts and such.
- ♪ **8th Grade Uniforms:** Help with fitting 8th graders for their uniforms and assist the students prior to concerts/parades.

If you would like more info on any of these areas, please e-mail otsegobands@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Handing out uniforms

Providing food, treats, and water

Pit Crew

Parades

MARCHING BAND CAMP

♫ **Marching Band Uniform Fittings**

Please bring your theme t-shirt orders and your uniform accessories orders to your scheduled uniform fittings.

SENIORS – Tuesday, July 30th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

JUNIORS – Tuesday, July 30th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SOPHOMORES – Thursday, August 1st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

FRESHMEN – Saturday, August 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon or until completed

♫ **Uniform Accessory Orders**

Gloves, shoes, wristbands, Color Guard jackets and such orders are due with the payment on **Friday, August 9TH**.

If you are unsure of sizes, your student will be fitted for gloves and shoes during their uniform fitting day. All orders for gloves and shoes will be filled once your student has been fitted for the correct size. Please email **Stephany at steph1177@live.com** with any uniform questions you might have.

♫ **Brag Buttons**

We will be ordering the brag buttons again this year for \$5.00. Please note the deadline for payment is **August 9TH**. 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. Password **OHSVIVA19**

-  Drink plenty of water **BEFORE** and **DURING** band camp. Bring a large jug of water. This serves both for hydrating and as our guiding points.
-  Bring snacks to munch on during breaks and a large water bottle.
-  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 good shoes (e.g., tennis shoes).
-  The weather **DOES NOT CANCEL** band camp!
-  Don't forget to pack or order a lunch and dinner. There is a small free lunch provided by the school, and dinners Monday-Thursday are provided by the boosters for \$12 for the week. Friday night is our cookout.
-  Band camp is a **CLOSED CAMPUS**. You may not leave at any time during the day, even lunch and dinner.
-  Clean up and equipment hauling happens every night after 9:00pm release time. Students should also leave time to take care of their instrument and personal belongings. This may take an extra 15-30 minutes after the conclusion of rehearsal.

2019-2020 Marching Band Camp & Rehearsal Schedule

Be sure to check the full band schedule at otsegobands.com for your band student's full schedule of events. This list covers Pre-Season camp and rehearsals only.

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| July 29 through August 2 nd | Color Guard Camp | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| July 29 through August 2 nd | Drum Camp | 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| July 30 | Woodwind & Brass Music Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| July 31 | Freshman Basics (9 th grade and new marchers only) | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| August 1 | Woodwind & Brass Music Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| August 3 Yes, Saturday | Freshman Basics II (9 th , newbies, Perc & Guard) | 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. |
| August 5 th through August 9 | Full Band Camp. Yeah!! | 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| August 12 | <u>Marching Band</u> Rehearsal | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| August 13 | MB Rehearsal | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| August 19 | MB Night Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| August 26 | MB Night Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| September 3 | MB Night Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| September 6 | Football game Performance | 5:00 p.m. (approx..) |
| September 7 | MB Rehearsal | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon |
| September 9 | Allegan Fair Parade | 5:00 p.m. (approx..) |
| September 16 | MB Night Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| September 20 | Homecoming Parade | meet 4:45 p.m.; Perform 5:45 p.m. |
| September 20 | Football game Performance | after parade |
| September 23 | MB Night Rehearsal | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| September 28 | Creative Arts Festival Parade | dress 12:00 pm; 1:00 p.m. Perform |
| September 28 | OBI Otsego Band Invitational | ALL DAY (perform approx 8:00 p.m.) |
| | ALL HANDS ON DECK – WE NEED ALL PARENTS TOO | |
| | DON'T WORRY – IT'S FUN | |

No, it doesn't end here. Go to www.otsegobands.com for the full 2019-2020 Event Calendar.

Band Camp Meals

LUNCH

A small lunch is provided every day free of charge by the schools. If your child needs a larger meal, you may desire to supplement this.

DINNER

The band boosters will be providing a dinner each day Monday – Thursday for \$12 for the week. This is only \$3 a meal! As this is the first year we are trying this, they are just general meals and are not gluten free, vegetarian, or other. If you do not wish for the provided dinners please remember to pack dinner in a cooler with ice.

Friday will be our annual family cookout. The band boosters will be providing hamburgers and brats and collecting donations for the rest of the meal.

Monday

Sloppy Joe
Carrot and Celery Sticks
Apple
Cookie

Wednesday

Walking Tacos
Corn
Apple
Cookie

Tuesday

2 Hot dogs
Nachos
Fruit Cocktail
Cookie

Thursday

Goulash
Green Beans
Watermelon
Cookie

**Note: Sides may change if fruit or vegetables are found at an amazing sale price! Also, we are looking for volunteers to help serve dinners.*

Please sign up Monday morning by 9:00 am and pay the \$12 if you wish to partake of the meals. We need to know how many meals to cook!

Questions? Contact Kara DeBoer at ckdeboer@charter.net or 269-370-3586

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

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 **Friday, August 9th**. 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 |
|-------|----------|---------|
| _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |

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**2019 - 2020 OHS Band
UNIFORM ACCESSORY ORDER FORM
Drum Majors/Drumline/Sideline**

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. 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 are on a separate form) to wear under their uniform.

Please fill out this order form and send it with payment during band camp and no later than **Friday, August 9, 2018**. Unsure of sizes? We will be happy to fit your son/daughter before filling in his/her sizes. They will be fit if needed during uniform fittings. Please ask your child to let a uniform mom know if they needed fitted for gloves or shoes.

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

GLOVES – Leather (Drum Major)

Size _____ Circle(Women's) /(Men's) \$26 \$ _____ \$ _____

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

WRISTBANDS – Drumline only \$7.00 each Qty _____ **Total Wristband Order** \$ _____

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

- 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

| | | |
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| Size | Price | Total |
| _____ | \$35 | \$ _____ |

PLUS DRY CLEANING COST FOR THE YEAR PER STUDENT \$25 \$ 25

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

**Don't forget to also order a theme t-shirt on the separate order form!
T-Shirt Order Form... Coming soon to a newsletter near you!**

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 Stephany Huizing @ (269) 720-8498 or email at steph1177@live.com

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2019-2020 OHS Band

UNIFORM ACCESSORY ORDER FORM
Colorguard

Dear Band Student & Parent(s):

Color Guard are required to have one pair of Color Guard shoes, gloves and color guard jacket. ALL students are required to have at least 1 theme T-shirt (T-Shirts are on a separate form) which color guard to wear when the are traveling.

Please fill out this order form and send it with payment during band camp and no later than **Friday, August 9, 2018**. Unsure of sizes? We will be happy to fit your son/daughter before filling in his/her sizes. They will be fit if needed during uniform fittings. Please ask your child to let a uniform mom know if they needed fitted for gloves or shoes.

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

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

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

- Colorguard Shoes – women's sizes 4 ½ to 12, including half sizes, Medium widths only

COLOR GUARD SHOES – Women's

| Size | Price | Total |
|-------|-------------|----------|
| _____ | \$30 | \$ _____ |

COLOR GUARD JACKET

| Size | Price | Total |
|-------|--|----------|
| _____ | \$45 Name to appear on jacket _____ | \$ _____ |

PLUS DRY CLEANING COST FOR THE YEAR PER STUDENT \$25 \$ 25

TOTAL ORDER \$ _____

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Otsego Band Boosters Parent Volunteer Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

During the **2019-2020** school year I will have a band student in grades 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
(Circle all that apply)

If you have a student in the band program, you are a band booster! We have about 100 students in the band programs at Otsego and their activities throughout the year require a lot of parental assistance. Our executive board, which consists of four parents and the band directors, cannot do this alone. We need everyone's help to make this year a success.

I am interested in Volunteering to Make a difference (please check any box where you may be interested in helping out):

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|--|--|--|
| <p align="center">I am available (check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> During school <input type="checkbox"/> Right after school <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings <input type="checkbox"/> Weekends <input type="checkbox"/> During band camp <input type="checkbox"/> To donate food/water as needed | <p align="center">Committees (I might be interested in...)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Fair booth prep/running/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Photography (many events need many photographers) <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing for OBI <input type="checkbox"/> Financial/fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Helping contact volunteers <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <p align="center">Uniforms</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-sew hems during band camp (lessons included) <input type="checkbox"/> Organize uniform fittings during band camp <input type="checkbox"/> Wash uniforms at home <input type="checkbox"/> Help with fittings during or after school |
| <p align="center">Photography</p> <input type="checkbox"/> First uniform photos <input type="checkbox"/> Band Camp <input type="checkbox"/> Evening Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Parades <input type="checkbox"/> Sectional Pictures <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Invitationals <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Picture Gifts | <p align="center">Manpower</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 4 hour shift in the fair booth (September 8-15) <input type="checkbox"/> Otsego Band Invitational September 29 – biggest fundraiser of the year! <input type="checkbox"/> State band festival in April – during school hours <input type="checkbox"/> During band camp/evening rehearsals – uniforms, photography, videos, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Jenison/East Kentwood Day – brunch and/or lunch cookout <input type="checkbox"/> Call me when needed and see if I'm available! | <p align="center">Football Games/Competitions</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Load and unload band trailers <input type="checkbox"/> Drive trailers of instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Get water/seat covers out to stands <input type="checkbox"/> Help get pit instruments out to field <input type="checkbox"/> Get uniforms to kids before & after games or competition |
| <p align="center">General</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Dust the trophy case once <input type="checkbox"/> March with the kids and hand out water during warm parades <input type="checkbox"/> Help at table before concerts <input type="checkbox"/> Sell ads for OBI program | <p align="center">Food</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide food for OBI/festivals <input type="checkbox"/> Provide baked goods for OBI <input type="checkbox"/> Provide food for Jenison/East Kentwood cookout <input type="checkbox"/> Call me any time you need food | <p align="center"><i>Remember – This band program is only as strong as its support. We need parent volunteers to keep it going strong!</i></p> |

Favorite form of communication: _____



2019 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 photo, just send it with your check payable to Otsego Band Boosters for \$5 to the address below and we can scan it and return the original picture to you. If you have a digital photo, just send it to pampiersma@gmail.com and your check payable to Otsego Band Boosters for \$5 to the address below. Deadline to place an ad in the OBI Program is **September 6th**.

If you would like to place a ¼ 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: 2018 OBI Student Ad
PO Box 141
Otsego, MI 49078**

Join us at OBI on September 28, 2019 in the Otsego Bulldog Stadium to watch the bands perform.

If you would like to advertise your business in the 34rd Annual Otsego Band Invitational Program:

Submit your name, address and phone number and your artwork to: pampiersma@gmail.com

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| Business Card Size Ad: | \$35 |
| ¼ Page Ad | \$50 |
| ½ Page Ad | \$70 |
| Full Page Ad | \$130 |

Deadline to Order Friday, September 6, 2019.

Questions or concerns? Email otsegobands@gmail.com

Please send check and this form to:

Otsego Band Boosters
P.O. Box 141
Otsego, MI 49078

Otsego Band Boosters
CONTACT INFORMATION

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| Director | Mitch Piersma | <i>Mpiersma@otsegops.org</i> |
| Director | Jessica Grove | <i>jpgrove@otsegops.org</i> |
| Color Guard Instructor | Melissa "Issa" Lewis | <i>melissa.lewis@davenport.edu</i> |
| Drumline Instructor | Nate Taylor and Matt Begeman | |
| Sideline Instructor | Alexa Burleigh | |
| OBB President | | |
| OBB Vice President | Michelle Vorndran | <i>mshetenh@yahoo.com</i> |
| OBB Secretary | Su Calkins | <i>otsegobands@gmail.com</i> |
| OBB Treasurer | Carla Stratton | <i>otsegobandstreasurer@gmail.com</i> |
| Uniforms | Stephany Huizing | <i>Steph1177@live.com</i> |

***Otsego Bands Webpage** – Please watch for the latest information by going to www.otsegobands.com
Please visit often and consider volunteering opportunities. We are trying to get as much information here as possible!*

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



Fun Fact: If you mention Otsego Band Boosters while you are checking out at Gordon's Food Services, they will give us a tiny kickback next time Otsego Band Boosters shops there.

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