



# Olmsted Falls MUSIC ASSOCIATION

## Musical Notes

September 2017

### President's Message

Summer vacation is over. The 2017-18 school year has begun and we look forward to a great and safe year in our schools and music programs.

OFMA had a busy summer planning events and fundraisers for the year. In August, OFMA was very busy participating in various events. At the Heritage Days Festival, OFMA had a booth and was able to share the mission of this organization and raise money by selling cold bottled water, spirit wear and collecting donations.

OFMA partnered with Post Prom and hosted a Fill The Truck FUNDrive and raised \$2,333 which will be divided equally between the two groups. The officers of OFMA volunteered a day at the Cuyahoga County Fair and sold coupon books. OFMA was present at the marching band's preview night show and high school open house selling spirit wear, decals and collecting financial donations.

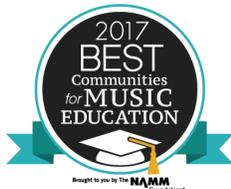
I am proud to announce that OFMA has a brand new website: <http://www.olmstedfallsmusic.com/>. This website will serve as a portal to all of the music programs of the Olmsted Falls City School District providing links to the websites, twitter and facebook pages of the band and choir programs. This website will enable you to easily contact the OFMA officers as well as see upcoming events, photos, videos, get information on fundraisers and allow you to financially donate directly online.

OFMA's mission is: "To support, encourage, advance, and cultivate, through volunteerism and fundraising, the musical education of all students in the Olmsted Falls City Schools." Each year, OFMA raise funds through donations and fundraisers to give scholarships to the seniors, to students attending summer music camps and to give grants to the music programs to help offset the costs of purchasing music, instruments and various items to have successful music programs. Lots of volunteers are needed to organize and support the fundraisers. Please consider to volunteer at one of OFMA events.

OFMA meets once a month on the 1st Wednesday of each month during the school year at 7 p.m. in the high school choir room. These meetings are open to parents, staff, students and community members. Attending the meetings is a great way to find out more about OFMA and how you can be involved.

I look forward to a great year!

Jamie Reigle  
President, Olmsted Falls Music Association.



### 2017-18 OFMA Officers



left to right: Ellen Bertrand, Barb Gareau, Jamie Reigle & Gary Andrus

#### 2017-18 OFMA Officers

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#### 2017-18 meeting dates

|                   |                  |                       |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| September 6, 2017 | December 6, 2017 | March 7, 2018         |
| October 4, 2017   | January 3, 2018  | April 4, 2018         |
| November 1, 2017  | February 7, 2018 | May 2, 2018           |
|                   |                  | June 6, 2018 (picnic) |

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# Thanks for your support!



Thank you to all the patrons who have financially supported OFMA this school year. If you would like to support OFMA financially, you can donate online at OFMA's website: <http://www.olmstedfallsmusic.com/donate> or complete the patron form in this newsletter and mail it in. Thank you.

## Leadership

Christina Anderson & Michael Oliver  
David & Danielle Cook  
The Cutts Family  
The Doherty Family  
J.Paul & Katherine Fidler  
The Korba Family  
The McKeigue Family

## Diamond

The Dahlinger Family  
The DiFilippo Family  
Barb & Dave Gareau  
Jim & Rhonda Lloyd & Family  
Hugh & Megan McQuillan  
Holly & David Neumann & Family  
Bob & Sue Sturm  
Seth & Cynthia Tomasch  
John & Heidi Zak

## Platinum

Sam & Caroline Arendec  
The Bertrand Family  
The Burkart Family  
The Grant Family  
The Hassel Family  
Arian Hebovia  
The Kerber Family  
Sam & Janet Miranda  
Joe Young & Tava Slone-Young

## Gold

Anonymous  
Andrus Family  
Barratt Family  
Cindy & Vern Bruce  
The Daeufel Family  
Audrey Eckert  
Lucy & Howard Evans  
The Garrity Family  
Jim & Carri Gluvna  
Kathy & Bill Henry  
Terri Hradek  
Kevin & Cindy Kelly  
Knaggs Family  
Sherri & Michael Kovach & Family  
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Dan, Becky, Alex, Andy & Allison Milligan  
Linda & John Parkowski  
Jackie & Jorge Robinson Family  
Mary & Jeff Shafer  
The Stanczak Family  
Mike & Bonnie Thiel  
The Vidovich Family

## Silver

The Abbott Family  
The Boros Family  
Borowski Family  
The Distin Family  
The Dragony Family  
The Dregalla Family

Janet Guzik  
Tom & Debbie Keller  
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Klink Family  
Scott & Anissa Lewis  
Cindy, Hunter & Aidan Lyons  
Joan & Jim Pesch  
The Saluja Family  
The Samsel Family  
Holly & Marty Schafer  
The Sicking Family  
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The Wendling Family  
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# FUNDRAISERS



High School and Middle School Band w/Custom Name and Instrument



Middle School Choir w/Custom Name



High School Choir w/Custom Name and Voice Part



Bulldog Music

Order a personalized Music Decal or a Bulldog Music Note for \$5. Complete the order for that is included in this newsletter. Deadline to send in orders is **September 22nd**.

Purchase a box or two of Krispy Kreme donuts at varsity football home games and at choir and band concerts.

\$8 per box



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Wing Night (November 2017)
- ◆ Hoagie Sale (February 2018)
- ◆ Ballroom Blitz (February 2018)
- ◆ FUNDrive Fill the Truck (Spring 2018)

Many volunteers will be needed to make these events successful. To find out how you can volunteer, come to the OFMA monthly meetings or contact OFMA President, Jamie Reigle.

# BECOME A VOLUNTEER

# PROFILES



**Ms. Layrssa Byndas** is in her first year as coach of the Golden Bullettes drill team. Ms. Byndas is in her 3rd year of teaching math at Olmsted Falls High School.

Ms. Byndas was a member of her high school dance/flag line at Brooklyn and was a member of the auxiliary at the University of Mount Union, where she was captain and choreographer. Ms. Byndas also has a variety of other dance experience, including tap, jazz, ballet, and latin, as well as a diverse musical background. In fact, she plays the accordion and owns three of them.

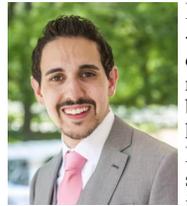


**Mrs. Julie Budd**, a 2000 graduate of Olmsted Falls, is the Director of Bands at Olmsted Falls High School. She has a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance from Kent State University; earned her Music Teaching Licensure from Cleveland State University and her Masters of Music Education from Kent State.

Since Mrs. Budd began her tenure as director of bands at OFHS in 2013, the high school band program has evolved into the largest band program ever existed at Olmsted Falls which includes five

concert ensembles, a jazz band class, an afterschool second jazz band and brand new this year a string ensemble.

Mrs. Budd also teaches flute to 5th grade beginning band students, conducts the Pit Orchestra and Brass Choir. Mrs. Budd and her husband Brian reside in Olmsted Falls and are proud parents of two daughters who are budding musicians at OFMS.



**Mr. Michael Feller** is in his seventh year of teaching 6th-8th grade bands at Olmsted Falls Middle School. He also directs the OFMS jazz band, assist with the high school marching band and teaches 5th grade trumpet and trombone. Prior to teaching full-time at OFMS, Mr. Feller did his student teaching at OFMS. Mr. Feller received his Bachelor of Music Education from Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music and is currently completing his Masters in Instrumental Music Education from the University of

Akron.

At Mr. Feller's 2015 wedding, the OFHS pep band performed and led the wedding party processional to the reception hall.



**Mr. Joe LaFlamme** is the Assistant Director of Bands at Olmsted Falls High School. He works alongside Mrs. Budd with the marching band, concert ensembles and the after school jazz II band. Mr. LaFlamme received his music education degree at The Ohio State University and his master's in music education at the University of Akron. Mr. LaFlamme's principle instrument is the saxophone and he currently plays in a band called Funkology which is comprised of Cleveland area music teachers and other professionals.

Mr. LaFlamme resides in Brunswick with his wife Tara and their two sons Leo and Remy.



**Mr. Ryan Patterson** is starting his eleventh year and his seventh year at Olmsted Falls Middle School. He is one of the choir directors at OFMS and directs the Golden Harmonies of OFMS too.

Mr. Ryan received his Bachelor of Music Education with Choral/Vocal emphasis from Kent State University and a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from Baldwin Wallace University.

Mr. Ryan has performed in various choirs and ensembles and is currently a member of Baldwin Wallace's Men's Chorus.

Mr. Patterson lives in Medina with his wife Krystle and their dog Henry.



**Mr. Louis Rispoli** is in his third year teaching 6th-8th grade bands, 5th grade clarinet and saxophone, middle school percussion ensemble, and assisting the high school marching band. Outside of OFCS, Mr. Rispoli assists in conducting the New Horizons Bands at Baldwin Wallace, as well as their Youth Honors Wind Ensembles (*see Mr. Rispoli if you want more information about the BW youth honors bands*). Mr. Rispoli is a 2015 graduate of the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory with a degree in music education.



**Mr. Brian Budd** teaches 5th grade percussion at OFIS and instructs the high school drumline. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Music specializing in percussion performance from Kent State.

Mr. Budd's military career began with the Marine Corp. In the Marine Corp, Mr. Budd performed in multiple world renowned Drum Corps including the Marian Cadets, Capital Regiment, Rochester Patriots and Blue Coats.

To be close to his wife, Julie, while she was battling cancer, Mr. Budd was selected by the Navy to be an

Enlisted and Commissioned Officer recruiter.

Mr. Budd enjoys teaching percussion technique to students. He loves serving his country while making a positive impact in his community through music performance and education. A fun music fact about Mr. Budd: he has been a Game Day Coordinator and performer for the Browns Drumline and Cavs Q-stix.



**Mrs. Joy Kiedrowski** is the Olmsted Falls High School Choral Director. This is her 18th year of teaching, 13th in Olmsted Falls School District, and 3rd at the High School. Mrs. Kiedrowski directs Chorale, Golden Expressions, Bel Canto Choir, and Chamber Choir. She is also the vocal music director for Masquers and is the advisor for the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Mrs. Kiedrowski has a bachelor of music from Ohio University and a Master of Education Administration from Cleveland State University. She currently resides in Brunswick with her husband, Matt, and

their two sons, Ben and Luke.



**Mrs. Kelly McClellan** began teaching primary music in Olmsted Falls in 2006. Over the past 11 years, Mrs. McClellan has enjoyed making music with her students. Mrs. McClellan directs the OFIS 4th and 5th grade choirs.

Mrs. McClellan received her undergraduate in fine arts and education from Ohio University and her master's in curriculum from Bowling Green State University. She has received certifications in Orff teaching levels I and II. She routinely applies Orff, Kodaly and Dalcroze methods in her lessons. Mrs. McClellan is married and has two young boys with whom she loves to share and experience her passion for music.

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**Mrs. Kelly Riley** is starting her 16th year of teaching, and her third year at Olmsted Falls Middle School. Mrs. Riley is one of the choir directors at OFMS, as well as the music director for the Bulldog Theatre Company (BTC).

Mrs. Riley received her Bachelor degree in Music Education from Houghton College School of Music, a Masters degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Akron, and a Master of Science degree in Instructional Media & Technology from Wilkes University.

Mrs. Riley is active in the music ministry at her church, and she sings in a trio that performs locally at nursing homes, churches, and other local events. On Labor Day, Mrs. Riley sang the National Anthem at the Akron Rubber Ducks baseball game. Mrs. Riley loves teaching choir at OFMS, and she is looking forward to another great year!



**Mrs. Eileen Wallace** is the music teacher for Falls-Lenox Primary School. She has taught music in OFCSD for 17 years. She is also an adjunct professor for Baldwin Wallace teaching an Arts Integration course in the education department.

Mrs. Wallace is graduate of Ohio University and received her master's degree from Bowling Green State University. Mrs. Wallace has been certified in two levels of Orff-Schulwerk and one level of Kodaly approach to music education.

Mrs. Wallace regularly performs as a flutist at St. Luke's Church in Lakewood, Ohio as well as performs throughout the Cleveland Metropolitan Area. She is also a recording studio artist (flute) playing commercial jingles for local recording studios.

Mrs. Wallace's son, Lawrence, is the piano accompanist at concerts for the high school choirs and at the 1st - 3rd grade programs at Falls-Lenox..



# OFHS Marching Band News



## 2017-18 Band Representatives Presidents

Meredith Gardner & Joe Bertrand

## Drill Captains

Abby Gaba, Andrew Barnard, Andrew Gluvna, Autumn Knerim, Cory Ramsey, Colleen Gareau, Emily Boski, Joe Bertrand, Kayla Mandak & Meredith Gardner

## Band Management Team

Adam Shand, Chris Rebec, Caitlyn Rheume, Emily Kovach, Hailey Smith & Jessica Funari,

## Public Relations Team

Camryn Hassel, Devon McQuillan, Kenzie Sellers & McKenna Klink

## Spirit Leaders

Nikki Egel, Olivia Bongiovanni, Pana Souris & Zach Zdanowicz

## OF Bulldog Marching Band to perform at two Band Festivals

53rd Annual Avon Lake Band-A-Rama



An OMEA Adjudicated Event

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

Avon Lake Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m.  
Tickets will be sold at the gate.



## North Royalton Band Festival

Saturday,  
September 16, 2017  
7 p.m.

North Royalton's  
Serpentini Stadium  
Tickets can be purchased  
at the gate.

# SENIOR NIGHT

Senior band members and Golden Bulletes will be recognized before the Friday, September 22nd varsity football game. Details will be coming soon to your email inbox.

## “And now, The Pride of Olmsted Falls, The Bulldog Marching Band”

Band over the loud speaker. Donald Woods has been “The Voice” of the band since 2013. Prior to becoming “The Voice”, Mr. Woods has been involved in the Olmsted Falls Music Association since 2007. He has served as treasurer and president of OFMA.

Mr. Woods’ two children, Carey and Madison Woods, matriculated through the Olmsted Falls Schools. Both were involved in the band and choir starting in the beginning band and choir in elementary schools.

## The Voice

Before the marching band plays the first note for the pregame show or half-time show, you hear *The Voice of the Bulldog Marching*



**Ladies and Gentlemen, The Pride of Olmsted Falls, THE BULLDOG MARCHING BAND!!!**



## OFMA & Angelina's Pizza feed the band

OFMA and Angelina's Pizza has partnered to feed the Bulldog Marching band and visiting bands after the half-time performances during this football season. Ann Reichle, a 1969 OF grad, along with her husband Jim, opened the Olmsted Falls store in 1998. Their first store is in North Ridgeville and opened in 1994.

During Ann's years in Olmsted Falls schools, she was involved in the band program from 5th grade to 12th grade. She played flute and oboe in concert bands, piano in the jazz band and was the first ever female drummer in the history of Olmsted Falls playing the snare drum in the marching band. Stop in at Angelina's and tell her and Jim “Thank you” (and also check out their menu).



Ann Reichle

left to right: Ann Reichle (owner of Angelina's), Jamie Reigle (OFMA president), and Kristen Burgess (an Angelina's employee)

## Bulldog Pride



# A Summer filled with Music



## A Summer of Singing & Acting

Lexy Jensen (Sophomore) continued her vocal and acting training over the summer, but what she loved most were the opportunities she had to perform on stage. Lexy, along with a few other Bulldogs,



began the summer performing with the Contemporary Youth Orchestra Chorus at Melissa Etheridge's "Pulse" concert at Severance Hall. In July, she took the stage as Sister Mary Robert in Sandstone Summer Theater's production of "Sister Act", a musical based on the movie from the 90s. She ended the summer by performing in a Pop Music Review at Olde Towne Hall Theatre, where she sang her rendition of a Taylor Swift classic. Lexy looks forward to continuing to perform on stage with the OFHS Chorale this year, as well as the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus.



Lexy as Sister Mary Robert in Sister Act.

## Honor Choirs

The Ohio Choral Directors Association (OCDA) held their summer conference in Columbus, Ohio in June and three OFHS Chorale members, Nico Humphrey, Brynn Hanratty and Kyle Lewis (in picture below) took part in the high school honor choirs.



## Leaders In Training

Olmsted Falls students, alumni and teacher participated in Baldwin Wallace's Leadership In Training program (LIT). The LIT participants were placed in leadership roles as junior staff members at the music camps at Baldwin Wallace.

left to right: Max Molkentein (2016 OF grad), Louis Rispoli (OFMS band teacher), OF students Andrew Barnard, Emily Kovach, Hope Burkhart & Ashley Clark

## ProMusic Summer Camp

OFHS vocal music students, Brynn Hanratty, Camden Chemisky, Cameron Nelson, John

Munoz and Katie Cutts participated in Tiffin University's ProMusic Summer Camp in July. These students enjoyed a total creative experience in writing, performing and recording



Katie Cutts

pop, jazz, r&b, a cappella, hip hop and other commercial styles. You can

listen to one of their arrangements by copying this url in your browser:

<https://soundcloud.com/tiffinmusic/bowling-for-smores>



Brynn Hanratty & Cameron Nelson

You can also place your cursor over the url and press the CTRL button at the same time to access the website to listen.

## Baldwin Wallace Music Camps

Giana Formica participated in two music camps (band and strings) at Baldwin Wallace this summer. For the band camp concert she played the alto sax in the concert band and the upright bass in the jazz band. For the strings concert, Giana played string bass and electric bass. Giana is one of OFMA's summer music scholarship recipient.



Theo Humphrey participated in Baldwin Wallace's band camp this summer. After a week of rehearsals and activities, the camp culminated with a concert. Theo is one of OFMA's summer music scholarship recipients.



At the ProMusic Camp, Brynn Hanratty (on the left in the picture above) was the only female that participated in the Beat box battle. Beat box is vocal percussion.



# *Fall Concerts - Save The Dates*



## **Olmsted Fall Middle School Concerts**

### **Choir**

Wednesday, November 8th

@6:30 p.m.: 7th grade choirs

@8 p.m.: 8th grade choirs

Golden Harmonies will perform  
at both concert times

### **Band**

Wednesday, November 15th

@ 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m.

7th & 8th grade bands

\*\* Details of specific bands performance times will be announced

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## **Olmsted Falls High School Instrumental & Choral Concerts**

**Tuesday, October 24th @ 7:30 p.m.**

Wind Symphony & Wind Ensemble in concert

**Thursday, October 30th @ 7:30 p.m.**

Featuring: Bel Canto, Chamber Choir,  
Chorale & Golden Expressions



# A Potpourri of Music News



## National composer to write original composition



OFHS Choral commissions national composer **Andrea Ramsey** to write an original composition.

Andrea Ramsey has been commissioned to write an original composition (designed specifically for Chorale) for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Andrea Ramsey is a composer, conductor, and music educator. Her teaching experiences range

from work with adolescent and children's voices to frequent guest conducting of all-state and honor choirs, to her current position as the Associate Director of Choral Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Dr. Ramsey will be working throughout the school year with student submitted writings and drafting the composition with Chorale for a 2018 Fall release.

## Name Change

When you attend the choral concerts this school year, you will notice two ensembles with name changes. Treble Choir is now called Bel Canto and Concert Choir is now called Chamber Choir.



OFHS Choir students will have the opportunity to tour and perform in New York City in March 2018.



## 5th Grade Music

### *5th grade Beginning Band Important Dates*

#### **Instrument Demo Day September 12th**

Students will be introduced and try-out instruments.

#### **Parents' Meeting September 20th @ OFIS**

Information will be given about the Beginning band program. Music and instrument vendors will be available.

**Beginning Band begins  
the week of October 2nd.**

### **5th Grade Choir**

Begins September 11th  
Practices will be on Mondays

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

OFIS music room

#### **5th grade show "Wright"**

*A musical play about the Wright Brothers  
and the beginning of flight.*

December 14, 2017

7 p.m.

OFIS cafetorium



# Olmsted Falls MUSIC ASSOCIATION

## Go Bulldogs!

Our Mission: To support, encourage, advance, and cultivate, through volunteerism and fundraising, the musical education of students in the Olmsted Falls City Schools.

### YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!!

Patron contributions and fund raising moneys are used to provide student scholarships and grants to the music programs.

*Your contribution is tax deductible, as allowed by law.*

*OFMA is a non-profit, 501c3 organization.*

*Many employers match contributions. See if yours does.*

For more information contact Ellen Bertrand at 216.347.2474 or email at [ellenbertrand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenbertrand@sbcglobal.net).



Olmsted Falls Music Association (OFMA)

-----**Detach and Return**-----

I (we) wish to help provide support for our talented young music students in the Olmsted Falls Schools!

Name(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*as you wish it to appear in printed recognition, including school programs

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### *Donation Levels (Please make your check payable to OFMA)*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250+ Leadership Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Diamond Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Platinum Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Gold Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Silver Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Student/Friend

\_\_\_ YES! I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

**Please make check payable and return to:**

**OFMA**

**PO Box 38023**

**Olmsted Falls, OH 44138**

**Attn: Ellen Bertrand**

# Show your Bulldog Music Pride!



High School and Middle School  
Band w/Custom Name and  
Instrument



Middle School Choir  
w/Custom Name



High School Choir w/Custom  
Name and Voice Part



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*Decal Order. Please indicate the quantity of each you are ordering.*

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\_\_\_ Golden Bullette (not shown)

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Instrument or Vocal Part \_\_\_\_\_ (Vocal Parts are High School  
Only)

Total Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Amount enclosed. Checks made out to OFMA)

Please Print (Parent/Guardian Information is needed below. Decals will be mailed to you when they  
are completed.)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me more information: \_\_\_ Volunteering \_\_\_ Becoming a Patron

**Orders are due by: Friday, September 22nd**

**Students can return order form and payment to band/choir teacher or you can  
mail to:**

**OLMSTED FALLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
PO BOX 38023  
OLMSTED FALLS, OH 44138**

# The Future Marching Bulldogs

Many pre-school to 5th grade kids enjoyed meeting and marching with the marching band.



# Friday Nights under the Lights



# The view from above

