



Crescendo Newsletter

OFMA Mission - to support, encourage, advance, and cultivate through fundraising and volunteer service, the musical education for the students in the Olmsted Falls School System.

New Officers



Announcing new OFMA officers:

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Presidency's Message



Welcome to a new year for the Olmsted Falls Music Association! We'd like to take the time to thank our outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication these past few school years. It was a job well done!

So, a special BULLDOG THANK YOU!!! to Rick and Debbie Franklin, Susan Ottenweller, Sherry Ochmann, and Gail Reimer.

The new officers for the 2008-09 school year were elected this spring. We are looking forward to another great year, and look forward to meeting and working with many new people in support of music education throughout Olmsted Falls!

2008-2009 OFMA Officers

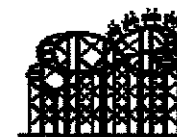
Susan Lewis	President	Karen Sokol	Vice President
Beverly McMahon	Secretary	Amy Schneider	Treasurer

Finally, as we begin our membership drive this year, it is important to present all the goals of our organization.

The Music Association is a supportive organization, whose mission is to - by membership support, fundraising activities and volunteers - support the music education opportunities for Olmsted Falls City School Students throughout the district. OFMA will support, to the extent asked for by the music instructional staff, any and all activities which directly impact the student experience, including but not limited to concerts, contests, and educational trips for both bands and choirs throughout all levels of instruction. Additionally, OFMA will support, to the extent requested by Mr. Berry and his staff and volunteers, the activities of the Marching band, including, but not limited to, volunteers to chaperone band trips, volunteers to support the uniform distribution and fundraising to support the New Uniform objective. More importantly, OFMA will work cooperatively with the faculty and administration in setting priorities and activities which enhance the student's experience and meet the needs of the District's musical instruction goals.



OFMA Meetings



OFMA meetings this quarter will be on Wednesday, September 3 and October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school choir room.



Meet the faculty



Jennifer Call - is a Choral Director at Olmsted Falls Middle School. She directs both training and performing choirs for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. She is also the director of the Oberlin Choristers Concert Choir and the Children's Choir at Westlake United Methodist Church. A frequently requested guest conductor, Jennifer has served as Children's Choir clinician for North Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts as well as Honors Choir Director of the Northeast Ohio Choristers Guild Children's Choir Festival. Jennifer holds a BME from The Ohio State University and will complete her Masters of Music degree from The University of Akron in December. She is an active member of Choristers Guild, the American Choral Directors Association, and the Ohio Music Education Association. Jennifer resides in Westlake with her husband Andy and sons Wesley and Eliot.

Judy Crandall began teaching in Maple Heights before becoming the director of the Olmsted Falls Middle School choral program. Over the next nineteen years, she taught students in the building which is now the police station; then moved to a double wide trailer, which is now at Fitch, and finally moved to the new Middle School building. She then took over the High School choral program where she directs the Chorale, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Mens Ensemble, and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Choirs under her direction have earned consistent high ratings at district and state level adjudicated events and two groups have performed at state music education conventions. Mrs. Crandall has two daughters, both of whom are OFHS graduates. She is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the Ohio Music Educators Association. She is also an adjudicator for OMEA. Mrs. Crandall's favorite thing about teaching is watching her students surpass their personal best time after time after time.

Kevin Gulden - has been a teacher at Olmsted Falls for over 30 years. He directs numerous bands at the Middle School. Before and or after school I work with the MS Jazz Band, Beginning Fifth Grade Band, Private Lesson Program and Solo and Ensemble Contest participants. Mr. Gulden has his undergraduate degree from Baldwin-Wallace College and a Masters from Cleveland State University. He has been a clinician, adjudicator, conductor and performer throughout Ohio. His wife teaches at the Middle School as well.

Ed Berry - OFHS band director

Joy Kiedrowski - OFMS choir director

Kelly McClellan - Falls-Lenox and Fitch general music and choir

Tim Strelau - OFMS band director

Eileen Wallace - Falls-Lenox general music

These faculty members will be featured in a future newsletter.



Definition



Crescendo - noun - in music a definition is "a gradual, steady increase in loudness or force". Another use is "a steady increase in force or intensity". It is the hope of the officers that the Olmsted Falls Music Association will grow "in force" or "in numbers" so that the music students and faculty can achieve their goals.



Notable Olmsted Falls Music Students

The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus members performed at the Ohio Choral Directors Association Convention this summer in Columbus to an audience of choral musicians from all over the state of Ohio. Olmsted Falls High School members of the Chorus include Michael Stefka, Rita George and Holly Miller.

The advanced chorus of the Singing Angels traveled to China this summer giving multiple performances across the country. Olmsted Falls High School member of the Angels is John Oravec.

On Friday June 20, 2008 Maggie Callam, Hallie Fetterman, Timothy Ochmann and Rachel Pohman left for an eleven day tour of southern France, northern Italy and Barcelona, Spain with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. Their first concert was Saturday evening at an outdoor arena (Place de la Trinite) in Chamonix, France. They then traveled to the top of Mont Blanc for a scenic tour of the Alps. Sunday evening they performed at L'Auditorium Eric et Sylvie Boissonnas in Italy. The next few days included sight seeing with visits to Pont du Gard, Calanques boat cruise, French Riviera, and Palace of the Popes. Wednesday evening they did a combined concert with students from the Conservatory of Nimes, France at an outdoor setting called Place de l'Abbe Pierre of Nimes. They continued touring at Carcassonne's walled city, Catalonia, Gaudi La Familia Church, and a city wide tour of Barcelona. They even took in a Flamenco Show while in Barcelona. The final concert on Saturday was at the Cathedral De la Santa Creu i Santa Eulalia in Barcelona, Spain. Sunday ended with a day to explore Barcelona while returning on Monday June 30th.

High School Band & Choir Performance Calendar



- 8/14 - Heritage Day Festival Parade 6:30
- 8/16 - Meet the Teams night (band) TBD
- 8/22 - Football @ Toledo St Francis 7:15
- 8/29 - Football vs. Clyde 7:15
- 9/5 - Football vs. Mayfield 7:15
- 9/12 - Football vs. Amherst 7:15
- 9/18 - (Thurs) Football @ Avon Lake 6:45
- 9/26 - Football @ Midpark 7:15 (BW stadium)
- 10/3 - Football vs. Brecksville (homecoming) 7:15
- 10/5 - Falls Day in the Park (band) time TBD
- 10/10 - Football @ Westlake 7:15
- 10/11 - Powder Puff football (band) 7:00
- 10/17 - Football @ Berea 7:30 (BW stadium)
- 10/18 - Edison H.S. Band Festival TBD
- 10/22 - Choir Concert 7:30 OFHS auditorium
- 10/24 - Football vs. North Olmsted 7:15

FUNDRAISING EVENTS!!!



Applebee's Great Northern - Monday September 8 from 5-8 p.m. Present an OFMA fundraising flyer - OFMA will receive a portion of the your bill back(excluding tax and gratuities)! Fundraising flyer to be e-mailed at a later date.

Spirit wear (hoodies, t's, sweats) to be sold during band camp. Watch for details.

More Fundraising events will be featured here!



Volunteer!!!



Have extra time on your hands? Like to get involved? Then consider volunteering for one of the many OFMA committees. We are seeking committee members for Ways & Means, Membership, Hospitality, Budget, Scholarships, Uniforms, Middle School Choir, Middle School Band, High School Choir, High School Band, Falls-Lenox Music, Fitch Music. For more information contact Susan Lewis at (440) 891-9060 or slewis@sprynet.com.