



MENGEL'S 'MINDERS: September, 2021

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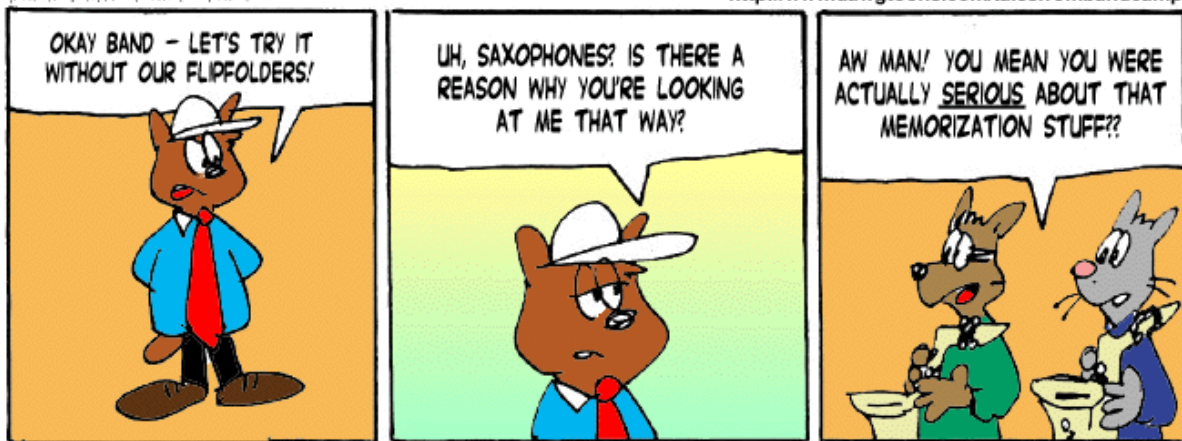
WELCOME BACK!!!

- BAND CAMP HELP THANKS:** Thanks to all for a great start to our season! From uniform distribution, to prop design & construction, to sizing & distributing uniforms, to handing out band camp dinners, to managing the sound system, to organizing band spirit wear, fundraisers, cavalcade program ads, and much more, a small community of parents & band supporters always come together to support the band at this time of the year and we are very thankful and appreciative of everyone's help!
- ITEMS DUE:** At this point, the following items are currently running and/or due:
 - Band Spirit-Wear Orders Due Sept. 12th (Flyers attached)
- FALL PRACTICES:** Weekly marching band practices for the remainder of the season will be on Tuesday nights from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Please remember, with only one group practice a week on Tuesday nights, that means there are **only 7 practices remaining for the season (7 Tuesdays through the end of October)**, so missing even one of them is a big deal. Please do everything possible to be at each practice for the remainder of the season. We will be adding new visuals, drill, and other fun things to the show at each practice.
- DISNEY TRIP PLANNING MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS 9/20/21:**
There will be an important Disney Trip Planning Meeting for all parents and band members on Monday evening, Sept. 20th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium. A representative from our travel company will be there to show a trip-related video and answer any questions you may have about the trip. The meeting will probably last about an hour. ***First payments & permission slips are due Friday, Oct. 1st in the amount of \$615.00 per person. More info can be found on the 'Spring Trip' page on our band website: www.ojrhsband.com***
- EXETER CAVALCADE DAY - SAT, SEPT. 18TH:** We have an early season cavalcade at Exeter High School on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Here is the tentative schedule for the day:
 - 11:00am to 2:00pm - Practice
 - 2:15pm - Meal together in HS Cafeteria **Parents - Here is the link to donate food items to our band that afternoon:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ba5a7229-feed6>
 - 4:15pm - Leave OJR
 - 5:00pm - Arrive at Exeter HS
 - 7:00pm - Cavalcade Begins (I will send the performance schedule as soon as I receive it)
 - 9:30pm - Leave Exeter
 - 10:15pm - Approx return to OJR


6. **BAND UNIFORMS**: Mrs. Danielle Blackledge is in charge of our uniforms along with student uniform manager Sonya Soeder and they, along with many adult and student volunteers, did a remarkable job distributing band uniforms once again this year. Just a reminder to please make sure the band uniforms always come home after every performance and they are either hung up neatly or taken to the dry-cleaner if necessary. Wearing a clean, neatly pressed uniform is important to the image that we want our band to present. We will be doing a uniform inspection before every performance.
7. **OJR BAND PARENT (MPO) WEBSITE**: Our terrific OJR Band Parent Organization has their own website where they post regular announcements, pictures, volunteer information for parents, etc. You can visit our MPO's website at any time here: www.ojrbandmpos.com
8. **COMMUNICATION / "BAND" APP ANNOUNCEMENTS, Etc**: We try and use several forms of communication with the HS Band:
- Monthly "Mengel's Minders" for the big things going on...
 - Weekly emails for the smaller things going on...
 - "Band" App Announcements on your Cell Phone for the quick, short reminders as necessary. To sign up for the Band App Announcements on your phone, go to: <https://band.us/n/a2af5aZ1f9g7v> Parents can do this too if you would like to!
 - Band website postings when possible with any major announcements and other information: www.ojrhsband.com

TALES FROM BAND CAMP

<http://www.dawgtoons.com/talesfrombandcamp>



SCHEDULE - September, 2021

- 9/9/21 Rehearsal - 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 9/10/21 **HOME FOOTBALL GAME (Avon Grove)**
 - Report 5:15pm
 - We perform PRE-GAME
 - Finish around 9:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
- 9/14/21 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
OJR BAND PARENT MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00pm - MS Band Rm
- 9/17/21 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Reading - Played at Albright College)**
 - Report 4:30pm
 - We perform during half-time (tentative for now..)
 - Finish around 10:45pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
- 9/18/21 **CAVALCADE - Exeter High School**
 - 11:00am to 2:00pm - Practice
 - 2:15pm - Meal together in HS Cafeteria
 - 4:15pm - Leave OJR
 - 7:00pm - Cavalcade Begins
 - 10:15pm - Approx return to OJR
-  • 9/20/21 **FLORIDA TRIP MEETING - ALL PARENTS & BAND STUDENTS**
- 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium
- 9/21/21 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 9/24/21 **AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Boyertown)**
 - Report 4:45pm
 - Return around 10:30pm for pickup
 - Bring \$\$ for snacks during 3rd quarter
 - We perform Halftime
- 9/28/21 Rehearsal, 5:30pm to 8:30pm - Mandatory For All Members
- 10/1/21 **FIRST DISNEY TRIP PAYMENT & PERMISSION SLIPS DUE!**