

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we are already beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester! Time seems to just fly by! We have many wonderful events planned for this year so hang on, here we go.....

**Washington D.C. Trip** – If you are still planning to attend the Washington DC Trip, but have not paid your initial \$50 deposit, we need to have it by **January 31**, as we will be determining the number of busses that we need to take. If you would like your child to participate, but are in need of financial assistance, please make sure we are aware of the situation as we will be seeking sponsors for students who need assistance.

Final Trip Costs & Payment Deadlines.

Total Cost	Deposit 11/11	In Account by March 15	Final Payment due May 15
Students \$400	\$50	\$200	\$200
Chaperones \$450	\$50	\$250	\$150
Tag-A-Longs \$500	\$50	\$250	\$200

Please note that once we have reached a deadline, the minimum balance due is non-refundable.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us as soon as possible so we can help.

**High School Solo and Ensemble Festival is Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** at Haslett High School. Students have been given their performance time and hopefully are busy practicing at home! Students who receive a First Division Rating (I) are eligible to attend State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held on March 24.

**MSBOA District 8 Jazz Festival will be Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.** Students will need to bring their jazz uniform to school. The Jazz Band will be performing at 10:40 at Mason High School. We will return close to the end of the day.

The **Jazz Band Dinner Dance "Puttin' On The Ritz" is scheduled for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the Café. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available at the middle school office. Please call Brenda at 749-9953 for more information!

The **Jazz Band Ski Trip is scheduled for Fri-Sun, Mar 9-11.** This is a performance tour for jazz band members. We will have more information coming soon for this fun event!

**HS Band "Festival Concert" will be Tuesday, February 28** beginning at 7 pm in the auditorium.

We are once again hosting band festival for **MSBOA District 8 on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.** This is a wonderful opportunity for our school, students and booster organization. Please be aware there is no school on **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.** The **HS Band** will be performing on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 pm.** The **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band** will be performing at **3:00 on Friday**, and the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will perform at 4:30 on Friday**, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be in need of many volunteers to help make this a successful event once again this year. If you are able to donate 3-4 hours of your time, it would be GREATLY APPRECIATED!! Please contact Carol Nelson at 749-4611 if you are available to help.

We still have many, many students who owe money for reeds, oil and drum sticks/mallets. Please try to take care of these as soon as possible. If you have not paid for band camp, all balances will need to be paid in full before the Washington Trip. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter! If you have questions or concerns, please

contact me at 269-749-4570 or [funkd@olivetschools.org](mailto:funkd@olivetschools.org), Lynne at [funkl@olivetschools.org](mailto:funkl@olivetschools.org), or Brenda with any financial questions at [dedafob@olivetschools.org](mailto:dedafob@olivetschools.org)

This newsletter is worth 25 Homework points. You have 2 options to receive points:

1. Type this link into your browser and fill out the short form by February 10<sup>th</sup>, and your child will receive their 25 points. If you would like to view the online version of this letter, go to [olivetschools.org](http://olivetschools.org), and click on the link under the Arts page and you can then just copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dGxLU3dvakdDbzISUEIaeGpfdFIFZVE6MQ>

2. Return the bottom portion of this form to school by February 10<sup>th</sup>, and your child will receive their 25 points.

Thank you for your support! I hope this will make it easier for you and your child to submit the form! Let us know if you have any problems or questions!

Thanks!

Dave

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have received and read the January 2012 HS Newsletter.  
Parent Signature

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print

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