

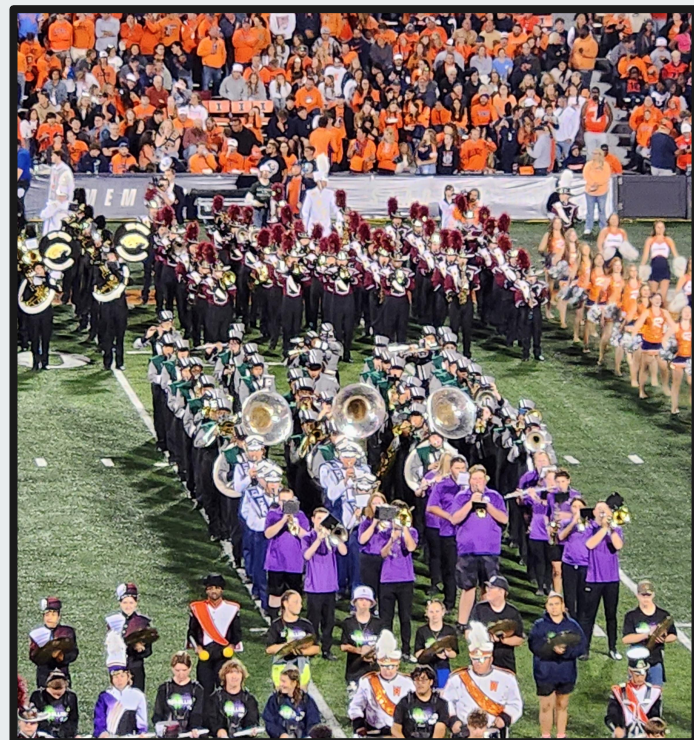


EPCHSMUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2024

One of our most exciting performances has just been completed, that being the University Of Illinois Band Day, this event was performed at by our Marching Band and Colorguard! Another event that students are looking forward to is the NHS Veteran's day breakfast, where the choir will perform. Rehearsals for the play are in full swing, which many students are involved in. The whole department has many upcoming events and activities to look forward to! The school year is off to a great start!

written by Micheal DiPasalegne (12th)





Upcoming Music Events (September '24)

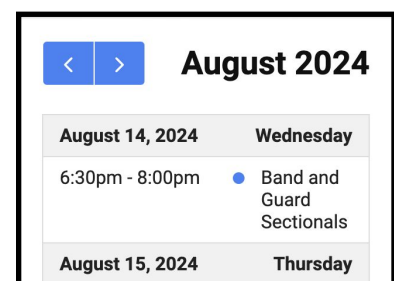
- September 13th - Home Football Game
- September 14th - **Car Wash Fundraiser**
- September 15th - **Rain Date** - Car Wash Fundraiser
- September 27th - Home Football Game
- October 3rd - Homecoming Parade
- October 3rd - Music Booster Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 4th - Homecoming Game
- October 16th - **Sounds from the Stadium**
- October 24-25th - **Puffs Performances** (Fall Play)

Always stay up to date by accessing our website:

<http://www.epchsbands.org/>



Subscribe to the calendar on the right hand side for the most current updates on the happenings of the music department!





Music Boosters

Have you joined the Music Boosters?

The Evergreen Park Music Boosters support EPCHS' music programs: Beginning Band, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Combo, Jazz Ensemble, Madrigals, Marching Band, Percussion Performance, and Unaccompanied Minors. **In order to be eligible for the senior OR summer (underclassmen) scholarships, you must be a paid Music Boosters member by September 30, 2024.** Thank you to all who have already registered and paid for this year!

Registration link is here:

<https://evergreenpark.revtrak.net/mb/>



Ways to get involved:

We are always looking for parents to help at school events to support our music students. Here are some upcoming volunteer and donation opportunities!

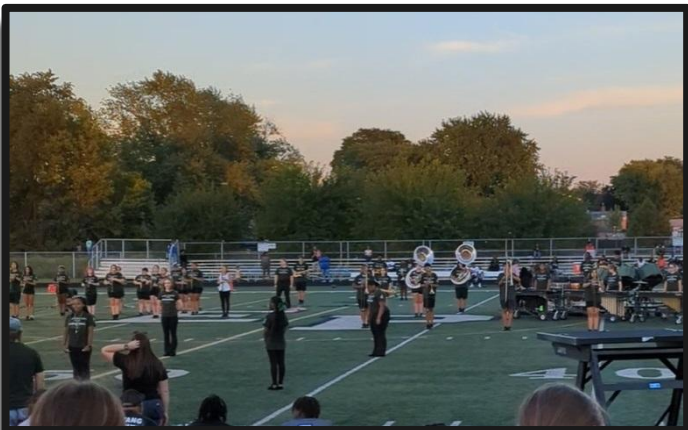
September 13 is the 1st Home Football Game - we need 6 volunteers to help with the drum major platforms for the halftime performance, and we need 2 volunteers to help with water distribution throughout the game - you can sign up through this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BA8AD2CA1FF2-51108213-2024>.

Save the other home football dates, September 27 and October 4 - we'll need help then as well, with the sign up link opening soon!

September 14 is the Car Wash Fundraiser - we need LOTS OF donations and volunteers to help make the event as successful and profitable for the students as possible! You can sign up to donate or volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BA8AD2CA1FF2-51108568-epchs>



Story time with Mr. Kazin

Did you ever wonder when The Mustang Marching Band became competitive? Well back in the 80's when I began, we started with 2 scotch bass drums a set of trio toms and no marching snare drums. Our first "contest" was at Sheppard High School - the day after the USC (yes THE University of Southern California! Marching Band) practiced in the rain for their football game with Nortre Dame. Needless to say the field was ruined with 400 college students practicing in the mud for 3 hours.

The contest was the next day, a beautiful sunny day, but the contest was brought inside for music only because of the field conditions. The band did earned 1st but did not march.

Again the following year at the Hercher Invitational the rain was coming down like cats & dogs. Earlier that week, the band was practicing for our new fall concert called "Sounds from the Stadium". Back then the band was so small, that I had the band "shrink" the fieldshow down. The band actually marched it inside the gym for our audience.

At Hercher, I decided to have the band "march" their show in the gym, instead of performing their music alone. The crowd and judges were not expecting this and they seemed to appreciated the effort of marching inside. (although they didn't know we have been practicing the show this way all week).

The outcome was Great—another 1st—but still no field marching! Finally the next year was our "Big Band Show" with 37 on the field. E.P. marched & won our class at Franklin Park's Fall Fest!!! After our school was announced as 1st place, the band hopped the fence and rushed the drum majors!! TACKLING THEM TO THE GROUND! It was very embarrassing, The group didn't know how to win yet. But I remember being very proud of how far they've come in just a few years! That was the late 80's and a tradition of excellence was being forged for future classes and decades .
Gooooo Mustangs!!



Band

By Megan Klimowski (11th)

Band is up and running and we've had so many exciting performances this year!



We kicked things off with the annual **Back to School Bash**, and this week, we went to the **U of I Band Day** to play the halftime show for a sold out game! EP Band has never had the opportunity to perform at a sold out game and we are grateful we were able to perform for such an amazing crowd.



If you weren't able to make it to U of I, we still have other performances on the horizon!

- Our first home football game is **Friday, September 13th**
- Marengo marching competition is **October 13th**
- Sounds of the Stadium concert is on **October 16th**.

Hi, I'm Mr. Scalf!

Hello Evergreen Park Families!

In case we haven't had the chance to meet yet, My name is Mr. Scalf and I am excited to introduce myself as the new choir director here at Evergreen Park Community High School.

I grew up in Sandwich, Illinois, and attended a high school that was a very similar size to Evergreen Park. Much like our students here, I was lucky enough to be able to participate in band, choir, and drama in high school. My favorite experiences were in Madrigals, Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and our Musical Productions. These diverse experiences in music-making allowed me to explore leadership opportunities, participate in my town's larger community, and appreciate many different genres of music. I attended Millikin University for music education, where I participated in University Choir, Bass Choir, and the Vocal Jazz group (OneVoice). In my student teaching and post-graduation teaching experiences, I have taught all levels of music in Chicago Public Schools—from kindergarten general music to middle school rock band to high school choir. At home, I love to cook, go to yoga classes, and entertain my cats.

I believe that participating in choir gives you an accessible and hands-on experience that will teach you a great deal about music and the world. Not only do you get a glimpse into the poems and music of historical and contemporary cultures, but you also get to practice leadership and accountability, and be a member of a tight knit community.

I am so impressed with the amount of pride this community has in its music program. I cannot wait to continue the work done by the existing educators, parents, community members, and students to make this program successful!

Sincerely,

Mr. Scalf





Lunch Choir

Lunch Choir has been hard at work preparing for an array of performances in early November. The choir has been making dynamic work of their musical theatre repertoire, while also practicing the basics of vocal music literacy (reading solfege and rhythms, and exploring vocal technique in a group setting). Lunch Choir receives weekly grades based on their ability to reflect on rehearsal and additional grades that measure their progression in music literacy and knowledge of repertoire.

Choir



Class Choir

Class Choir is a small group that meets for an additional period of time every day to expand upon their skills as well rounded vocalists and musicians. So far, Class Choir has been reviewing the building blocks of music (rhythms and pitches) and applying them through composition, comprehension, and dictation. The small group is also taking on the challenge of preparing vocal music in a small group setting, which pushes independence and strengthens a musician's ears.



Madrigals

Madrigals—the extra curricular vocal group that rehearses and performs throughout the fall semester—is off and running in preparation for their December Feast. Auditions were held during the second week of school, and the group began rehearsals 3 days later. Congratulations to all that made it and thank you to all who auditioned! Madrigals rehearses weekly on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm.

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EPCHS Choirs Present...

BE THE HERO

A Musical Theatre Concert

Sunday, November 10th

3:00 pm

Batho Auditorium

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Love comedy? Love a certain "boy who lives"? Then you'll love this year's play, **PUFFS!** The story follows a young boy attending a certain british school of magic, where he learns to make friends, cast spells, and stay true to himself. Hijinks ensue! **Tickets are on sale now!** Performance dates are **October 24th and 25th!**



Drama!

written by Micheal DiPasalegne (12th)

Meet the cast!

Joe Duffy (12th)

Suzy Summers (12th)

Ziv Aviros (11th)

Micheal DiPasalegne (12th)

Rosebud Summers (12th)

Makayla Knight(12th)

Zion McCadd (11th)

Trevor Wolfe (12th)

Xalani Mitchell (12th)

Bella Dever (10th)

Louise Brady (11th)

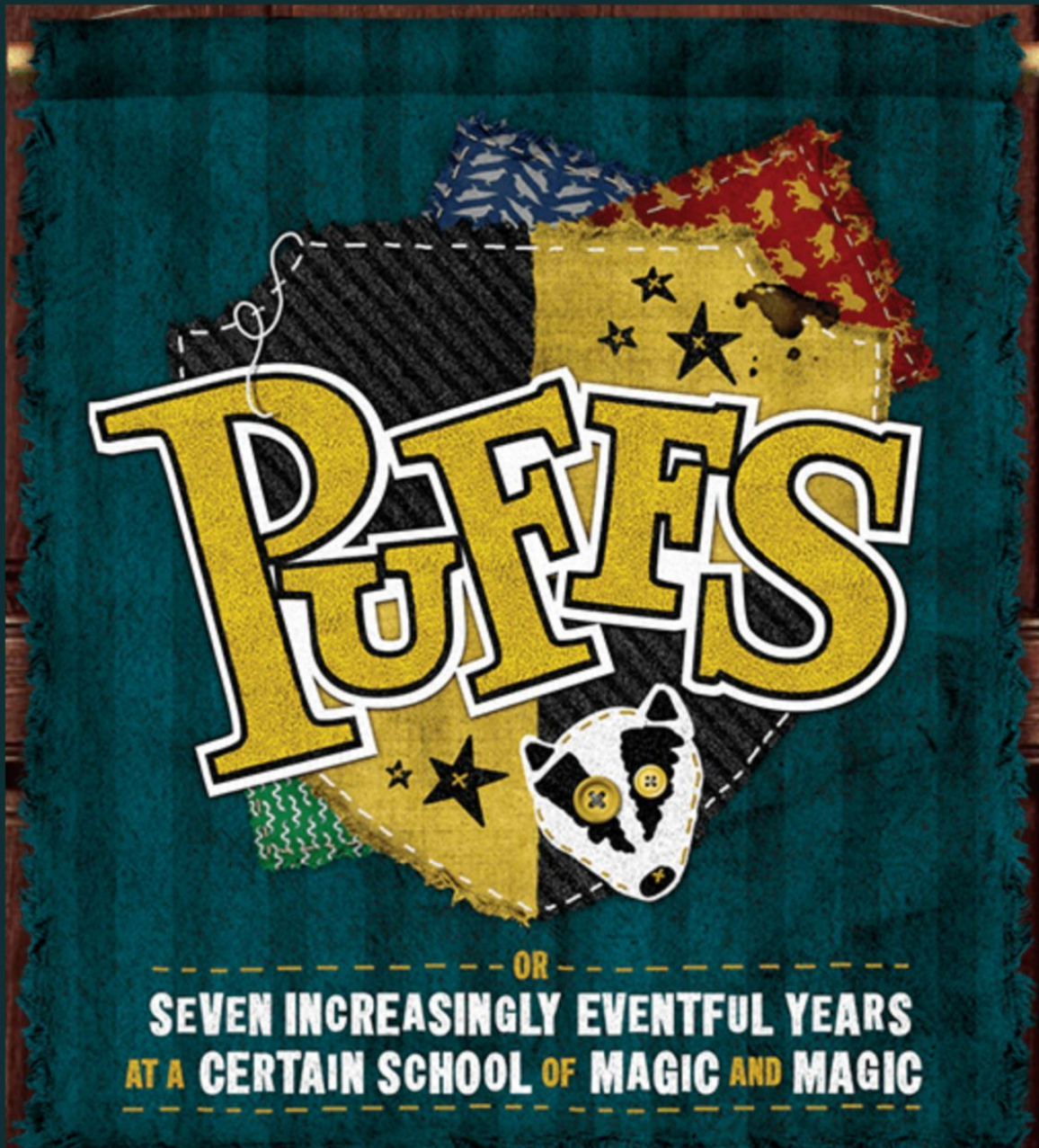
Where to buy tickets? Scan the QR code below!
Come support the amazing work this talented kids are putting on!



or go to <https://cur8.com/16672/project/124623>

This year's musical will be **RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA!** Auditions for the musical will take place later in the year, more information to come!

EPCHS Drama
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October 24-25
7 p.m.