



## NEWSLETTER 2014



### Welcome to the Class of 2015

The Pride Alumni Band Association would like to welcome the Class of 2015

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**Please join us in welcoming our 2015 seniors into “The Pride”!**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I start my 11th year as Alumni President, I continue to be awed and humbled by the love and dedication to The Pride by every one of you. It's because of your continued dedication that we start our 45th year of existence! I'd like to start off by thanking the alumni committee and our Directors Scott Curfman and Brandon DuVall for their continued dedication by putting together an incredible program this past year and we're already hard at work on your 2015 schedule! Your alumni committee is a very well-oiled machine at this point with much tenure and dedication, and continues to be an incredible group to work with, but we can always use fresh ideas from you, so please join us and get involved!

This past year, like 2013, we saw the largest group of alumni (beating the prior year's record) gather for the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade, the majority of members having graduated within 3-4 four years! We also saw record attendance at the Stow Fourth of July parade!

Our band show performance was awesome! You voted on the concert number and chose Faithfully, by Journey, and the crowd went wild!!! This year's band show is August 11th, 1 week earlier than normal due to a changed school calendar. We're hoping to see many of you attend, as this is a week prior to college move in for our younger members!

Congratulations to Mr. Michael Corbissaro, for winning this year's Pride Award for his continued dedication to The Pride! Our condolences to the family of last year's Pride Award winner, Mr. Dean Sterling, who recently passed.

Our fundraising this past year was VERY successful, pouring at both Rockin' on the River and Festa Italiana. The Pride and the IMP had so much fun and camaraderie together pouring the suds, that we will join again in 2015 for our Rockin', Festa, and IROK dates. A big thanks goes out to Trish Enos, IMP President, the IMP members, AND the Pride Alumni members, who continue to help make this happen! Together, we make a difference!

Due to your continued help and support at our fundraising events last year we were able to purchase 2 trombones, 1 trumpet, and 3 clarinets for the Tiger Band AND we awarded the sixth Pride Alumni Scholarship in May of 2014 to Miss Jessica Purdy and plan a seventh for this spring! We provided \$150 for second prize of IMP's I-PAD raffle, and we fed the Goldtones at The Hard Rock Cafe in Cleveland after an excellent performance for OMEA.

We cannot continue to do this without you! Your help and participation helps us to help our beloved Tiger Marching Band! 2015 is the year to get re-involved and re-acquainted with the Pride! This organization exists for you and because of you! Please review the 2015 calendar on the back page and make plans to attend some of these exciting events to show your pride and dedication!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Bowers, President  
The Pride Alumni

## THANK YOU!

Please help the Pride to thank CIC who came through with rental instruments, Doug Flinn at Acme, Trish Enos-IMP President, Brandon Duvall and Dustin Harris who always allow us to come home and use the band room, Scott Curfman, Robert Feldbush for arranging our concert number, Jim Stanley and Victoria Burdette, our official Pride photographers from Distinctive Images, Marsha McKenna at the Falls City Press, and finally, thank you to all who attended this years' events.

The Alumni would also like to thank the Forsheys for once again having the Mustang available for all the parades.

**In Memorium  
to  
Dean Sterling**

**By Randy Filmore**



The list is short of those demanding, dedicated, and talented individuals who have led the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls, the Tiger Band; who have accepted and embraced the mantle of leading, teaching, guiding, and mentoring students (of all ages) in a program that is as much about life as it is marching and playing an instrument.

The list is equally as short for those of us in the press box during each performance; announcing with heartfelt appreciation, and yes, a deep seated love, announcing to all within the sound of the public address system the obvious; the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls is taking the field.

This past December, that list of those who have announced the presence of the Tiger Band grew a little more quiet, as Dean Sterling made his transition and passed on.

In “The Magnificent Monster”, Bob Feldbush recalled that Dean had created such moniker phrases that have come to be synonymous with the Tiger Band; “The Pride of Cuyahoga Falls”, “The Tradition of Excellence”, and “One More Time”.

When I would return to the Falls each summer to play with the alumni band, wishing Dean would take his dear sweet time after the running cadence onto the field, and remembering in my high school days how much one day, I looked forward to being fortunate enough to have that same opportunity; letting the audience know without a shadow of a doubt, that the Pride of Cuyahoga Falls was now on the field.

I am honored that Dean embraced my being chosen to take his place behind the microphone. In the past several years, I had the opportunity to hear some of his stories from his radio days; a vocation we shared; as well as the avocation we both loved; Tiger Band.

At his Memorial Service in January, the First United Methodist Church was filled on a cold, cloudy, day, with family and friends; each coming together to remember, reminisce, and honor a father, uncle, relative, mentor, teacher, patient, and friend who touched our hearts with his smile, jokes, laughter, presence, and yes, his voice.

Every time the words, “Pride of Cuyahoga Falls” or, “One More Time” come out of my mouth, they will remind me of Dean; and should a tear begin to well up in my eye as I utter those words, I know his voice can be heard only by me in his notorious deadpan style, “Oh, just get on with it!”.

One more time, thank you, Dean.

**2015 Officers**

Congratulations to your 2014 Officers: Mark Bowers ('85), President; Steve Mietus ('81), Vice President; John Walk ('72), Treasurer; Mike Price ('99), Secretary

<p align="center"><b>2014 Treasurer's Report</b>  <b>Submitted by John Walk, Treasurer</b></p>
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Beginning Balance 1/01/2014	\$ 4,715.21
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Income:

Italian Festival	1,602.00
Stow Fourth of July Parade	500.00
Rock'n on the River	5,143.11
Donation by Member	500.00
Donations by Robert Feldbush	2,120.84
Membership dues, pizza & merchandise sales	873.01

Expenses:

Tiger Band Instrument Donations	(2,191.80)
Scholarship for Senior	(500.00)
Donations to IMP	(750.00)
Donation to Grid Iron Club	(150.00)
T-shirts (for graduating seniors)	(723.96)
Pizza party for graduating seniors	(86.30)
Food & supplies (Sunday dinner)	(489.22)
Hall rental (Monday party)	(100.00)
Food & supplies (Monday party)	(288.96)
Pizza (pizza party w/Tiger Band)	(492.00)
Christmas Party	(200.75)
Newsletter	(970.48)
Gift certificates (directors, announcer)	(153.95)
T-shirts (for sale at show)	(254.31)
Rock'n on the River	(120.00)
Parade Supplies	(164.71)
Pride Award	(70.10)
Memorial flowers	(53.38)
PO Box rental	(80.00)
IRS Fees	(400.00)

Ending Balance 12/31/2014	<u>\$ 7,214.25</u>
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## **Entertainment Committee**

Alan Cool  
Class of 2007

Well it has been another busy year of partying with the Pride Alumni and the current Tiger Band! In case you did not know the Entertainment Committee is responsible for all of the food and party related entertainment that is hosted by the Pride Alumni. So to start the year off our first party is for the out going seniors after their last concert of the year. It is a pizza party hosted by the Alumni to wish our seniors well and to thank them for all of their hard work in the Tiger Band over the years. It is also when we get their information to keep in contact with them and to help bring them into the Pride Alumni. The next batch of parties happen with the band show. The first being the Chicken dinner after the Sunday practice. We got chicken and jojo's from Fiesta Pizza and Chicken on Bailey Rd. here in the falls. Then after Monday night's practice we go to the Italian American Club on 9th St. for our party. This year the first drinks for everyone alcoholic or non depending on age and preference was paid for by the Alumni and then we had subs from Doug Flynn's ACME on Bailey Rd. We also had chips donated by Doug Flynn and ACME with Lawson's chip dip. The night of the band show as tradition we had "Chilly Willies" from Reiter Dairy for our post performance beverage. Then there is the always anticipated Pizza Dinner after the band show with the current Tiger Band. This year between the kids and the Alumni we went through 24 sheet pizzas from Rocco's Pizza on Portege Trail. It may not seem like much but food keeps us all going and happy and the Entertainment Committee is happy to do the job. I could not have done it without the other members of the committee. Then there were the countless other saps.. I mean helpful people of Sue, Julie, Ron, Lisa, Steve, Mark, Evan, Bridget, and Sandy. We would not have the "Chilly Willies" if not for the incomparable Eddy Hankins and none of this would be possible without the money from John Walk, So a big thank you to all from the bottom of my heart. If anyone has ideas or would like to help out please see me I am the tall nerdy glasses wearing drummer in the Percussion section. Party on Wayne... Party on Garth!

## **Instrument Rentals and Donations**

(Mike Price)

Mike Price here with your annual instrument update. I would once again like to thank CIC for allowing us the usage of some of their instruments for the band show this year. We have acquired a few other instruments this past year. The instruments that the alumni own have all been taken up to CIC and re-padded, re-corked, oiled and are ready for action throughout the following year. This means that the excuse of "I don't have an instrument" will no longer work, so come and join us this year for all the instrumental festivities! Please remember, the Alumni is always interested in any instruments that you would like to donate. We will again put them in good working order and have them available for use. Just let me know!!

## **Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade**

(Steve Mietus)

Once again the Pride Alumni Band made a spectacular appearance at the annual Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade. We lined up by the IHM ball fields, right behind the construction site of Portage Crossing (the new site to replace State Road Shopping Center). The weather couldn't have been better. There was sun, but there was also a cool breeze in the air that helped keep the sweat from pouring off of your brow. And I think we set the Alumni Band record for the number of marchers. The unofficial count was 68 marchers! And the best part was seeing so many younger marchers join our ranks. It feels good to know that the Pride Alumni seems to continue to grow every year.

Having just come off of working our first Rockin' on the River, many of us were a bit sore before the parade began. But in true Alumni Band fashion, we soldiered on. After starting out, Mr. Curfman blew the first whistle that started the cycle of songs shifting from "This is My Country" and "Tiger Rag." We just didn't know how many times he was going to blow that darn whistle!

For those of us old timers to the parade, we really miss the big plane flying over at the start of the parade. Hopefully it will return. But whether or not the plane returns, we know the Pride Alumni Band will return. So that means that all of you who were watching us on the side lines (and we do appreciate the support) should make note and dust off your old instruments and join us next year to make an even larger showing for the parade. .

This year was much warmer than last year's freeze parade, so I asked Mr. Curfman to detour the band through Dairy Queen for some refreshments. He gave me the "thumbs up" and I thought all was good. Then he blew that darn whistle again and kicked up another round of "Tiger Rag" and by the time we finished, Dairy Queen was behind us. Note to self – get up early next year and steal Mr. Curfman's whistle!

I don't know how many cycles through the tunes we played, but I think Mr. Curfman used up almost as much air blowing his whistle as we did playing the tunes. And it's nice to have this one day where you can go down Portage Trail and not worry about going through a red light, or going left of center. I tried it once on a non-Memorial Day Parade day, and it didn't work. There were almost as many police after me as were at the parade! OK, that's just a joke ... or is it?

As always, the Pride Alumni Band finished the parade as strong as we started. It's hard to imagine that at the end of the parade, as you pass the judges stand, that you still have the energy to play "Tiger Rag" as strong as you did at the start of the parade, and you have the energy to go through two cadences of the J.W. to boot! But with J.W. himself playing the cadence, you find that energy and the crowd shows their appreciation for all of our efforts. No let's be serious ... don't you want to be a part of this next year? I knew that you did. We'll see you all then!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** (Steve Mietus)

As has been our practice for many years now, the Pride Alumni Band marched in the Stow 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. While we didn't match the 68 marchers we had for the Memorial Day Parade, we did show 41 strong marching members. And the best part was that we had very good instrumentation. As always, we're also happy to see so many younger and new marchers. They are the members that will keep this organization going strong for years to come. And my obligatory plea is that you come and join us next year. I may even start writing the names of the people who DON'T show up! But then, that would make this letter larger than the Sunday Akron Beacon Journal!

So, on to the parade. We had rain several days before the parade, but the forecast was for clear skies and temperatures in the mid 70's. We had some minor showers the day before, and when we woke up the skies were sketchy. But by the time we arrived on the lot, the weather was perfect. The skies were clear with just enough clouds to keep the sun from cooking us, and there was a nice breeze in the air. It was perfect parade weather. That made it all the more comfortable to talk about all the people that should have been there and weren't! But then it was time to focus on the task at hand.

Unfortunately, we were a littler further back in the line up this year. That's because it's an election year and there were two full rows of politicians in convertibles and fancy cars. So while we were back in the line a bit, the first rows exited the parking lot fairly quickly. Once we turned out of the parking lot, the cycle of "This Is My Country" and "Tiger Rag" began. I think it was the weather, but I don't remember ever seeing so many people on the sidelines watching us. I also saw way too many people on the sidelines that should have been in our ranks. But I'm sure that will be remedied next year by all available alumni jointing us in the parade.

Brandon Duvall once again led the alumni band for this event. And as in years past, Scott Curfman provided taxi service taking marchers from the ending point to the start point so that they could leave their cars at the end of the parade. We had our usual helpers that may not have played an instrument, but provided much needed and assistance in the parade. There were those carrying the banner, those driving the "Tiger Band Mustang" (thanks Mr. Forshey) and of course the kids who run up and down the ranks with bottles of water. In past years most of us couldn't wait to see one of them with the water, but this year, while we were just as glad to see them, we didn't consume as much water as when it was in the 90's. But they are appreciated just the same.

The weather also made all the up-hills and down-hills much easier to navigate. We did end up in a left turn only lane at one point, and Brandon even suggested turning into Starbucks. But since he would have had to buy, he decided to ignore the turn lane and take the traffic citation instead. So onward and upward we marched. The parade seemed to go by more quickly this year due to the weather. Before you knew it, we were going up the last hill and approaching the judge's stand.

That is the best part of the parade. Not because it's over, but because it's almost over! You have that one last run through of "Tiger Rag" in front of the judges followed by 2 times through the "JW" (and who was the director that changed it from 1 time through to two?). And after you use every bit of what you have left, the JW is over, and you think you're home free ... Brandon blows that damn whistle again! And here we go through another set of our tunes. But hey, were Tigers, and we're alumni, so there's no problem. We could do this all the way back to the high school. Well, in our minds we can!

But then you finish up at the parade's end, catch your breath, give your last hugs to old friends, and then head home. Normally you would head home for a shower and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July beverage and meal, but you only get the shower this year. You only have a few hours before heading out to support the Tiger Band by pouring beverages at Rockin' on the River. But you don't mind, after all – it's all for the band!

Below is a picture of the parade from within the ranks. If you think this looks good, imagine how good it would look to see it IN PERSON from within the ranks! See you there next year!



**Festa Italiana / Rockin' on the River  
(aka – Our Fundraising Efforts)  
(Steve Mietus)**

Fortunately for the Alumni Band we were once again requested to serve beverages at the Cuyahoga Falls Festa Italiana! This year the 3-day event took place on July 18, 19, and 20. And as is the case for most of our fund raising events, we partnered with the I.M.P. to help staff the event. And as always, both organizations came through in numbers, attitude and effort to staff this event. There were 5 shifts to man each of the two trucks we ran: Friday 5:00 – 11:30, Saturday noon – 5:00 and 5:00 – 11:30, and Sunday noon – 4:00 and 4:00 – 8:30. All shifts were well covered, and other than some mechanical problems with a few of the taps, the event was hassle free.

Friday night was a blast! We had plenty of workers and all of those workers were kept busy. The crowd was fantastic and the weather was terrific as well. On one truck alone we went through 15 kegs of beer, 60 cases of Peroni (Italian beer), and countless bottles of wine. We had pourers, servers, and bar backs. Your Alumni and IMP has made this into a smooth operation, and the Italians like it. We like that we don't have to ask them for product or to change a keg. They just let us take care of it ourselves and run our own trucks. And run them we did!

The weather for the event was good ... overall. Friday night the weather was perfect! The temps were low for July, there was a nice breeze and it was bright until sunset. Saturday was a bit of a disappointment. We did have rain in the afternoon. That kept some of the crowd away. While the weather stayed overcast throughout the evening, there was no more rain. Sadly, that didn't bring much more of a crowd. But Sunday was once again a lovely day. It was a bit warm, but not unbearable in any way. The evening picked up quite a bit, and while it wasn't as busy as Friday night, it was much better than Saturday!

And it would be Festa Italiana without the food and other vendors. We were all able to take a stroll down the mall and visit and patronize various vendors. The food is terrific as always, and as usual, most of us ate more than we had intended to. But hey, it's a festival, and since you're working it, you may as well enjoy it too! And enjoy it we did! Now come on, you know you don't want to miss out on good times like this. You know you want to be there, no, you know you NEED to be there next year! And we'll be waiting for you!

## **Rockin' on the River #1**

Fund raising this year was fantastic. We were thrilled to once again earn the privilege to pour "adult beverages" at three Rockin on the River events. And even better was that we were slated to pour for the opening event on Memorial Day weekend as well as the July 4<sup>th</sup> event plus one in August, so we did all the necessary planning with our IMP partners.

Memorial Day weekend rolled around and we showed up in full force. The weather was on the cool side, but nothing like the frigid temperatures we had last year. It was sunny and a cool 65 degrees with a breeze. The crowd was slow to arrive, but by early evening they came in droves. Fortunately, we had a large supply of man power to handle the demand, and as usual, there were no delays in providing product to the customers. And the business stayed steady right up until the 11:00 closing time. And our tip jars were all but overflowing! The only thing better than earning a large amount of money to support the Tiger Band was the camaraderie that we shared with IMP working together again. Hopefully you can join us at one of our many fundraising events.

While the Memorial Day Parade followed 3 days later, we also prepared for.....

## **Rockin' on the River #2**

Rockin' on the River #2 for the Alumni Band was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Yes, after marching the 3 mile Stow parade, the diligent alumni band, with assistance from the IMP, poured and served ice cold beverages at Rockin' on the River. The weather continued to be perfect. The sun was out (until it set) and the temperatures were very pleasant. The band that week was "Zoso," a Led Zeppelin tribute band. They usually draw a HUGE crowd, but this was the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with fireworks in Akron and all the other holiday gatherings going on. But the crowd did not disappoint. The evening went smoothly, we received a record amount in tips, and now we just have to wait to see how much we will receive for our efforts. That is, how much we receive to continue our support of the current Tiger Band! That, and going home to have our third shower of the day, and maybe even a long, well deserved soak in a tub.

That led us into ...

## **Rockin' on the River #3**

Rockin' on the River #3 was the best event of the 3 events for which we poured this summer. In fact, in may have been the best Rockin' on the River that we have poured for EVER! This was the last Rockin' that Bob Early was to run in Cuyahoga Falls. We didn't know this when we were booked for the event, but we were very excited to have this opportunity, as it would be (and proved to be) a HUGE event! But once again we were faced with the dilemma of this event landing on the first football game for the Tigers, hence the Tiger band. And since we share these events with the IMP, our ranks faced some severe challenges of providing a strong work force. Well, that might have been a set back for other organizations, but your Tiger Alumni Band and IMP came through in true Tiger fashion and had our trucks stocked with more than an ample supply of servers and those who pour to more than accommodate the huge crowd that showed up. While we worked the black and gold off of our behinds at this event, we had a great time and made our largest profit from an event like this that we have ever made. That includes our take from beverage sales as well as tips. What a great way to end a fundraising season ... and you weren't there! Don't you regret it? :-)) Well, don't worry, we have strong leads that put us in prime position to provide services for Rockin' on the River events for next year, so we expect to see you there! Don't you want to be a part of a new tradition? Of course you do! We will contact you and see you there!

## **Band Show** (Ken Snyder)

As always, the Pride Alumni Band did an outstanding job at the 2014 Preview of Bands Band Show at Clifford Stadium on Tuesday, 19 August 2014.

Sunday was a huge success. Not only did we have a great turnout, but also both registration and practice (in the south parking lot) went very well. Mother Nature cooperated reluctantly. The temperature was in the low to mid-

eighties with a threat of thunderstorms. As luck would have it, the rain held off. Mr. Brandon Duvall, the director of the Tiger Band, along with former Tiger Band director, Mr. Scott Curfman co-directed the Alumni Band, not only at the two practices, but at the Band Show as well. Sunday's practice was followed with a chicken dinner in the cafeteria.

Practice on Monday evening, which took place in the stadium, went equally well. Once again there was a threat of rain all day, but it remained dry. After Sunday's mid-day practice on the asphalt of the parking lot, it was a real treat to march on grass in the cool of the evening and under the lights. A party followed at the Italian American Center on Ninth Street.

Tuesday night, the evening of the Band Show, finally arrived. As always, we had our picture taken in the bleachers under the Tiger emblem. Again, rain was in the forecast, but held off until after the Band Show was over.

The pre-game show featured our very own, Tiger Band. It is always an honor when we, the Alumni Band, play *The Star Spangled Banner* along with them.

Following the pre-game show the first band to perform was the Fighting Irish Marching Band from St. Vincent – St. Mary High School. The Woodridge High School Bulldog Band followed them. Then it was our turn.

The greatest thrill for me at any Band Show is the reception from the crowd and the Tiger Band when we take the field. I think that everyone in the Alumni Band gets a huge adrenaline rush from the cheering.

We did our running cadence on field followed by a jump halt and our fanfare. Randy Fillmore, the voice of the Alumni Band introduced us and after four bass drum beats, we took off downfield playing the first segment of *Tiger Rag*. That was followed by the circle-drill to the song *More* and a conversion that put the band into a concert formation.

Next, we were able to catch our breaths during the presentation of the Pride Achievement Award. The 2014 recipient was Mr. Mike Corbissero, who was a music educator in the Cuyahoga Falls School system for nearly 30 years. Mike, who is a close friend of Mr. Robert Feldbush, him helped with the band's travel arrangements, directed the symphonic band and is also an accomplished trombone player (lower brass rules).

The award presentation was followed by the playing of the concert number. Earlier in the year the Pride Alumni Band Committee agreed to allow the band to vote online as to which song that they wanted to play. We selected four songs from different decades. *I Don't Want to Miss a Thing* by Aerosmith. *Let it Go* by Frozen. The Gold Tones ever-popular *String of Pearls*. And the winner was *Faithfully*, by Journey (arranged by Robert Feldbush). The voting process was an overwhelming success and will continue in the future. On the Band Show registration form we asked for input from the band as to what song that they would like to play at the 2015 Band Show. This winter we will condense the recommendations to perhaps four ballads and then let the band vote again. One more thing: the audience loved *Faithfully*. When I viewed our performance on U-Tube I noticed that a huge part of the applause was for the amazing job that was done by our majorettes.

After the concert number, we went through another conversion that set us up for the remainder of *Tiger Rag*, the three-count turn around, stomp down, bow and extension. Again **THE CROWD WENT WILD**. This was followed by the running cadence off field, which led us into J.W. Once again, the adrenaline kicked in. We were exhausted and it really didn't matter because **IT WAS ALL ABOUT BAND**.

Following our performance there was a ten-minute intermission in order for the crowd to regain their composure. In the second half, we were treated to the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Marching Band, and the Tiger "Swing" Band from Massillon Washington High School.

Next up was the award presentation. The Alumni Band has three awards other than the Pride Achievement Award: the band member that travels the farthest to participate in the Band Show, the "most senior" marcher, and the best represented class. Jim Kierstead, clarinet player (class of 1970) from western Massachusetts, traveled the most miles in order to march with us. Once again, Ron Wahl and yours truly (class of 1966) were the oldest guys to march. For the second consecutive year, the class of 2013 had the most marchers: twelve.

The exclamation point to the evening was the Cuyahoga Falls High School Tiger Band. They were completely and totally awesome. Following the Band Show, the Tiger Band and the Alumni Band gathered in the cafeteria for our annual pizza party. It's always a pleasure (especially when there is food involved).

In all, we had 105 marchers, which was 9 more than the 96 that participated in 2013. Next year let's hope that we can get at least 120.

On behalf of the Alumni Band members and the committee I want to thank Brandon Duvall, Scott Curfman, Dustin Harris, and the IMP for their hard work preparing for the Band Show and the support that they have given us. I also want to thank the City of Cuyahoga Falls for their continued support.

**VISIT THE TIGER BAND AT [www.cftigerband.org](http://www.cftigerband.org)**

# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PATRONS OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO 2013/2014 - IMP Patron Form

The purpose of IMP is to provide money and support for instrumental music in the Cuyahoga Falls public schools. All parents of children in any instrumental music program are members of IMP: however anyone interested in maintaining and improving the quality of the music program in our schools may become a member.

The IMP benefits all Falls public school bands by the purchase and care of uniforms, instrument repairs, scholarships, purchasing new music, assisting with band trips, school instrument repair, social and recreational activities, and providing chaperones and other necessities that the Board of Education is unable to provide under Ohio State Law.



The IMP supports the 800 plus band students in our program through a variety of fundraisers, including, this Patron Program, Band Shows, Tag Day, Patron Drives, Golf Outing, Car Washes, sales of Entertainment Books, candy and food, Varsity Gold Cards, and various other events throughout the year. We need both your time and financial support to help maintain the high standard of excellence for which the Tiger Band Is known. Join us or send your contribution or Patron check to IMP today!

Become a sponsor of the IMP and reserve a place in our programs for recognition of your support. Music students who have graduated less than 4 years ago may become an **Alumni Patron for \$10.00**. The following levels of support will be included in our printed music programs: **\$25.00 Patron, \$50.00 Gold Level Patron, \$75.00 Black Level Patron, \$100.00 Honor Level Patron, \$150.00 or more Director's Level Patron.**

Patrons in the Honor Level will receive a pass to enter all IMP musical events free of charge. Patrons at the Director's Level will receive 2 passes to all IMP musical events. Free events must be sponsored by the IMP. Other non-instrumental groups such as the M&M's, Spring Musical and band shows at other locations are not included.

Your donation is tax deductible.

*Sincerely,*  
**Trish Enos, President**  
**Instrumental Music Patrons**

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## **Events to Remember**

### **Your 2015 Pride Alumni Schedule**

#### **Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade**

May 24, 2015 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Bandroom Memorial Day Practice; Instruments available

May 25, 2015 Monday- Cuy. Falls Memorial Day Parade, starts at 9:00 AM; Line-up 8-8:30 AM

#### **Stow Fourth of July Parade**

June 28, 2015 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Bandroom Fourth of July Practice; Instruments available

July 4, 2015 Saturday- Stow Fourth of July Parade, starts at 10:00 AM; Line-up at 9 AM

#### **Preview of Bands Show \*\***

August 9, 2015 Sunday- 12 – 2 PM Registration/instrument rental; 2-5:00 PM Rehearsal \*\*

August 10, 2015 Monday- 5-6 PM Registration/instrument rental; 6-9:00 PM Rehearsal \*\*

August 11, 2015 Tuesday- 6:30 PM End-zone picture; 7:00 PM BANDSHOW \*\*

**\*\*ONE PRACTICE IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO MARCH IN THE SHOW (Preferably Sunday)**

\* 2015 Fundraising events TBD and will be posted on the [www.pridealumni.org](http://www.pridealumni.org) website.

Check out our website at [www.pridealumni.org](http://www.pridealumni.org) for further information on all of the above events.

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