



# NEWSLETTER 2016



## **Please join us in welcoming our 2017 seniors into “The Pride”!**

The Pride Alumni Band Association would like to welcome the Class of 2017

Alex Abood	Anna Bryant	Mason McCartney	James Serri
Megan Anderson	Morgan Coleman	Kayla Miller	Emily Smith
Kaylee Atkins	Evie Davis	Chase Mize	Cassie Sondles
Jack Backhurst	Austin Enos	Faith Nowak	Cooper Tedquist
Keonta Bell	Cyrus Fritch	Garrett Peace	Allison Valente
Logan Black	Faith Hopkins	Jessica Petro	Catherine Varga
Ethan Bolls	Scott Horvath	Ashley Pitz	Allie Vargo
Kyle Borton	Brandon Krakora	EJ Rising	Juliana Vrba
Alexandra Brown	Becca Leiter	Alejandro Rivera	Rebecca Warren
	Abby Marusiak	Julian Selvaggio	

## ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

A generous 1979 Tiger Band alumni has offered a **donation challenge** to each and every one of you this year. Starting at the Memorial Day Parade and running through the Band Show in August, this anonymous alumni will match your donations 3 to 1, up to \$1,979 !!! That means every dollar you donate to The Pride Alumni during the 3 months will be matched by another 3 dollars!

These donations are used to continue funding the annual Pride Alumni Scholarship awarded each spring, help us pay for new instrument donations to the Tiger Band (like a tuba and cymbals), help us maintain our instruments for your use, and provide Pride Alumni t-shirts to the senior class every fall at the annual band banquet.

Here's a suggestion to show your class' spirit...donate \$1 for each year since you've graduated. Give \$10 and it will be matched with \$30 more. If you can do more than \$1 per year, it will help us max out the \$1,979 match challenge.

Your donations can be mailed to us at Pride Alumni. PO Box 942, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 44223.

While your checkbook is out, please consider a donation to our very own Tiger Band Uniform campaign. Checks can be sent to:

Instrumental Music Patrons  
Attn: Dustin Harris, Band Director  
2300 4th Street  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I start my 13th 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 48th year of existence! I'd like to start off by thanking the alumni committee and our Directors Scott Curfman, Dustin Harris, 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 2017 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 we saw one of the larger groups of alumni gather for the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade, many of the members having graduated within the past 5 years! We also saw good attendance at the Stow Fourth of July parade!

Our band show performance was awesome! You voted on the concert number and chose Eternal Flame. The crowd loved it as we are so well known for choosing an 80's power ballad! This year's band show is August 15th. We're hoping to see many of you attend!

Congratulations to Mr. Scott Curfman, for winning this year's Pride Award for his continued dedication to The Pride!

Our fundraising this past year was VERY successful, however, we're down to just Festa Italiana. As both Rockin and IROK are now gone. The Pride and the IMP had so much fun and camaraderie together pouring the suds, that we will join again in 2017 for Festa Italiana. 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!

We awarded the eighth Pride Alumni Scholarship in May of 2016 to Mr. Robert Bayer and plan a ninth for this spring! We also provided \$150 for second prize of IMP's I-PAD raffle.

Bob Feldbush attended a recent alumni meeting and thanked the committee for our continued commitment to The Pride. Ask yourself, how committed are you to your past and your heritage? Commitment comes from deep inside and is built in small simple choices such as; attending a parade, joining us for a fund-raiser, donating to the current uniform campaign, or marching in the Band Show. We're not asking for a life change, just a small choice! Your past ties you to the future! How committed are you in seeing the future successes of The Pride Alumni and our beloved Tiger Band? We cannot continue to do this without you! Your help and participation helps us to help our Tiger Marching Band! 2017 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 2017 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

### **THANK YOU!**

Please help the Pride to thank CIC who came through with rental instruments, Trish Enos- IMP President, Dustin Harris and Courtney Lambert who always allow us to come home and use the band room, Brandon DuVall, Scott Curfman, Robert Feldbush for arranging our concert number, Marsha McKenna at the Falls City Press, and finally, thank you to all who attended this years' events.

The Alumni would once again like to thank the Forsheys for having the Mustang available for the parades. Also, we welcome and thank our waterboys for being there for both parades. Daniel and Joseph Braun, sons of Mike Braun, you both did an excellent job!

### **2017 Officers**

Congratulations to your 2016 Officers: Mark Bowers ('85), President; Steve Mietus ('81), Vice President; John Walk ('72), Treasurer; Mike Price ('99), Secretary

### **In Memorium**

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of two long-time members, friends and supporters of the Pride Alumni Band.

James Kierstead, Class of 1970, passed away in late August, 2016. Jim would travel from Boston each year to help us set up and distribute the music for the band show and he will be greatly missed.

Linda Feldbush Booker also left us in November, 2016. Linda's enthusiasm and support was greatly appreciated by all who knew her and will also be missed.

### **Instrument Rentals and Donations**

(Mike Price)

I would like to thank everyone who borrowed an instrument this year as they were all returned in great condition. It was very nice this year to have almost run out of instruments for all of you to rent. That being said I am glad to also say that we now have a total of 7 piccolos and we have gained 4 flutes this year as well. Let's keep up the number of rentals this coming year and as always if you have or know of instruments that can be donated please get in touch with either myself or mark. Hope to see many of you at the parades and the band show.

**Pride Alumni Band Association  
2016 Treasurer's Report  
Submitted by John Walk, Treasurer**

Beginning Balance 1/01/2016	\$7,521.47
Income:	
Italian Festival	1,782.00
Stow Fourth of July Parade	500.00
Member Donation	400.00
Membership dues & merchandise sales	940.74
Expenses:	
Scholarship for Senior	(500.00)
Donations to IMP	(100.00)
Donation to Uniform Campaign	(425.00)
T-shirts (for graduating seniors)	(314.64)
Pizza party for graduating seniors	(64.85)
Food & supplies (Sunday dinner)	(346.93)
Hall Rental (Monday party)	(100.00)
Food & supplies (Monday party)	(404.66)
Pizza (pizza party w/Tiger Band)	(456.00)
Christmas Party	(134.50)
Gift Certificates (directors, announcer)	(204.95)
Parade Supplies	(145.12)
Copies - music & routines	(82.20)
Internet Advertising	(50.00)
Pride Award	(71.66)
PO Box Rental	<u>(86.00)</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/2016	<u>\$7,657.70</u>

**Entertainment Committee**  
(Alan Cool)

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. We got sheet pizzas from Tim's Pizzeria and Pub on Bailey Rd.. 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 the ACME on Bailey Rd. We also had chips with Lawson's chip dip. Even though our own Doug Flynn has retired from that ACME the new store manager Mike Harget rolled out the red carpet for us and donated a gift card used to buy the chips and tea for dinner. 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 a towering amount of 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, Steve, Mark, Evan, Bridget, Sandy, Gail, and Deanna. 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 a drummer in the Percussion section with an 07 on the back of my shirt.



**Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade**  
(Steve Mietus)

This year over 50 marchers joined the Pride Alumni Band for the annual Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade. If all of you were there, just imagine how large our group would have been! But the weather was perfect. The night

before the weather forecast predicted possible showers, but the sun was shining and the temperature was warm, but very tolerable.

We lined up right behind Immaculate Heart of Mary school and visited with old friends and even made some new ones. We didn't have any members from the class of '16 as they marched one last time with THE Tiger Band, but I'm sure we'll see them for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. This year we were unit #57, which put us about in the middle of the parade. It would be nice to be in the front, but for obvious reasons, that's reserved for our Tiger Band.

After visiting with our colleagues, Scott Curfman gave us a brief warm-up and run through of the tunes. "This is My Country" and "Tiger Rag" are the tunes for our parades. You know that you already know those tunes, so why not come out and join us next time?!?! But very soon it came time to step off, and Mr. Curfman gave us the great instructions of, "Step off with your left foot and blow in the small end of the horn and everything will be fine!" And then we were off.

The Memorial Day Parade is a good one, not only because it's relatively short, but also because there is only one hill! And it's at the beginning of the parade, so you're not already spent having to march up it! The rest of the parade is flat and easy. Mr. Curfman wasn't feeling well, and was wondering if he could finish the parade. Well, he didn't feel bad enough to stop blowing that damn whistle, and he did finish the parade. Nobody kept count of how many times we went through the rotation, but needless to say it was a lot.

Before we knew it, we were in front of the judge's stand and ready to do our best version of "Tiger Rag." The crowds along the entire parade route were very appreciative and we were certainly appreciative of their support. We were well hydrated thanks to the kids who ran up and down the ranks with water. After "wowing" the crowd with "Tiger Rag" we went into two cadences of the "J.W." I'd still like to know whose idea it was to do TWO cadences, but you're alumni band, you suck it up and just DO IT!

Then it's clicks until we get past the cemetery and we do the halt. It feels good to finish, we say our good-byes and head back to our cars. The yellow Mustang is always our lead car, but it helps if your car is chosen to be the chase car with cases and the water (like 'yours truly' was this year). Then you get to drive right up to the step off point, and at the end of the parade, your ride is waiting for you! You don't have to go find it.

Then comes the next best thing than marching in the parade. You get to go home, shower again, and have a cold beverage. You crack a beer (for those over 21), then look at the clock and see that it's only 11, but then you figure, "Hey, I earned this!" This could be you next year, so come and join us!



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

The weather for the Stow 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a lot different than last year. We had wonderful weather leading up to the parade, but the forecast called for showers. Fortunately for the Alumni Band, the rain held off. It was overcast, but the clouds weren't threatening at all. In fact the clouds were welcomed and it kept the sun from beating down on us. There was a nice breeze and the temperature was quite pleasant.

This year we had over 40 marchers! And as usual, we were pleased to see so many "15" and "16" numbers on the back of shirts. And this year, both of my nieces, Morgan and Madison Marshall, joined me in marching with the Alumni Band. Also, a new addition to our ranks this year was the Pride Director, Mr. Dustin Harris. For his first solo venture at directing the Alumni Band, he did a GREAT job! You would think that he's done this before!

Once again, my car was used as the "chase car." That meant I got to drive right up to the parade and my car was waiting for me at the end of the parade. Oh, the sacrifices I make for the Alumni Band, but that just meant I had more time to visit with friends and meet many of the new additions to the Alumni Band. And they all asked me the same question ... "Where were YOU?" Please save me the need to make excuses for you and just show up next year!

After all of our reminiscing, we lined up to begin the parade. We were playing even before we left the parking lot. And it didn't stop there. I don't think we ever got more than 4 cadences in before he blew the whistle again! But I do have to admit it made the parade go a bit faster. I asked Dustin to route us through the Wendy's drive through, and I think he was about to agree to it. But then we noticed that there was over a two block gap between the

gymnastic group two units in front of us and the unit in front of them. They stopped frequently to do a routine. We could have all got a “Frosty” if it wasn’t for them. I tried to convince Dustin that we should pass them on the left, but he wouldn’t go for that either.

After about 45 minutes of marching we approached the judges stand. According to the official 2009 Honda Accord odometer, that’s about 3.5 miles, and according to the official Samsung Galaxy S3, it’s approximately 8500 steps. (See, if you joined us, you could have got almost off of your 10,000 steps in for your Fit Bit!) Dustin timed the kick off of Tiger Rag perfectly as we started playing almost the instant after the announcer introduced us.

The rousing rendition of Tiger Rag was followed by two cadences of the J.W. We used to do just one cadence, but I think it was the young folks that wanted to push it up to two. But if that’s the price we have to pay to have the younger members join us, it’s more than worth it. But we finished the parade after the judge’s stand, or at least we thought we did. Dustin blew his whistle and kicked us off two more times! I will also mention that that gymnastics unit also stopped dead at the end of the parade route in front of the sign that read in big letters ... “No Stopping – Keep Moving to the (next) street.

We all finished the parade alive, healthy, tired and sweaty. But that just makes your second shower of the day and the first beverage after you get home that much better!

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

As always, the Pride Alumni Band did an outstanding job at the 2016 Preview of Bands Band Show at Clifford Stadium on Tuesday, 16 August 2016.

Sunday was a huge success. Not only did we have a great turnout, but, both registration and practice (in the south parking lot) went very well. Mother Nature cooperated reluctantly. It was cloudy, humid, with the temperature in the upper seventies. Even though there were a few sprinkles, the storms passed south of the Falls. Co-director, Mr. Scott Curfman managed the practice, as Mr. Brandon Duvall, our other director could not attend that day.

I was very impressed (as were many others) with how Mr. Curfman made use of the extended band room time (due to the threatening weather) by breaking down the mechanics of the band’s on-field maneuver. Let’s face it: for the most part, the band does basically the same routine ever year. Occasionally, routines need to be refreshed. That is exactly what Mr. Curfman did. Plus he cleaned up some of the generation differences such as the horn swing, three count turn-around, and the horn lift on the Tiger roar. He did an awesome job.

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. For the most part, the weather was a mirror image of Sunday. The temperature was 79 degrees at 6PM, with the humidity at 72 %. Once again there was a threat of rain, but it remained dry. After Sunday’s mid-day practice on the asphalt of the parking lot, it was a real treat for the band to march on grass 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. The temperature was in the upper seventies once again with humidity to match. There was a light drizzle as we were getting set up, but as luck would have it, there would be no more rain that evening. The pre-game show featured our very own Tiger Band. The Alumni Band joined the Tiger Band for the playing of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Following the pre-game show, the first band to perform was the Wildcat Band from Mogadore High School. Next was the St. Vincent-St. Mary Fighting Irish Band, followed by the Bulldog Band from Woodridge High School. Then it was our turn.

When the Alumni Band was called to attention, they received a huge reception from both the crowd, and the Tiger Band. The thing that really impressed me was the look on the faces of our band members from the Class of 2016. This was new to them – being on the other end of the field when the Tiger Band erupted in cheers and support. They felt the same adrenaline rush that the older alumni still get with every Band Show.

The band did their running cadence on field followed by a jump halt and our fanfare. Randy Fillmore, the voice of the Pride Alumni Band, provided the introduction. After four bass drum beats, the band took off downfield\* playing the first segment of *Tiger Rag*. That was followed by the circle-drill *More* and a conversion that put the band into a concert formation.

Next, the band was able to catch their breaths during the presentation of the Pride Achievement Award. The 2016 recipient was former Tiger Band director Mr. Scott Curfman. I can't say enough about his contribution to the Alumni Band. He really keeps the band running smoothly and looking good by keeping the routines fresh.

The playing of the concert number followed the award presentation. As in previous years, the Pride Alumni Band Committee allowed the band to vote online as to which song they wanted to play. We selected five songs based upon band input: *I Don't Want to Miss a Thing* by Aerosmith (the 2015 runner-up), *Patience* by Guns and Roses, *St. Louis Blues* by W. C. Handy, *We All Fall Down* also by Aerosmith. And the winner was *Eternal Flame*, by the Bangles, which was arranged by Mr. Robert Feldbush. The voting process has been an overwhelming success and will continue in the future.

After the concert number, there was another conversion that set the band 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 the band into J.W. Once again, the adrenaline kicked in and exhaustion wasn't a problem 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 Tiger "Swing" Band from Massillon Washington High School, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Band, and the Green High School Bulldog Band.

Next 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 mature" band member, and the best represented class. Army SPC Matt Warren (Class of 2014) traveled the most miles during his PCS move from Kuwait to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Some really old guy from the Class of 1966 was the most mature member (oh, wait, that was me), and the best-represented class was the Class of 2016 with 19 marchers. I have to admit that this class is extra special for me since they are 50 years after mine.

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 for everyone.

In all, we had 109 marchers, which was down a bit from the 123 in 2015. I'm sure that the threatening weather during the three-day event was the cause.

On behalf of the Alumni Band members and the committee I want to thank Brandon Duvall, Scott Curfman, Randy Fillmore, Justin Harris, Courtney Lambert, 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. Most of all, I want to thank Mr. Robert H. Feldbush, without whom, none of this would even exist.

\*Note to new people: Marching from 6<sup>th</sup> Street toward 4<sup>th</sup> Street is called 'downfield'.

## **The Alumni Band Experience by a Middle-Aged Rookie**

**(Mike Braun)**

Being in the Tiger Band was a great experience, something I cherished in high school and even more now. That's why when my friend Heather asked me if I would march with her in the Alumni Band after we graduated I said I would. The first year after high school I couldn't because I let work get in the way, a bad habit that has affected more than one facet of my life for the past 28 years. I never did march with the Alumni Band in the 28 years since I graduated, haven't even picked up a drum stick and I regret both! When I saw the Alumni Band at my son's first show as a Tiger Band member in 2015 I had the desire to march again even though I know I am worse than I was even in high school! Regardless, I decided I was going to do this, even if it meant struggling with playing, I was determined to do it.

I went to the Alumni Band Facebook page and joined the group, expressing my desire to march even though I wasn't sure I even had all the equipment I needed to play. As it turns out, if you have this concern, the alumni have some limited resources to help with this issue, just ask them when you get in touch with them and they will do what they can. After digging deep into the recesses of the basement I was able to find the essentials and still had enough equipment to play. The first event was going to be the Memorial Day Parade. Practice is short for the parades; the focus for practice was on the rotation and quality of music. Mistakes were made! That didn't mean you couldn't march. Your fellow alumni will tell you as such too. They expect you to try and do what you can to help the band sound as good as it can but they also want this to be a fun experience, something to enjoy. They succeed in that effort. Both the Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades had perfect weather. Big crowds and lots of support for the band as we marched by made it a memorable experience for me. Within our group there was lots of pride for being an alumnus of the band and we made sure we performed as best we could. If you enjoyed performing in band in high school you will most certainly enjoy it as an alumnus.

The last event for us is the preview of bands, the CFHS band show. There are two practices for the show and in my case, for good reason. The first run through of the routine was a disaster for me. I was lost and not doing well. All I could picture in my mind's eye was my going off at some point in the show in the wrong direction. I kept asking myself, how am I going to play and march when I can't remember where to be even after doing the routine several times! I was bringing down my squad and section! Again, nothing but support from the alumni band. We helped each other through the practices, barking upcoming moves while others played, veteran marchers of the alumni band doing everything they could to help us rookies and being very patient with our mistakes.

Finally show time came on Tuesday night and we killed it! We marched well and played even better. I still don't know what happened, but it did. The Tiger Band was cheering for us all though our performance which gets the rest of the crowd involved most certainly fortifying our resolve to perform well. My favorite part had to be marching right towards the Tiger Band and as is customary, seeing them yell for us so exuberantly. I also took note of another moment on our exit. We pinwheel towards the visiting bands and march right at them on the exit, some interesting looks from those kids as they see us old timers doing the exit. Then we turn left and exit on JW, who happens to be marching right next to me! I am not sure he realizes how much that cadence is a part of the tradition of the program, he is very modest. The ovation from the visiting bands as we exit in front of them was rewarding and makes me think back to the days in the Tiger Band. I have always had pride for The Pride and being a part of one of the largest and most active high school alumni bands in the United States makes me equally as proud.

If you are on the fence, take it from me, someone that waited 28 years to join the group, join us! There is no need to fear not having played in recent years. The requirements for participation are, have fun, be patient, try your best and keep the tradition alive!

# We Want Your Band Stories

In just two short years the Pride Alumni Band will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2019)! In preparation for the big event, we thought it would be a great idea to compile a collection of your personal band stories from back in the day. No matter how far back that day was, we would like to hear your stories. We don't want specific names mentioned (including your own) as all names will be removed to protect the guilty! If you want to include the approximate year, that is fine. Our vice-president, Steve Mietus, will collect and edit the stories. While we're not quite sure how we will share the stories, we need to collect them first. If you have a story (or stories) that you would like to share, please email them to Steve Mietus at [smeitus@neo.rr.com](mailto:smeitus@neo.rr.com) and please put "Band Story" in the subject line.

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

# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PATRONS OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO 2017/2018 - 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!



*Sincerely,  
Trish Enos, President  
Instrumental Music Patrons*

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.**

## Events to Remember

### Your 2017 Pride Alumni Schedule

#### Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade

- May 28, 2017 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Band room Practice, Instruments available
- May 29, 2017 Monday- 9:00 AM Parade begins, Line-up 8-8:30 AM

#### Stow Fourth of July Parade

- July 2, 2017 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Band room Practice, Instruments available
- July 4, 2017 Tuesday- 10:00 AM Parade begins, Line-up 9:00 AM

#### Preview of Bands Show\*

##### August 13, 2017 Sunday

- 12-2:00 PM Registration, Instruments available
- 2-5:00 PM Practice

##### August 14, 2017 Monday

- 5-6:00 PM Registration, Instruments available
- 6-9:00 PM Practice

##### August 15, 2017 Tuesday

- 6:30 PM End Zone Photo
- 7:00 Show begins

**\* one practice is mandatory, preferably Sunday**

2017 Fundraisers TBD, we will post on our [Facebook Page](#)

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