



## NEWSLETTER 2018

### Please join us in welcoming our 2019 seniors into “The Pride”!

The Pride Alumni Band Association would like to welcome the Class of 2019



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I start my 15th 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 are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary this year!!! Can you imagine, the Alumni Band is 50! Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade last year had graduates spanning classes from 1966 to 2018. That's 52 years!

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 of course, Bob Feldbush for arranging our concert number! We're already hard at work on your 2019 schedule! Your alumni committee is a very well-oiled machine at this point with a lot of 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 8 years! We also saw good attendance at the Stow Fourth of July parade!

Our band show performance was awesome and we had better than average attendance! You voted on the concert number and chose Adele's Hello. The crowd loved it as we are so well known for our power ballads! This year's band show is August 13th. We're hoping to break our record set back in 2004, so if you can't march, please join us on the field to play this year's concert number, My Way, that happens to be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as well!

Congratulations go out to our Pride Award recipient, Cherie Banks, who designed our current logo and is hard at work on a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo!

Our fundraising this past year was VERY successful. The Pride and the IMP had so much fun and camaraderie together pouring the suds, that we will join again in 2019 for Festa Italiana. A big thanks goes out to Kalli Alvis, IMP President, the IMP members, AND the Pride Alumni members, who continue to help make this happen! Together, we make a difference!

This year, we awarded the 10th Pride Alumni Scholarship to Miss Jordan Pagni, who's heading to Kent State University, and we plan an eleventh for the Spring of 2020!

We cannot continue to do this without you! Your participation helps us to help our Tiger Marching Band! 2019 IS the year to CELEBRATE, get re-involved, and re-acquainted with the Pride! This organization exists for you and because of you! Please review the 2019 calendar on the back page and make your plans now to join us in August!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Bowers, President  
The Pride Alumni

## Naval Recognition for Robert H. Feldbush



This past August, Mr. Feldbush received the Award and Designation of Honorary Band Master, by the United States Navy and a flag was flown in his honor over the United States Capitol Building. How did this happen you ask? See the e-mail below we received from Greg Murray, Class of 1982 who put Mr. Feldbush up for this prestigious award:

*Greetings,*

*My name is Greg Murray and I graduated from CFHS back in 1982. My sister Alice painted the tiger in the Band room. Not sure if it's still there.*

*I'm not sure who to reach out to so I'm hoping one of you will be able to better direct me.*

*After graduating from the Falls, I went on to march for 5 years with the University of Akron's Marching Band. I was then commissioned as an officer in the Marine Corps and after 4 combat tours and a chest full of medals, and 30 years, I retired.*

*I got a job as a government civilian working in the Pentagon, have been here for the 12 years and currently work for the Secretary of the Navy.*

*I never forgot Bob Feldbush, The Tiger Band, and what I learned. Bob Feldbush has been so instrumental to so many Falls music students, I went ahead and contacted a friend of mine over at the U.S Naval Band. He is the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Band.*

*Bob Feldbush was in the Navy back in the '50's. I explained to the commanding officer everything Bob has done and still does for the students and alumni at Cuyahoga Falls High School.*

*The United States Navy has award Bob, the title "Honorary Band Master, United States Navy".*

*I have the award and would like to have someone recognize him and perhaps present the award to him. It doesn't have to be me. I just want to let someone know that I have the award.*

## THANK YOU!

Please help the Pride to thank CIC who came through with rental instruments, Kalli Alvis- 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!

## 2019 Officers

Congratulations to your 2018 Officers: Mark Bowers ('85), President; Steve Mietus ('81), Vice President; John Walk ('72), Treasurer; Mike Price ('99), Secretary

## 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 2018 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 1/01/2018	\$8,234.50
Income:	
Italian Festival	1,647.50
Stow Fourth of July Parade	500.00
Amazon SMILE	23.48
Member Donation Challenge	1,979.00
Member Donations	590.10
Membership dues & merchandise sales	795.00
Expenses:	
Scholarship for Senior	(500.00)
Donations to IMP Raffle	(100.00)
Donation to IMP	(500.00)
Donation to IMP - senior posters	(257.00)
Donation - new Baritone horn	(1,845.00)

T-shirts (for graduating seniors)	(693.76)
Food & supplies (Sunday dinner)	(366.00)
Hall Rental (Monday party)	(100.00)
Food & supplies (Monday party)	(363.21)
Pizza (pizza party w/Tiger Band)	(430.00)
Gift Certificates (directors, announcer)	(241.02)
Christmas Party	(127.25)
Parade Supplies	(146.93)
Instrument repairs	(238.00)
Gridiron Alumni Dinner	(175.00)
Video to DVD Conversions	(600.00)
Software programming	(200.00)
Pride Award	(110.80)
Bank Charges	(15.00)
PO Box Rental	(96.00)
Ending Balance 12/31/2018	\$6,664.61

**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 outgoing 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. We got the pizzas from Tim's Pizzeria and Pub on Bailey Rd. 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 jojos 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. Again this year the first drink for everyone, alcoholic or non, depending on age and preference was paid for by the Alumni and then we had subs from ACME on Bailey Rd. 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, Sandy, Gail, Dan, Dan's Wife, 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.

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

Let me start by stating that I have enjoyed writing these articles for the alumni band over the past decade plus! I typically write the article right after the event while the information is fresh in my mind. This year was no exception. Well, there was one exception, when I went to retrieve the file to send in for submission, the file was corrupted beyond the ability to recover. I initially tried to reconstruct the events from my memory, but since I can't even

remember what I had for lunch, that wasn't very fruitful. So, I decided to do a quasi Bob Dyer / Dave Barry type of move and submit some throwback articles from years past.

I've removed any obvious mentions as to the date, but everything else is as I submitted it in the year it was published. As a type of reward for anyone who can figure out the year, and as a punishment to me for having a corrupted file, I will give a Subway cookie to the first person who can identify the year in which the original article was written. So here goes....

The Pride Alumni Band once again made a spectacular appearance at the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade. As is the custom, many of the band members (as well as a large number of Cuyahoga Falls residents) had a pre-parade meal at the high school. As has been the tradition for many years, Valley Savings Bank sponsors a pancake breakfast at the high school before the parade. All donations benefit the Tiger Band plus there is a contest where you can guess the total number of pancakes served and win a cookout for friends and family. While I can't remember who won the contest, the real winner was the Tiger Band!

Then it was on to the parade. This year we lined up behind the State road shopping center. Do you remember the State Road Shopping Center? Well, I hope so, because your memories are all that you have left. Sadly, the State Road Shopping Center is no more. It has now been torn down and what will be put in place of it has yet to be decided. But in (*year deleted*) it served as the lineup spot for the Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade. This year, as in all previous years, we welcomed a large turnout of alumni band members. And once again, we were pleased to see so many new faces, especially those from the "0" years. You know ... "01", "02", "03", etc. You "0" people please keep on coming! And for you pre-"0" people, you need to keep coming too! This group is here for all of you, and without all of you, we couldn't entertain the masses as we do!

The parade stepped off right on time. One of the biggest thrills for the alumni band is seeing the current Tiger Band marching by. They're always up front, and deservedly so. After a very short wait, the Pride Alumni Band took to the streets. Just as we rounded the corner from Lillis Dr. to Portage Tr. the fly over from the C-130, or whatever huge airplane they use, buzzed right over us. OK, it was more like a roar, and we could feel the vibrations, but that always signals the official beginning of the parade.

The weather was with us, as we had a bright sunny day and the temperatures were very tolerable. That only meant that Mr. Curfman stayed cool and comfortable enough to blow that whistle way too often! OK, I may be exaggerating a little, but if you want to know for sure, get that old horn out, dust it off, and join us at the next performance. C'mon, you know you want to! So now just do it! As for the rest of the parade – how do you describe a parade? We came, we marched, we played, we had fun, and we went home. But once again it was a great event and the crowd was extremely appreciative and we loved entertaining them. And we definitely want you there next year. And if you don't think you have what it takes to march a parade after all these years, you're wrong. According to my pedometer, it was only 5,431 steps. You've got that many steps in you, don't you? And if you do the math ... at 22.5 inches per step ... let's see ...  $22.5 \times 5,431$  ... carry the 2 ... place the decimal ... well, it's not that long. You can do it! So, join us next year and see where the State Road Shopping Center used to be!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Please read the preface to the Memorial Day Parade article. The same conditions apply to this article.

You know it, you love it, you can't live without it ... Yes, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Stow is the second most attended event in which the Pride Alumni Band participates. This year we were honored to be led by Director Emeritus Bob Feldbush. As usual, we met in the Kaufman's (now Macy's) parking lot in Stow at 9 AM. While most people hate waiting around, this is one of the few occasions where the wait is almost more fun than the event. Visiting with other alumni, making fun of those who didn't show up, and sharing stories of alumni events past are among the topics of conversation in the parking lot before the step off occurs.

Of course, you know this because you have marched the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade before. What? You mean you haven't marched this event before? What the heck is wrong with you? Get your horn out, find a pair of black shorts, get an alumni band T-shirt and get your rear end to the parking lot before step off! It's not a terribly difficult task. You get to relive old memories, visit with old friends, and shake hands with our directors. And before you know it (whistle ... roll off) you're playing Tiger Rag.

This year there was the threat of thunderstorms, and with dark skies everyone (whistle ... roll off) was wondering if we would stay dry. We made the first RPW (that's right pinwheel for those of you who forgot after all these years) out of the parking lot and headed down Rt. (whistle ... roll off) 59. Heading into the wind was a real pleasure. A steady (whistle ... roll off) breeze and no horses in front of you ... parades don't get much better than this (whistle ... roll off)!

One of the nice things is that you don't have to be as (whistle ... roll off) stoned faced as you did when you were in the actual Tiger Marching Band. You can talk to the members who are marching beside you and even in front of or behind you. It doesn't matter that you may not know them, or they may not (whistle ... roll off) know you, you're alumni, so you all have something in common.

As we progressed down (whistle ... roll off) Rt. 59 we remembered when we used to start at the airport. It made for a much shorter (whistle ... roll off) parade. But we hadn't hit the half-way point yet, so we just (whistle ... roll off) kept moving forward and looked to the sky hoping to stay dry or at least not get burned. You would (whistle ... roll off) think there was no happy medium, but it appeared that there was one this year.

We had a very light sprinkle once in (whistle ... roll off) a while, and a steady breeze and who could ask for more. We were heading toward the downhill portion of (whistle ... roll off) the parade and we (whistle ... roll off) thought that all was going well (whistle ... roll off) when you guessed it (whistle ... roll off) – aw, c'mon Feldbush give us a break! We did get a little rain. It wasn't enough to even get the pads on the flutes and clarinets (whistle ... roll off) wet. But it was a welcome relief for those of us who overheat a little faster than we did in high school.

As usual, the spectators (whistle ... roll off) numbered in the thousands and were very appreciative of our performance. Also, we had the customary "accordion" going on with the other units in front of us, but that's (whistle ... roll off) because they didn't have our band director (whistle ... roll off) in high school! At one point we actually came to a stop. You knew that Feldbush didn't like this, but he gave us a break and stopped us and let us rest a minute. But it wasn't long before (whistle ... roll off) we were once again heading for the Grandstands.

With renewed strength and vigor (whistle ... roll off) we approached the Grandstands as strong as we were when we stepped off. As they announced (whistle ... roll off) us, we represented the Pride Alumni Band in the strongest of traditions. After passing the judges we thought that we were finished, but before you knew it ... (whistle ... roll off) (whistle ... roll off) (whistle ... roll off) (whistle ... roll off)! That's right, several more times through Tiger Rag! If you were counting, that makes 27 times in all! But it was a great event, and we better see YOU there next year.

### **Festa Italiana**

Please read the preface to the Memorial Day Parade article. The same conditions apply to this article.

Once again (and we certainly hope that this is a trend that continues) the Cuyahoga Falls Alumni Band had a banner year in the fundraising department! On July XX, XX and XX the Pride Alumni Band had the privilege once again to man the beer trucks for the "Festa Italiana" at the Falls River Square. As we do with so many of our fundraising events, we shared this event with the I.M.P. There were three trucks to man this year, and the Pride Alumni and I.M.P. shared staffing at two of the trucks. There was some other club or organization manning the third truck, but since they're not affiliated with the Tiger Band, do they really matter?!?!

The weather held out for the entire festival. We did have some heat, humidity and cloud cover, but the best part was that there was no rain! The festival was well attended and all had a great time. And that was thanks to another great Pride Alumni member who is also a member of the Festa Italiana committee, Terry Fawley. As you can see, the Pride Alumni Band runs deep and wide!

Speaking of deep and wide, that was also the case with the vendors at Festa Italiana. There were a ton of vendors with some of the best fair food you can imagine. And we were so well staffed (thanks again to IMP's help) that we were all able to take a stroll and partake of the foods and accoutrements offered. It was truly a great event. So, if



you can't come down and help us work this event, come down and enjoy it. Either way, we'll get your time or money! (Etiquette dictates that I type a LOL after that!)

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

**WOW!!!** What a Band Show. The Pride Alumni Band did an excellent job at the Preview of Bands Band Show at Clifford Stadium on Tuesday, 14 August 2018.

The committee experimented with a couple of new items this year: online registration and music download. We felt that this would be a good year to work out any problems with the procedures in order to have a smooth-running machine next year for our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, since we are hoping for at least 200 participating alumni. This might keep the chaos to a minimum.

Sunday was a huge success. We had an excellent turnout. The temperature in the early afternoon was in the low eighties and rather humid. It rained while we practiced in the band room but once we went outside to practice in the parking lot, all we had were a few sprinkles and the temperature dropped into the seventies.

Mr. Scott Curfman and Mr. Brandon Duvall, our co-directors, managed the practice and did an amazing job with getting the band to make the adjustment to this year's big change: inserting 'Eye of the Tiger' into the routine in place of 'More'. At the conclusion of 'Eye of the Tiger' the band did a 'bow' followed by the final strain of 'More'.

Sunday's practice was followed with a chicken dinner in the cafeteria.

The weather on Monday was a mirror image of Sunday. It was humid with the high in the eighties while it rained as we practiced in the band room. When the band went outside to practice, the rain stopped and the temperature dropped into the seventies. Because of the rain, the first two run-throughs of the show were done in the parking lot in order to avoid tearing up the turf in the stadium. The band then moved onto the grass field of the stadium and ran through the show twice, under the lights, before calling it an evening.

A party followed Monday's practice at the Italian-American Center on Ninth Street.

Tuesday night, the evening of the Band Show, finally arrived. As always, we had our pictures taken in the bleachers beneath the Tiger logo. The weather could not have been better. It was dry with low humidity and the temperature was in the mid-seventies.

The pre-game show featured our Tiger Band and was joined by the Pride Alumni Band for the playing of *The Star Spangled Banner*. However, prior to the playing of the song, I had the honor and privilege of presenting former Cuyahoga Falls High School Band and Alumni Band director Mr. Robert H. Feldbush with the certificate of 'Honorary Band Master' signed by Captain Kenneth C. Collins, commander of the U.S. Navy Band. Sue Madigan, Class of 1969, then presented Mr. Feldbush with an American flag that had been flown over the Pentagon in his honor. Greg Murray, Class of 1982, gets the credit for doing the work that made all of this possible.

Following the pre-game show, the first band to perform was the Wildcat Band from Mogadore High School. Next were the St. Vincent-St. Mary Fighting Irish Band, the Marching Bulldog Band from Woodridge High School, and the Ellet High School Marching Orangemen Band. 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. I think that everyone in our band got an adrenaline rush from the cheering. 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, introduced us. He then dedicated our show to the memory of 1945 saxophone player, Roger Milford, 1978 majorette, Sue Alexander Dennison, and 2012 trumpet player, Heather Knotts. After four bass drum beats and a bow-chair, the band took off downfield playing the first segment of *Tiger Rag*. That was followed by a conversion, which set the band up for Randy's announcement involving this year's primary change to the show: the insertion of *Eye of the Tiger* as mentioned earlier. The crowd loved it and went crazy when it was followed by the final 20 measures of *More*. Next was a conversion that put the band into the concert formation.



The presentation of the Pride Achievement Award enabled the band to catch their breaths. The 2018 recipient was altonium player, Cherie Banks Meyers from the Class of 1972. Her most significant contribution to the band was the design of the Alumni Band logo, which we wear on our tee shirts and use for many other things, such as on our Facebook page and our website. I was thrilled that Cherie received the award because I feel that she is a major legacy of this band. Congratulations Cherie!!!



The playing of the concert number followed the award presentation. As in previous years, the Alumni Band Committee asked the band to vote on our website as to which song they wanted to play. Friends and family were also invited to vote. This year's winner was *Hello* by Adele, which was arranged by Mr. Robert Feldbush.

After the concert number, there was another conversion that set the band up for the remainder of *Tiger Rag*, the three-count turnaround, stomp down, bow and extension. **THE CROWD WENT WILD.** That was followed by the running cadence off field and J.W. before the visiting bands. Once again, the adrenaline kicked in and exhaustion was no longer a factor because **IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT BAND.**

Following our performance there was a ten-minute intermission in order for the crowd to regain their composure due to our awesomeness. In the second half, we were treated to the Tiger Swing Band from Massillon Washington High School, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Band, the Bulldog Band from Green High School, and the Hudson High School Swing Marching 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. Randy Fillmore (Class of 1976), our announcer, traveled from Melbourne, Florida. The same two old fossils from the Class of 1966 where the "most mature" marchers again: Ron Wahl and myself. The best-represented class was the Class of 2018 with 11 marchers.

The exclamation point to the evening was the Cuyahoga Falls High School Tiger Band. They were completely and totally awesome. Following the Band Show, there was a pizza party in the cafeteria for the Tiger Band and the Alumni Band.

There was also a gathering at Darby's on 59 honoring Mr. Feldbush and Mr. John Rhodes, which many of us attended. Mr. Rhodes had worked with Mr. Feldbush at the high school and later taught at Bolich. I remember him when he was a student teacher in 1965-66 at Falls High. He recently retired from teaching and was invited to attend the Band Show. Many of us felt that a celebration would be appropriate.

In all, we had 124 participants in the Band Show. As mentioned before, next year, we are hoping for at least 200 for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

On behalf of the Pride Alumni Committee, I want to thank Mr. Brandon Duvall, Scott Curfman, Randy Fillmore, Dustin Harris, Ms. Courtney Lambert and the IMP for their support and just basically, putting up with us. I also want to thank Marsha McKenna from the Falls City Press and CIC Music. Most of all, I want to thank Mr. Robert H. Feldbush, without whom none of this would have been possible, and for returning my salute during his award presentation.



### **Bringing Back Memories... One More Time! (Tanner Martin)**

Memories were made through the blood, sweat, and tears that have all brought us all together throughout the years. The musical excellence created by the students of Cuyahoga Falls deserves to be kept alive across all generations of the members of all of the music programs in the school district. I have been collecting recordings of all formats of all of the music programs in the Cuyahoga Falls School District.

This includes recordings of, but are not limited to, The Tiger Marching Band, The Goldtones, the Concert bands, the High School Orchestra, the Choir program, and Middle School Bands. I have the ability to convert many different formats. If you so wish, once I have copied the original recordings, I would be more than happy to send new digital copies back with the originals. Areas of high interest is any marching band footage and audio recordings dating from the 80's and earlier, because most, if not all of the footage of the band performances have been accounted for from the 90's and beyond. However, all video and audio recordings will be considered for archiving.

The formats that I can convert will be in the following list:

#### **Video Formats:**

-8mm Film	-VHS
-Super 8 Film	-VHS-C

-16mm Film  
-Hi8 Tapes

-Betamax

Audio Formats:

-Vinyl Records  
-Reel to Reel Tapes (Open Reel)

-8 Track Tapes  
-Cassette Tapes

If you wish to contact me for archiving, or would like further details about the process, please either send an email to [cfhstigerbandarchives@gmail.com](mailto:cfhstigerbandarchives@gmail.com), or please call and leave a voicemail to 330-612-8553.

Alumni Band Historian  
Tanner Martin

### **Message from Ryan Freeman Band President, 2018-2019**

330. The amount of hours spent at Band this season. 6400. The amount of water bottles we've had this season. 42000. The amount of pretzels we've eaten this season. 87. The amount of times Harris has called someone a "little nugget." 8. The amount of pounds I've lost in 2-a-days. 9. The amount of pounds I've gained since 2-a-days. 170. That is the amount of members in our marching band. We have 1 family.

This hit home for me while I was sitting there at my last dinner with the saxophones. For as much as I will miss marching band, I will miss the people even more. I was sitting there, just looking around, when I noticed something. I won't be around next year to see this. For the past 4 years I have been a part of a wonderful organization with these amazing people and I never thought there would be a day where I would not be here. I mean honestly with the amount of time us band kids are in band is insane. But here I am sitting at this table and I'm just thinking to myself, "Ryan, you're not gonna be here next year." Now there's always a point where a senior finally has this wave of realization come over them once they notice that they're leaving. Sometimes it's on senior night, sometimes it's before or after but mine was sitting at an Applebee's table at 11:40. Just watching them interact and tell stories to each other made me finally realize how sad I was with leaving. Like I said in my speech to the band, these kids aren't only my friends, they're my family. And seeing my family eat dinner at the table, just talking to each other, showed me how these people have changed me into who I have become. My family has given me all that I need and I am truly in debt to them.

Now this is just my perspective but I know that everyone has a story like this. because what we have is special. Not everyone has an opportunity to be a part of such an incredible program. We have a tremendous amount of support from our school and community. I give a big thank you to the parents for caring so much about our band and shuttling your kids around everywhere. I also greatly appreciate the IMP with all the help they provide. I also give a huge thank you to our directors because they do so much for us throughout the season. Although our season has ended, there are many exciting things still to come. 133. The amount of days until the Disney trip. 256. Days until next season. But I am 1 grateful President. Thank you.

# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PATRONS OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO 2019/2020 - 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.



Your donation is tax deductible.

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.

*Sincerely,  
Kalli Alvis, President*

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## Events to Remember

### 2019 Pride Alumni Marching Band Schedule

[See the full calendar on our website](#)

#### Cuyahoga Falls Memorial Day Parade

- May 26, 2019 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Band room Practice, Instruments available
- May 27, 2019 Monday- 9:00 AM Parade begins, Line-up 8:30 AM

#### Stow Fourth of July Parade

- June 30, 2019 Sunday- 1-2:00 PM Band room Practice, Instruments available
- July 4, 2019 Thursday- 10:00 AM Parade begins, Line-up 9:00 AM

**Preview of Bands Show\*** Online registration and music will be available in May. Keep an eye on your email, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [pridealumni.org](http://pridealumni.org) for more.

#### August 11, 2019 Sunday

- 12-2:00 PM Check-in
- 2-5:00 PM Practice

#### August 12, 2019 Monday

- 5-6:00 PM Check-in
- 6-9:00 PM Practice

#### August 13, 2019 Tuesday

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

\* one practice is mandatory, preferably Sunday

**2019 Fundraisers TBD, we will post on our Social Media**

