



# Musical Notes

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Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

June 2017

## Calendar

- **June 3:** Ball Day in Fortville
- **June 5:** Music Booster meeting, 7 p.m.
- **June 9:** Ice cream social (keep an eye out for emails about this!)
- **July 31:** First day of school

## Fund-raisers set for June

Two major fund-raisers this month will benefit individual band accounts.

### Car Washes

Each student needs to bring a bucket and a sponge. Students can sign up for each car wash in the band hallway. Two weekends are scheduled, with two locations each:

**June 10:** at Global Self Storage in the Geist Montessori Parking Lot on 96th Street, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., **and** at Inskip Ford in Greenfield, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

**June 17:** at E-Motors, 414 W. Garden St., **and** at Advanced Auto Parts on Pendleton Pike in Lawrence, both 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

### Conner Prairie

The band is signed up to help out at concession stands five times during Symphony on the Prairie's summer series.

We need to fill 10 spots each date: June 24, July 1–2, July 22, and July 28.

Keep an eye out for SignupGenius emails to take advantage of this opportunity!

## Band bids farewell to Class of 2017

On Friday, May 26, the Band of Marauders witnessed the graduation of the following seniors:

- **Badri Alvandhar** (trumpet)
- **Coleman Anderson** (trumpet)
- **Trent Blankenship** (trumpet)
- **Maddie Bovard** (clarinet)
- **Nathan Casler** (trombone)
- **Kara Davidson** (color guard/

percussion)

- **Daniel Duesler** (trumpet)
- **Lexie Duesler** (color guard)
- **Seth Feeney** (trumpet)
- **Emily Frost** (color guard/ percussion)
- **Quentin Gilliatte** (trumpet)
- **Caylee Guy** (color guard)
- **Leah Klinestiver** (flute)

- **Joshua Melling** (trombone)
- **Samuel Philpot** (trumpet)
- **Nicole Siefker** (flute)
- **Kaley Smith** (euphonium)
- **Katie Smith** (trumpet)
- **Gavin Stamper** (French horn)
- **Dana Sutherlin** (color guard)
- **Collin Walsh** (trombone)
- **Shelbi Webb** (color guard)



Band seniors line up on stage at Extravaganza's Friday night concert.

## Annual awards, scholarships announced

The end of the school year means various awards for students. During Extravaganza, Mr. Ellinger passed out the following awards for most improved and outstanding students for each grade level:

### 8th Grade

- **Jack Walsh** (tuba), Most Improved
- **Hannah Worpell** (flute), Outstanding

### Symphonic Band

- Sophomore **Kaylie Demaree** (bassoon), Most Improved
- Junior **Sydney Blankenship** (flute), Outstanding

### Wind Ensemble

- Sophomore **Logan Moore** (tuba), Most Improved
- Senior **Leah Klinestiver** (flute), Outstanding

Also during Extravaganza, Mr. Ellinger awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award to senior **Collin Walsh** (trombone) and the John Philip Sousa Award to senior **Gavin Stamper** (French horn).

Gavin also received the first Tristan Carson Memorial Scholarship of \$500. "This scholarship, at the

request of Tristan's parents, should be awarded to a student who loves music for the sake of music and wants to spread their joy of music to others," explained Mr. Ellinger. "It is not based on academics or performance."

The following band awards were given out May 9 during the school's Senior Honor Night:

### Band Department Award

- **Gavin Stamper:** According to Mr. Ellinger, this award is similar to the John Philip Sousa Award in that "it goes to an outstanding student that personifies the qualities necessary to be a successful role model."

### Chris Sullivan Memorial Scholarship

- **Leah Klinestiver:** This \$541.50 scholarship is named after a Mt. Vernon band member who was killed in a car accident in March 1999. Two scholarships are given annually to one band member and one choir member. Scholarship recipients must be graduating MVHS seniors who participated in the music program all four years of high school and plan to attend college, vocational school, or technical school as full-time students.

At the 8th-grade promotion ceremony May 26, Mr. Ellinger presented band awards to **Hannah Worpell** (flute) and **Evan Flick** (tenor sax).



Brothers Jack and Collin Walsh both received recognition.