

# Welcome to New Horizons Band Fox Valley Fall Session 2023

## Introductions

Conductor **Jenny Leist**, band director at Hortonville school, 2nd year with our band, fun and exciting beyond superlatives.

Wood winds section leader **An Gehrmann**, retired band director from Xavier Middle (this school), and also terrific.

Brass section leader **Ron Olson**, retired US Army band director, former military middle and high school band director, also terrific.

Percussion section leader **Michael Ratsch**, retired band director at Little Chute schools, and equally terrific.

## New Musicians *Redacted for individual privacy*



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## Knowing and keeping tabs on each other

Name Tags; Please wear them. Request form on table for new nametags.

Missing rehearsal? Let someone know, perhaps your section leader or horn mate.

We tend to look out for each other.

## Sometimes unfortunate things happen

Medical Emergency Envelopes

Totally voluntary

Fill out as much of the Medical Emergency Information form as you desire, seal it, add your name, and keep it in your music folder. It will be opened only in an emergency.

## Help!

Many little things done well make for a fun and productive band.

Volunteer for something. It's your band, involve yourself.

## Snacks

There is a snack sign-up sheet. Please sign-up solo or with a partner. As a covid/flu precaution, for non-wrapped treats, please bring tongs.

## Rehearsal chaos, pandemonium, structure, sequence

1. Start at 6:30pm in the band room with conductor-led rehearsal.
2. Move to sectional rooms with instrument group for instruction and dedicated practice.
3. Snack/Social break.
4. Full-band rehearsal until 8:30

## We're finished with Covid; is Covid finished with us?

Xavier Middle School currently does not require any mandated covid precautions for its students or NHBFV. Precautions can be immediately re-activated if covid/flu conditions necessitate.

Two great covid/flu/disease-du-jour contagion precautions that you learned in elementary school:

1. Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer (provided).
2. If you're feeling sick, do not come to rehearsal, and tell someone.

Here are our current Executive Committee official rules:

1. Vaccinations, face masks and bell covers are welcome but not required.
2. Puppy pads (provided) are required on the floor for any instruments with spit valves and/or that leave puddles.

## Have old music stuffed into your folder?

Please turn in any music from previous sessions to your section leader.

## Session Payments

Registrar: Michelle Leiden

Checks or credit cards at rehearsal (preferred)

Checks mailed to: New Horizons Band Fox Valley

1835 E Edgewood Dr

Suite 105-3

Appleton, WI 54913

Organization of NHMFV

New Horizons Music  
For Valley  
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New Horizons Band

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Executive Committee

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Doug Marsch, Chair

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Jenny Leist, Conductor

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An Gehrman, Woodwinds Section Leader

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Ron Olson, Brass Section leader

Mike Ratsch, Percussion Section Leader

Brad Eggert

Tom Franklin

Jonna Higgins

Michelle Leiden

Judith Roemer

Grant Strebe

Volunteers who do many things for a fun and productive band *Redacted for individual privacy*

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Rehearsal and concert Location

Xavier Middle School

2626 N Oneida St

Appleton, WI