

# Unique Opportunity

Hello there *Clay Fighting Eagle Marching Band* alumni members,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying life's journey after high school. As we do every two years on even calendar years, we will be hosting the Alumni Band halftime performance once again on October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We are very excited each and every year to see who makes it back to hear those words, "Band-Take the Field!" We hope you can make it too.

I would like to share with you a "Unique Opportunity" that has been presented to our current band members and our alumni band, all 4,000 of you. The Clay Memorial Stadium field was recently renovated with artificial turf, as have all the high school football fields in the league and region. This project was funded using zero tax dollars, only private donations and in-kind services. The dedication ceremony was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> under an amazing August blue sky and named the "Ted Federici Field".

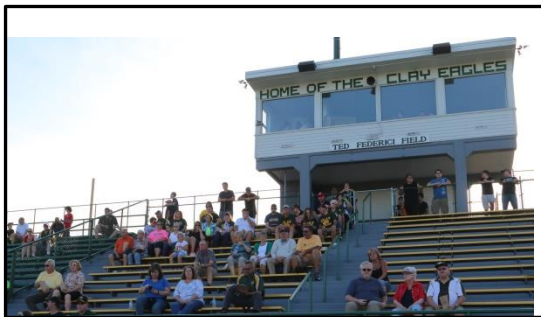


Ted Federici's daughters and granddaughter at dedication



CHS Band halftime performance

Clay Memorial Stadium will have its Press Box renovated to accommodate the increase of the number of sporting events held in the stadium. Along with high school football, all junior high football and both boys and girls high school soccer matches are now played on the turf "under the lights". The current press box is the original structure from 1947, and cannot accommodate the needs of the coaching staff, announcers and media transmission crew (see picture below).



Current Press Box on left



New Press Box & Observation Deck rendering on right

Now presenting the Unique Opportunity! The district will also construct this much needed update with private donations and in-kind services. The total project will cost \$165k, with 60% secured to date. The Clay Band Parents approached the district leadership team to request an opportunity for naming rights of this new legacy piece. We have requested to name it the "*Charles Neal Press Box*" in honor of our legendary band director from 1967 to 1999. He has touched thousands of lives over the years, fostering our love for music and the band. These words echoing from the Press Box during football season, "Now presenting, Clay High Fighting Eagle Marching Band, directed by Mr. Charles Neal and (asst. director), BAND TAKE THE FIELD!" I hope you can join me in bestowing this honor on our beloved retired band director, Mr. Charles Neal.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from current and alumni band members to secure the naming rights, i.e. \$200 from 250 alumni band members. The Oregon Schools Foundation is our 501(c)3 organization that raises private funds for our public school. Your donation will be considered an approved charitable donation.

Thank you for your time and thank you for being a part of the strong legacy that is the Clay High Fighting Eagle Marching Band in Oregon, Ohio! Please help me connect with members in which we may not have updated addresses for.

If you are interested in donating, please submit the form below to the Oregon Schools Foundation, tagging it specifically for the Press Box – Alumni Band. The address is on the tear off sheet.

Thank you for your continued participation in our rich Alumni Band tradition. March on!

Sincerely,

*Brian Gyuras*

Mr. Brian Gyuras  
Band Director  
CHS Alum - Class of '87



Mr. Neal with his daughters and grandchildren –  
2014 Alumni Band



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Phone(s): (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation or list the years in band \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your name(s) to appear in our printed materials: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to keep my/our donation anonymous.

**Levels of Support:**

- Leader in Education \$5,000 and above**
- Valedictorian \$2,500 - \$4,999**
- Salutatorian \$1,000 - \$2,499**
- High Honors \$500 - \$999**
- Honor Roll \$250 - \$499**
- School Spirit \$100 - \$249**
- Friend of OSF \$1 - \$99**

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