



Marlborough Public Schools Music Association
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July 30, 2018

Dear High School Mixed Chorus & Parents/Guardians:

Hello & Happy Summer! Hope you're having a good summer & staying cool. This letter has important detailed information about our out-of-state Festival in Washington, D.C., fund raising & general Music Association information.

MUSIC FESTIVALS (MUSIC COMPETITIONS)

Each year all performing music groups participate in various In-State Music Festivals (i.e., MAJE & MICCA). Once every two years they have participated in an out-of-state Music Festival in Orlando, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg & Toronto. This school year we will be participating in Festivals of Music (**Competition**) in **Washington, D.C. area**. The dates are April 12, 2019 to April 16, 2019. There is a cost associated with this trip which is undetermined at this time. More information will be available at our **1st General Meeting at Marlborough High School on September 17, 2018.** **All parents and students are required to attend.** Participation in this festival is dependent on each group's member participation and preparedness. **Please note that a \$200 trip deposit should be brought to the Sept. 17th meeting.**

PERFORMANCE ATTIRE

Please see the enclosed Performance Attire Requirements 2018/2019 page for exact details.

FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many fund raising opportunities throughout the year available to your student. Students can build student credit which accumulates throughout their years in the music program in their individual accounts. This credit will help offset costs of out-of-state Music Festival trips & other approved music related needs. Please take advantage of all fund raising opportunities to help build student credit and offset out-of-state trip costs. Dates of fund raising opportunities will be posted in the fall.

Please note the State regulations regarding candy sales will be enforced at MHS. STUDENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO SELL CANDY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. CANDY WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH MRS. KINSLOW. For those of you who would like to sell candy bars at your work or to friends and relatives during the summer & the school year, candy bars are available. Please call Mrs. Ann Kinslow at 508-491-6103 to make arrangements to pick up the candy at her house. Student credit is 50% of each candy bar sold. One box costs \$40 for 40 candy bars. Students will receive \$20 credit for each box purchased.

MPS MUSIC ASSOCIATION INFORMATION & WEB SITE

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization; we ask all parents to donate a minimum of two hours per quarter. There are numerous volunteer opportunities. Please be generous with your time when our volunteer coordinator contacts you to help. Or don't wait to be called, simply fill out the volunteer form on our web page. To find out more about volunteering, please see the volunteer section of our webpage at **www.mpsmusic.org**. Thank you to all past, present & future volunteers!

We look forward to meeting you at our first General Meeting of the school year (Monday, September 17th). Please check our web site often for updated calendar & other information throughout the year. Our website address: **www.mpsmusic.org**. If you have any questions, please contact me or any Board Member.

RECAP - DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ♫ **First Mandatory Trip General Meeting; Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm, MHS Little Theater**

Have a wonderful rest of the summer. If you have any questions, please e-mail, text or call me. Thank you,

Sincerely,

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