



PARENT MEETINGS MARCH 28 AND APRIL 8 IN THE MHS BAND ROOM

Welcome to The Spirit of McIntosh Band Family! We are excited about your desire to join our outstanding band program! The two primary aspects of the band program are **concert** and **marching band**. We encourage students to be a part of both of these organizations. Both the concert and marching program offer your student wonderful opportunities for growth not only as a musician, but also as a person. The concert band meets daily as a class and performs throughout the school year. The Spirit of McIntosh Marching Band is the most visible part of the band program and has a long history of success which gives its members a great sense of pride. The band supports the football team every Friday night at both home and away games. The marching band is also a competitive group which has a competition season during the months of September and October. The marching band over the years has earned several awards such as superior ratings, named best in class, best music, best drum major, best percussion and best color guard. One of our concert bands performed this year at the University of Georgia JanFest Concert invitational event, which requires an audition and is highly competitive. The marching band over the years also has traveled and competed in such events as the National Veterans Day Parade in New York City and the Orange Bowl Parade in Florida. In 2017, all the McIntosh concert bands and our color guard members had the opportunity to join us in New York City where we performed at Carnegie Hall, studied dance with a member of The Lion King cast, and earned the highest award from this competitive concert festival.

If any students have not registered for a band class, it is not too late. Now is the time to ask questions about high school performing opportunities!!!! The roster that Ms. Baker turns in to the registrar's office is the final scheduling tool that is used when completing a student's schedule. The following are important dates and information regarding upcoming events that all of next year band members must attend. Please email Ms. Baker if you have any conflicts with the upcoming events schedule.

What are the band classes?

1. Concert Band Class

(Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, and Beginning Band)

2. Percussion Class

(All students who play percussion who are not beginners are in this class)

3. Jazz Band Class

(All students who want to learn Jazz who are not beginners are in this class)

Is Marching Band a class?

No, it is not a class however it is a Co-Curricular not Extra Curricular which means that we do play marching music during their concert band classes. It is both a sport and a class which is what makes it so unique. It has practices after school to put the choreography with the music. Students who complete the season receive an academic letter or service bar.

Why do non-marchers play marching band music?

Students in high school will play a lot of music all genres and styles that they will not always perform. We have found in doing this they are able to play higher levels of music and also put performances together in a shorter time span than in middle school. Middle school is where students focus on the basic concepts of their instrument and that is why they do not learn a lot of songs during the school year. In high school we are building site reading skills along with higher level technique skills which requires exposure to a higher volume of literature. Also, the marching band music is not just used for marching performances. It is also performed at additional events throughout the year which are open to non-marchers as well.

Where can I get important information?

Go to the band website once a week and do the following:

1. Check the weekly update link and read the newsletter
2. Click on Charms, select announcements and read new information
3. Look at the band calendar which you may link to your device
4. Sign up to receive our charms email updates and letters

Can I start fundraising now?

YES! Email me at baker.barbara@mail.fcboe.org for information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Concert Band Class Placement or Audition, April 12th is the deadline to upload audition material for class placements. **STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO AUDITION TO BE IN BAND.** If you want Ms. Baker to place you in the class she feels is best for you without an audition that is fine. If you want to be in the top two performing bands, we encourage you to audition as that gives you a higher chance of being in those ensembles. The audition is a recording of major and minor scales. The more scales that you can play with their arpeggio the greater your chance for placement in a high level band. You will also need to play your chromatic scale. The scales do not have to be memorized. The recording must be a video and the student playing must be visible. Percussion Students in addition to playing scales should play three rudiments of their choice on snare drum.

How do I upload my video? Copy and paste this link into your browser:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M7jF1EkoE_JpIBH0d6bwj_M7hxNqXpYD?usp=sharing

Drag and drop or upload your video into the above google folder by using the link provided

Important Dates

April 8th -12th	MB Colorguard 4pm-6pm MHS Band Room
April 8th - 12th	MB Percussion 4pm-6pm MHS Band Room
April 8th - 12th	MB Drum Major 4pm-6pm MHS Band Room
May 9th	MB Practice All Sections 4pm-6pm MHS Band Room
May 14th	MB Practice All Sections 4pm-6pm MHS Band Room
May 30 & 31	MB Practice All Sections 9am-5pm MHS Band Room
July 11-19	MB Band Camp

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