



**Marlborough Public Schools Music Association**  
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July 30, 2018

Dear High School A Cappella Choir, String & Jazz Ensemble Student(s) & Parents/Guardians:

Hello & Happy Summer! Hope you're having tons of fun & staying cool. This letter has important detailed information regarding your performance attire fittings in August, fund raising & general Music Association information.

**PERFORMANCE ATTIRE FITTINGS**

All A cappella Choir, String & Jazz Ensemble students are required to come MHS to be fitted for their Performance Attire. These fittings will take place during band camp week. Fittings of school issued tuxedos and long dresses will take place in MHS Chorus Room and should take about 15-30 minutes at the most. We will take you as soon as we can but just so you know, we will be fitting band uniforms at the same time so we ask for your patience.

It is important for these fittings to take place during the requested dates/times to insure our volunteers are available to get the attire altered correctly. We do not have these resources during the school year.

**FITTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:**

**PLEASE ARRIVE AS EARLY IN THE WEEK & AS EARLY IN THE DAY/MORNING AS POSSIBLE.**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:30 AM TO 2 PM**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 8:30 AM TO 2 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>RD</sup> FROM 8:30 AM TO 2 PM**

**\*\* THURSDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> BY APPOINTMENT ONLY \*\***

**(Please contact Mrs. Manell to make arrangements)**

**PLEASE PUT THE DATE AND TIME YOU CHOOSE  
INTO YOUR PHONE CALENDAR SO YOU DON'T FORGET!**

If you are unable to come in during the dates/times above, please contact Mrs. Manell via phone, text or e-mail so a mutually acceptable time can be scheduled. We want to insure that our volunteers fitting students will be available to assist you. (cell: 508-735-8386 or e-mail: mrmanell@gmail.com)

**NOTE: For Dress Fittings:**

**You MUST bring your dress shoes that you will be performing in with you for the dress fitting. Shoe heels are to be 2" high or less.** Flats are fine too. The dresses will be hemmed according to the height of shoes you bring in. Please refer to the Required Performance Attire Sheet enclosed for more information.

**NOTE: For Jazz Ensemble Performance Attire:**

In addition to all Jazz members coming in to get fitted for your black jazz shirt, you will be told where to sew six buttons into the waist band to accommodate suspenders. Buttons are not provided – ½ to ¾" diameter suit buttons will work fine.

**NEW Members to the Jazz Ensemble, please bring your black pants to school for approval. (Please note form fitting pants, stretch pants, leggings & similar garments Are Not Acceptable).**

## **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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## **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](http://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](http://www.mpsmusic.org)**. If you have any questions, please contact me or any Board Member.

## **RECAP - DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ♪ **Performance Attire Fitting: August 20-22, 2018 (Aug. 23 by appt only)**  
**8:30 am – 2:00 pm daily - MHS Chorus Room**
- ♪ **First Mandatory Trip General Meeting – Monday, September 17, 2018 - 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,

*Marlene Manell*

President, MPS Music Association

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