



**Marlborough Public Schools Music Association**  
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July 31, 2019

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.

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.

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

**PLEASE ARRIVE AS EARLY IN THE DAY AS POSSIBLE.**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8:30 AM TO 2 PM**

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

**\*\* WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> BY APPOINTMENT \*\***

**(Please contact Mrs. Manell at [mrmanell@gmail.com](mailto:mrmanell@gmail.com) 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 by 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](mailto: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:**

Jazz students need to provide their own Black Dress Pants. Suspenders and ties will be distributed at a later date. When you come in, we will explain 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.

**NOTE: Members of the Jazz Ensemble - Form Fitting, Tight Pants, Stretch Pants, Leggings or similar garments are NOT Acceptable. (Unsure bring them to band camp and let Mrs. Manell or Wood check them).**

### **MUSIC FESTIVALS (MUSIC COMPETITIONS)**

Each year the HS performing music groups participate in various In-State Music Festivals (i.e., MAJE & MICCA). Once every two years, with the approval of the administration, Superintendent and School Committee, they have participated in an out-of-state Music Festival and have previously performed in Orlando, FL; Virginia Beach, VA; Williamsburg, VA; Toronto, Canada; & Washington, D.C.

**There is no out-of-state music festival trip for the school year 2019/20, but parents & students are urged to participate in as many student fundraising opportunities as possible to help offset the cost of the next out-of-state festival trip.**

### **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many fundraising 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 fundraising opportunities to help build student credit and offset out-of-state trip costs. Dates of fundraising opportunities will be posted in the fall.

### **Fundraising Candy Bars are available all summer and throughout the school year.**

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. Please note that students are not allowed to sell candy bars during the school day

### **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 9th). Please check our web site often for updated calendar & other information throughout the year. The music calendar will be posted by early to mid-August. **Our website address: www.mpsmusic.org & follow us on Twitter: MPS Music Association.** If you have any questions, please contact me or any Board Member.

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

- **Band Camp – Week of August 19-23, 2019 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Marlborough High School**
- **MPS Music Association regular general meeting, Monday, Sept 9, 2019 MHS Chorus Room 7:00 pm**

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

Sincerely,

*Marlene Manell*

President, MPS Music Association

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508-735-8386 (mobile call or text)

508-481-4043 (home – call between 9 am and 9 pm)