



Marlborough Public Schools Music Association
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Dear High School Band Student(s) & Parents/Guardians:

Hello & Happy Summer! Hope you're having lots of fun, & enjoying summer. This letter has important detailed information, regarding band camp, marching shoe order (response needed by Aug 7th), fundraising & Music Association information.

WHAT IS BAND CAMP?

Band Camp is when all HS Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Color Guard students come together to learn the music and the half time show they will perform at all home football games. It is also a time when the students will be fitted for their school issued uniforms and other performance attire. Band camp is required and an important week to learn their entire half time show. It is a great time to meet other marching band students and get a little familiar with the high school in general.

Band Camp takes place at Marlborough High School Monday through Friday, August 19 – 23, 2019, from 9 am until 3:30 pm daily. Students should bring a bag lunch Monday through Thursday, a water bottle, and sunscreen. They will be both inside learning music and outside learning the field show. They should wear appropriate length shorts, t-shirts or tank tops and sneakers to be comfortable walking and playing their instruments inside and out. Mr. Verdone, Band Director, will be sending out a letter with more information about band camp within a few weeks.

On Friday afternoon of band camp, the MPS Music Association provides a cookout at a marching band student's home as a thank you to the students, teachers & assistants for all their hard work completed during the week.

We would like a few parent volunteers who are available to help with the set up and cleanup of this cookout. The location will be announced during band camp. If interested in helping, please e-mail Marlene Manell at mрманnell@gmail.com.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD SHOES

During band camp students will be fitted with their band uniforms. Part of the uniform is a special marching shoe manufactured by Drillmaster. These shoes cost \$36.00 and will be ordered in advance and in bulk to keep the shipping cost down. The shoes will be fitted the first day of band camp which will give us time to reorder if we need to exchange sizes. The reason we need to get the students fitted so quickly is their first performance is the Labor Day Parade on September 2nd.

TO ORDER SHOES: Please fill out the enclosed card and send it back with a check in the amount of \$36.00 made out to the MPS Music Association on or before August 7th. Please do not wait – order will be placed on August 8th. Please mail to: Marlene Manell, 239 Wilson Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. If you feel purchasing the marching shoes will be a financial hardship, please advise either Mr. Rosenthal or Marlene Manell as soon as possible.

Sizes available:

Women's	Men's
5 to 12 ½ <u>medium width only</u> (whole and half sizes) 13 to 18 <u>medium or wide</u> (whole sizes only)	3-10 ½ <u>medium width only</u> (whole and half sizes) 11-16 <u>medium or wide</u> (whole sizes only)

Note: When sizing these marching band shoes, it is suggested to use students' dress shoe size, not sneaker size.

IMPORTANT -- PERFORMANCE ATTIRE FITTINGS DURING BAND CAMP:

- 1) **9TH GRADE & NEW STUDENT FITTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING DAY 2 OF BAND CAMP TUESDAY (8/20)**
- 2) **PLEASE ARRIVE AT MHS AT 8 AM AND GO TO THE CHORUS ROOM FOR FITTINGS OF YOUR BAND UNIFORM AND YOUR CONCERT ATTIRE.**
Please remember to bring your heels with you on this day.

WIND, STRING & JAZZ ENSEMBLES, CONCERT BAND & A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Marching Band Members who are in Wind, Strings, Jazz, Concert Band and A cappella, will be fitted for your concert performance attire (music department issued tuxedos or long dresses for all; Jazz black shirts) during band camp. **For Dress Fittings- you MUST bring your dress shoes that you will be performing in to band camp 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.

Jazz students need to provide their own black dress pants. NOTE: 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).

FOOTBALL GAME RESERVED SEATS

To the parents/friends who would like to sit in the stands with other music parents during football games. Reserved seats in the stadium will be enforced. You are encouraged to purchase a season ticket. The cost will be approximately \$30 for a season ticket for all home games. It is suggested that you obtain your season ticket as soon as tickets go on sale. Sale dates for tickets will be posted on the MHS and MHS Athletic website. Please contact Mr. Rudzinsky's office for further information.

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 Shoe Orders Due on or before – August 7, 2019**
- **Band Camp – August 19-23, 2019 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Marlborough High School**
- **Labor Day Parade – Monday, Sept 2, 2019 – HS Marching Band - required performance**
- **First Home Football Game – Friday, September 13, 2019 – HS Marching Band – required performance**
- **Second Home Football Game – Friday, September 20, 2019 – HS Marching Band – required performance (MHS Marching Band Senior Appreciation Night)**

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

Sincerely,

Marlene Manell

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