



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

Welcome to the MHS Music Department. Hope you're fun, staying cool & enjoying summer! This letter has important detailed information, regarding Band Camp, ordering marching band shoes (response needed by Aug 4th) & scheduling performance attire fittings.

WHAT IS BAND CAMP:

Band Camp is when all High School Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Color Guard students come together to learn the music and the half time show they will perform at home games. Band camp is required and an important week to learn the entire half time show. It is a great time to meet other marching band students and learn about Marlborough High School from upper classmen.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

- WHERE:** Whitcomb Middle School Auditorium Entrance, Drop Off/Pick Up and Check-In in the Lobby
At Check-In students will receive their music, a drawstring bag, a water bottle that can be filled with water from dispensers at the Middle School.
- WHEN:** Monday through Friday, August 16 – 20, 2021, from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm daily.
- BRING:** Students should bring a bag lunch Monday through Thursday and bring sunscreen.
- GENERAL INFO:** Students 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. Also bring a long sleeved shirt in the event the A/C is turned on in the auditorium.
- COOKOUT:** On Friday afternoon of band camp, the MPS Music Association provides a cookout at a Music student' home as a thank you to all the students, teachers & assistants for their hard work during the week.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need a few adult volunteers who are available to help with the set up (starting at 11:00 am) and cleanup (starting at 3:30 pm) of the cookout. The location will be announced during band camp. If interested in helping, please e-mail Marlene Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD SHOES

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 at the students fitting appointment 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 6th.

TO ORDER SHOES:

Please fill out the enclosed card and send it with a check in the amount of \$36.00 made out to the "MPS Music Association" before August 4th. Please do not wait – the group order will be placed on August 6th. 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. Verdones, jverdones@mps-edu.org, or Marlene Manell, mrmanell@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

Sizes available:

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

Note: When sizing these marching band shoes, please use students' dress shoe size, not sneaker size.

FITTINGS FOR MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS & CONCERT ATTIRE:

FITTINGS: August 23rd & August 24th at the MHS Chorus Room from 8:20 to 1:40 pm and August 25th from 8:20 to 11:20 am. The appointment will take approximately 30+/- minutes. For questions/problems, contact Mrs. Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com or text 508-735-8386.

FITTINGS HOW: All students who are in the Marching Band, Color Guard, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band & A cappella Choir are required to sign up for a fitting appointment via this link (also posted, for your convenience, on our website mpsmusic.org):

[www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp - /30423278/design/](http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp-/30423278/design/)

Fittings of school issued tuxedos, long concert dresses & Jazz shirts will take place in MHS's Chorus Room and should take about 30+/- minutes. You will be fitted for all the groups you are in at your fitting appointment. It is important for you to make & keep your appointment as this is the only time our volunteer sewers will be on site to fit you.

DRESS FITTINGS: BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT THE SHOES YOU WILL WEAR ON STAGE.

(Includes Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra & A cappella)

Heels for you all black shoes 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 ENSEMBLE FITTINGS:

JAZZ STUDENTS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN ALL BLACK DRESS PANTS (no shiny or metal embellishments).

NOTE: Form Fitting, Tight Pants, Stretch Pants, Leggings or similar garments are **NOT Acceptable**. **Please bring the black dress pants you will be wearing as part of your uniform to your fitting appointment for Mrs. Manell or Mrs. Wood to approve.**

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few adult volunteers who can sew and are willing to help alter the uniforms, tuxes, and dresses. It's mainly straight sewing taking up and taking down hems of pants, sleeves and dresses. We would like your help during the days of Aug, 23rd to 25th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (or any part of those days) If interested in helping, please e-mail Marlene Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com.

FOOTBALL GAME RESERVED SEATS

To those of you who would like to sit in the stands with other music parents during football games request the band parent/guardian section. Since reserved seats will be enforced, you may want to purchase a reserved season ticket costing approximately \$30 for all home games (exception are Play Off games). Sale dates for tickets will be posted on the MHS and MHS Athletic websites. Please contact Mr. Rudzinsky, Athletic Director's office for further information.

MPS MUSIC ASSOCIATION INFORMATION & WEB SITE

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization! 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!

RECAP - DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Band Shoe Orders Due before – August 4, 2021**
- **Make appointment for Fitting your Marching Band Uniform & Concert Performance Attire by August 9th**
[www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp - /30423278/design/](http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp-/30423278/design/)
- **Band Camp – August 16-20, 2021 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Whitcomb Middle School, Auditorium Entrance**
- **Uniform & Performance Attire Fittings – August 23 – 25, 2021 – Marlborough High School**
- **Labor Day Parade – Monday, Sept 6, 2021 – HS Marching Band - required performance**
- **First Home Football Game – Friday, September 17, 2021 – HS Marching Band – required performance**
- **Second Home Football Game – Friday, September 24, 2021 – HS Marching Band – required performance**

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

Sincerely,

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508-735-8386 (mobile text)

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