

MHS Music

Information for Incoming Freshmen in Band

Uniforms: Band Members will have two uniforms: a Marching Band Uniform and a Concert Uniform. The music program provides the uniforms but students will need to buy the things that cannot be reused: For Marching Band: polo shirt, shoes, hat and gloves, for Concert Band, bow ties and shirts. Friends of Music buys some of these items in bulk to receive a better price to keep costs to a minimum. Band members will need to order marching shoes for Marching Band early so that they arrive in time for the first performance. Polo shirts, gloves, and ties will be available for purchase at the fitting.

Reading Session: There will be two Music Reading sessions for Band members mid-summer to give the students an opportunity to work on the half-time music prior to the beginning of band camp. It helps if performers are familiar with their music BEFORE Band Camp! This year's reading sessions are scheduled for July 9th and August 6th from 6 - 8:00 pm. Additional mandatory percussion sectionals will be held on July 30th and August 13th from 6 - 8:00 pm.

Band Camp: Band Camp is the time to learn the Marching Band Routine. Band Camp 2008 is August 18th - 22nd from 4pm - 9pm each day. During camp, you will want to be sure to wear bug spray and bring water. Wear sneakers or comfy shoes -- not sandals or other shoes that can cause blisters. Band camp is a lot of work but it also is a lot of fun. On Friday, August 22nd at 8:00 pm, all friends and family are welcome to watch the half time show in the stadium and join us for a Sundae Party immediately following the show.

Parades: The Band marches in three parades: Labor Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day Parades. The Labor Day parade is in Scituate and the band will wear khaki shorts and a green music polo shirt. Be sure to get your shorts early in the summer because these are hard to find in stores in August. The Marching Band uniform is worn to the Veteran's Day Parade and at the Memorial Day parade, the band wears khaki long pants and the green music polo shirt.

Football Games: The Band performs at the half-time of all home games as well as the Thanksgiving Day game. The Band may be asked to perform should the football team make it to the post-season championship games. Check the home game schedule on the Friends of Music (FOM) website: www.marshfieldfom.org.

Fundraising / Student Accounts: Every Music Student can earn money for their student account by participating in Fund Raising events throughout the year. This money can be used for any music related expense: lessons, instruments, repairs and music trips. Money remains in the account from year to year until the student graduates. Our most important Fund Raiser of the year is **Fair Parking** during the Marshfield Fair. We need as much help as we can get for this!! Incoming Freshmen, parents and friends will earn an hourly wage for their designated student account for every hour worked at the Fair. Sign up on the FOM website: www.marshfieldfom.org.

Trips: The Band, Orchestra, Marshalairs and Color Guard generally take a trip every 2 years (Disney usually once during a student's 4 years at MHS). Students often use student accounts to pay for these trips, so be sure to participate in fund raisers - especially Fair Parking. These trips are optional, but usually a highlight of the students' high school music experience -- well planned and well supervised.

Friends of Music: Friends of Music is the parent booster group for the Marshfield Music Program (Grades K-12). The MHS Music program is very successful and fun, in large measure, because of parent involvement. Please support your Music student by volunteering for events...you will be glad you did!

Other Questions: Please feel free to contact Mr. Jim Thomas, Director of Music, at Marshfield High School (781) 319-3563 or JThomas@mpsd.org

Marshfield Music Info: www.marshfieldfom.org

Calendar of Events*

JULY

Reading Session – July 9th 6 – 8:00 pm
Percussion Sectional – July 30th 6 – 8:00 pm

AUGUST

Reading Session – August 6th 6 – 8:00 pm
Percussion Sectionals – August 6th and 13th, 6 – 8:00 pm
Band Camp — Monday 18th thru Friday 22nd 4:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday 22nd 8:00 Family preview of half time show followed by
Ice cream party
Fair Parking — Friday 15th thru Sunday 24th Fair Parking at Marshfield Fair
(South River School)

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Parade — Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, Scituate
Football Games — dates TBA

OCTOBER

Football Games — dates TBA
FOM Craft Fair Fundraiser — MHS gym, 2 days Thanksgiving Weekend

NOVEMBER

Football Games — dates TBA
Veteran's day Parade — Nov 11th
Thanksgiving Day Football Game — home in 2008

DECEMBER

Football Playoffs
Jr. District Auditions – held at FBMS, usually 1st Saturday
Holiday Concerts — 2 nights at FBMS Auditorium

JANUARY

Calendar Raffle Fundraiser — Benefit Student Music Accounts

FEBRUARY

Evening of Jazz — FBMS Auditorium

MARCH

Berklee Jazz Festival
All-Town Concerts — Band and Orchestra (every other year)
Mass. Music Educators Assn. Convention and
All State Performances TBA

APRIL

Music Trip — every other year, next in 2009
Spring Concerts — 2 nights at FBMS Auditorium
FOM Wine Tasting/Silent Auction Fundraiser — TBA

MAY

Music Awards Night — FBMS Auditorium
followed by refreshments in caf
MHS Pops —MHS Gym, all proceeds benefit the FOM Scholarship Fund
North River Arts Festival — Jazz Band performances
Memorial Day Parade

JUNE

MHS Graduation — MHS band and incoming freshmen, football field
FOM Annual Meeting — Election of Board Members

*** Not a comprehensive list. Please note that all events, dates and times are subject to change.
For up to date information please refer regularly to the schedule on the FOM website:
www.marshfieldfom.org.**