



Marlborough Public Schools Music Association
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June, 2022

Dear High School Band Student(s) & Parents/Guardians:

Hope you have a wonderful summer break but before the break, please take a few minutes to review this important information regarding band camp, marching band shoe orders (response needed by July 22nd) & link to schedule performance attire fittings.

MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD SHOES

Please try on your band shoes. If you can't find them or they don't fit, you need to put in an order today so the shoes will be available for you to try on during your fitting appointment. Don't forget your first performance is the Labor Day Parade (Sept. 5th) and the Drillmaster marching shoes are part of your uniform. You will be able to try on the shoes during your fitting appointment which will allow time to reorder if we need to exchange sizes. **Please clean your current shoes if using them (you can use soap and water to clean them)**

TO ORDER SHOES:

Please fill out the enclosed card and mail it with a check in the amount of \$38.00 made out to the "MPS Music Association" before July 22nd. Please do not wait – the group order will be placed on July 27th. Please mail to: MPS Music Association, c/o Marlene Manell, 239 Wilson Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. If you feel purchasing the marching shoes will be a financial hardship, please let Mr. Verdone, jverdone@mps-edu.org, or Mrs. Manell, mrmanell@gmail.com know 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, please use students' dress shoe size, not sneaker size.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

- WHERE:** Whitcomb Middle School Auditorium Entrance, Drop Off/Pick Up and Check In in the Lobby
Reminder – returning students bring your drawstring bag and water bottle.
- WHEN:** Monday through Friday, August 15-19, 2022, 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.
- FRIDAY'S LUNCH:** On Friday afternoon of band camp, the MPS Music Association provides lunch that may be at a student's home or at Whitcomb Middle School to thank all the students, teachers & assistants for their hard work during the week.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FRIDAY'S LUNCH:

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). The location will be announced during band camp. If interested in helping, please e-mail Marlene Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com.

FITTINGS FOR MARCHING BAND/COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS & CONCERT ATTIRE:

FITTINGS - WHEN: August 22nd & August 23rd from 8:20 to 1:40 pm and August 24th from 8:20 am to 11:20 am in the MHS Chorus Room. The appointment will take approximately 30+/- minutes.
For questions/problems, please contact Mrs. Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com or text 508-735-8386.

FITTINGS - HOW: All students who are in **Concert Band, Color Guard, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble & A cappella Choir** are required to sign up for a fitting appointment through this link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084ca4ad2fa2fc1-aug2022>

The link is also posted on the front page of our website **mpsmusic.org** :

You will be fitted for all the groups you are in at your 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, Symphony Orchestra & A cappella)

Heels for your all black shoes are to be 2" high or less. Flats are fine too. The dresses will be hemmed according to the heel height of shoes you will be wearing on stage. Bring those same shoes to your fitting appointment. 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, etc. are **NOT** Acceptable.

BRING YOUR BLACK DRESS PANTS TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. WE WILL SUPPLY THE 6 BUTTONS (TO ACCEPT THE SUSPENDERS) & WILL MARK THE LOCATIONS ON YOUR PANTS WHERE THE BUTTONS NEED TO BE SEWN IN

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, 22nd to 24th 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 – July 22, 2022**
- **Make appointment for Fitting your Marching Band Uniform & Concert Performance Attire by August 5th**
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084ca4ad2fa2fc1-aug2022>
- **Band Camp – August 15-19, 2022 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Whitcomb Middle School, Auditorium Entrance**
- **Uniform & Performance Attire Fittings – August 22 – 24, 2022 – Marlborough High School-Chorus Room**
- **Labor Day Parade – Monday, Sept 5, 2022 – HS Marching Band - required performance**
- **First Home Football Game – Friday, September 17, 2022 – HS Marching Band – required performance**
- **Second Home Football Game – Friday, September 30, 2022 – HS Marching Band – required performance**

Hope you have a wonderful 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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