

Greetings 7th Grade Band Parents,

I hope this email finds you well!

My name is Jim Verdone and I am the Marlborough High School Band Director. I am writing to you today with an exciting opportunity for your band student. With a successful experience last year, we are again pleased to invite members of our 8th grade band to join the Marlborough High School Marching Panther Band. The MHS Marching Band has long been a source of great pride for our school, district, and community as a whole. Given the fact that your student will be in 8th grade next year, they have the opportunity to join a wonderful tradition of excellence.

What does being a part of the Marlborough HS Marching Panther Band mean to your student? They have the chance to build relationships with our High School students and learn what it is like to be part of the High School Music Department before they even finish middle school. This helps them make informed decisions about their high school choice later in their 8th grade year. They also have wonderful performance opportunities. The Marching Panther Band performs at all home football games, home/away playoff football games, and numerous parades including the famous Marlborough Labor Day parade in early September.

Your student will take part in our traditional Band Camp which is August 12-16th at Whitcomb Middle School. Each day, we will rehearse from 9am-3:30pm, with an hour lunch break at noon. During this week, we learn the music and movements for the halftime show. This year's show, "Pirates of the Caribbean!" features music from the acclaimed movie". In addition to band camp, we have rehearsals once a week at MHS from 2:45-3:45pm on Thursdays. These rehearsals will continue until the end of October/beginning of November. For your convenience, I have attached our season schedule. If your student is part of a middle school athletic team, they are able to do both! Feel free to contact me with questions.

If you have found that your student wants more of a challenge or to experience music at the next level, being part of the Marching Panther Band is for them!

If you have any questions, or you wish to sign them up to be part of the Marlborough High School Marching Panther Band, please reach out to me at jverdone@mps-edu.org. We are hoping to have all sign ups by June 1st so we can try to have an informational meeting for new members and their families before school ends.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Go Panthers!

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