



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

Welcome to the MHS Music Department. We 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.

**WHAT IS BAND CAMP?**

Band Camp is when the High School Concert Band and Color Guard Students come together to learn the music and the half time show that they will perform at home football 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 MHS 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 & water bottle that can be filled with water from dispensers at the Middle School.

**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](mailto:mrmanell@gmail.com).

**MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD SHOES**

Part of the uniform is a special marching shoe manufactured by Drillmaster. These shoes cost \$38.00 and will be ordered in advance and in bulk to keep the shipping cost down. The shoes will be fitted at the student’s fitting appointment which will give us time to reorder if we need to exchange sizes. The reason we need to get the students fitted quickly is their first performance is the Labor Day Parade on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:jverdone@mps-edu.org), or Mrs. Manell, [mrmanell@gmail.com](mailto:mrmanell@gmail.com) know as soon as possible.

**Sizes available:**

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

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

**FITTINGS FOR MARCHING BAND/COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS & CONCERT ATTIRE (TUXEDOS, CONCERT DRESSES & JAZZ SHIRTS):**

**FITTINGS - WHEN:** August 22<sup>nd</sup> & August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:20 to 1:40 pm and August 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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** :

**NOTE:** You will be fitted for all the groups you are in at your appointment. It is important 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.**

**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - <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**

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

Sincerely,

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