



Marlborough Public Schools Music Association
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July, 2026

Dear High School Band & Color Guard Students & Parents/Guardians:

Hope you are having a wonderful summer break. Please take a few minutes to review this important information regarding band camp, marching band shoe orders (**response needed by July 30th**) & 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. 7th) 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 – TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

Check:

Please fill out the enclosed card & mail it with a check in the amount of \$45.00 made out to the "MPS Music Association" to be received before July 30th. Please mail to: MPS Music Association, c/o Marlene Manell, 239 Wilson Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

– OR –

PayPal (PayPal, Venmo, Credit or Debit Card):

Go to our website, mpsmusic.org, click on the Donate Tab, click on the PayPal Button. Please add your student's name & shoe size in the comments/notes section. [SP1]

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT – THE GROUP ORDER WILL BE PLACED BEFORE AUGUST 3RD.

If 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
4 to 12 ½ medium width only (whole and half sizes)	2-10 ½ medium width only (whole and half sizes)
13 to 20 medium or wide (whole sizes only)	11-20 medium or wide (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/& **Check-in [SP2]** in the Lobby

WHEN: Monday through Friday, August 17-21, 2026, from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm daily.

BRING DAILY: Students should bring a bag lunch Monday to Thursday & bring sunscreen along with their water bottle and the drawstring bag.

GENERAL INFO: Students will be both inside learning music & outside learning the field show. They should wear appropriate length shorts, t-shirts & sneakers for walking & playing their instruments inside & out. Also bring a **long-sleeved [SP3]** shirt in the event the A/C is on inside.

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), serving and cleanup (once all have finished their lunch). The location will be announced during band camp. If interested in helping, please e-mail Marlene Manell at mrmanell@gmail.com. Thank you!

FITTINGS - WHEN: August 24th & August 25th from 8:20 am to 1:40 pm and August 26th from 8:20 am to 10:40 [SP4]am in the MHS Chorus Room. The appointment will take approx. 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 & Marching Band, Color Guard, String, Jazz & Wind Ensembles, & A cappella Choir are required immediately sign up for fitting appointment through this link. If you have already signed up, thank you;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CA4AD2FA2FC1-55258428-aug2025#>

The link is also posted on our website mpsmusic.org - The QR Code is posted at the bottom of this letter
Click on Students Tab; Choose Marching Band on the drop down.

NOTE: Students will be fitted for all the groups they are in at their appointment. It is important to make & keep the appointment as this is the only time our volunteer sewers will be on site to fit them.

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

(Includes Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, String Ensemble & A cappella)

Your all black shoe heels are to be **2" high or less**. Flats are preferred. 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 6 buttons (to attach the suspenders) & will mark the locations where the buttons need to be sewn into the pants.

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 hems up and down of pants, sleeves and dresses. You do not have to physically fit each student. We would like your help during the days of Aug. 24th to 26th [SP5]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 GAMES

There is no assigned seating at football games. To those of you who would like to sit in the stands with other music parents many parents sit in the section between the tunnel (where the players come out at the 50 yard line) and the band. Ticket sale dates are usually posted on the MHS Athletic website. For further information, please contact MHS Athletic Department,

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 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. Besides needing volunteers for jobs that take a few hours, **we also need people to be on the MPS Music Association Board – All positions are needed. Meetings take place once a month via Zoom.** Meeting Dates are listed on our Website. Please join us for a meeting to see what we do, what we need and if it's something you would like to do. Thank you to all past, present & future volunteers!

RECAP - DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ♪ **Band Shoe Orders Due before – July 30, 2026**
- ♪ **Make appointment for Fitting your Marching Band Uniform & Concert Performance Attire by July 30th**
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- ♪ **Band Camp – August 17-21, 2026 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Whitcomb Middle School, Auditorium Entrance**
- ♪ **Uniform & Performance Attire Fittings – August 24 – 26, 2026 – Marlborough High School-Chorus Room**
- ♪ **Labor Day Parade – Monday, Sept 7, 2026 – 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

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**QR Code to
Make Your
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Appointment**

