

Meridian High School Band

GO Wildcats!!!!

Band Camp 2021!!

JULY 12th- JULY 30th BAND CAMP 8am- 5pm

(Fridays are Short Days)

JULY 30th – Band Camp Showcase

BREAKFAST Starts at 7:30AM/ LUNCH 11:30AM-
12:15PM

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Meridian Band Department

“Wildcat Band”

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Summer, 2021

Dear Band Parents & Students,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Wildcat Band Family!

The band is a great organization that enables the students to be involved in a way that no other organization does. They have the privilege of representing MHS each Friday night during football season and at various competitions and events throughout the year. Recently, the band performed at Disney World, The Turkey Day Classic, The Governor’s Inaugural Parade, Dollywood (Gatlinburg, Tennessee), The Magic City Classic, The Riley Center, The MS Arts Center, and plans to perform at a traveled spectacular event this school year in the spring of 2022. The students and staff work really hard, but if you've been to a football game you know how good they sound!

The MHS Band Boosters is the support organization for the Band. We raise money for travel, charter buses for away games and competitions, clinics, snacks and drinks for football games/events, equipment, other special projects and miscellaneous support for the program. Anyone can join the Band Boosters and we highly encourage all parents to join.

Important Dates and Information (see attached schedule for details):

- **Mandatory BAND CAMP starts on Monday July 12th - Friday July 30th for All Band Students**
- Parent Meeting – **Thursday July 15th 6PM** (All parents/guardians are encouraged to come)
- Fundraiser – Friday July 30th
- **Band Camp Showcase – First Major Performance of the Year! Friday July 30th at 6:30PM**
- Meet the Wildcats
- **For STUDENT text message updates, text the message @mband2021 to the number 81010**
- **For PARENT text message updates, text the message @mbooster21 to the number 81010**
- Band Handbooks go out during the first week of school which will include updated schedules, rules, etc.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you,
MHS Band & Band Boosters

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Wildcat Band

The Greatest Band in All the Land

MHS Band Directors

Altman: Dir of Bands
Reed: AD of Bands
Wayne: Asst Dir
Barnes: Asst Dir
Reddit: Asst Dir
Burns: Guard Instructor
Jackson: Staff
Supplemental Staff



Band Expectations

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Questions: Contact Band Office

What to expect during Band Camp?

Band Camp is at Meridian High School from July 12th - July 30th from 7:45 AM - 5 PM

Band Camp is physically demanding. To help the students prepare for the rigors of marching; they will exercise during band camp and once school starts.

Band Camp is 3 weeks long for all band students (starts July 12th)

Breakfast starts at 7:30AM / Lunch 11:30AM – 12:15PM

Friday Rehearsals end at 12:00 PM

Expenses:

Unfortunately, the school budget doesn't cover everything that our students need for band. Each student will need to pay or fundraise for the following:

\$125.00 Band Share – due by July 30th.

{Guard pays additional fees}

This includes travel, uniforms, uniform cleaning, food, band materials, etc.

\$00.00 Band t-shirt - this is provided by the Band Department

What to bring to Band Camp?



- Comfortable closed-toe shoes (not flip flops)
- Water or a sports drink
- Lunch (if you do not eat the free cafeteria lunch)
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Hat



What NOT to bring to Band Camp?

- **Bad Attitude**
- **Soda**
- **Dark colored clothing**
- **Long Pants**

MHS Band Boosters

What are Band Boosters?

The Band Booster Club is the support organization for the Band. It is comprised of parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends of band members.

Introduction Meeting for All Parents
Thursday JULY 15th at 6:30PM at MHS

What do the Band Boosters do?

- Chaperone out of town events
- Raise money for the band program
- Help with half-time show preparation
- Meet monthly during the school year
- It costs approximately \$20 per person to join and get a band booster t-shirt.

Band Booster Officers 2021

Will be Announced at the Parent Meeting in JULY

Band Boosters Fundraisers

The Band Boosters have several fundraisers

1. BBQ Plate fundraiser
2. Concession Stand at a football game
3. Chocolate/Snack Shack/Events
4. Others