Summer, 2019
Dear Band Parents & Students,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 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. We have been invited to perform at Disney and Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 2020! 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):

- June Sectionals for Winds & Guard Thursday June 13 & Thursday June 27 (Sectional Times coming soon)
- Mandatory Band Camp starts on Tuesday July 9th for Freshmen, New Students, Drum Majors, Color Guard, Section Leaders, & Percussion
- Mandatory Band Camp starts on Monday July 15th for All Band Students
- Color Guard Orientation TBA Contact Ms. Ashley (Guard Coach) at 601-938-9094 or ashleylynnia@gmail.com
- Parents & Students may pick up show music or meet with director on Wednesday June 12th between 10AM-12PM or 2PM-4PM
- Band Parent Information Hour – Tuesday July 16th 6PM (All parents/guardians are encouraged to come)
- Fundraiser – Friday July 26th
- Band Camp Showcase – First Major Performance of the Year! Friday July 26th at 6:30PM
- Meet the Wildcats – Tentative Friday August 2nd
- Fees: Band Supplies Fee - $125 plan due July 26th Shoe money - $38 due July 26th School Band Fee - $35
- For text message updates, text the message @62cb5 to 601-651-4205. Parents are encouraged to join (it’s free)
- Band Handbooks go out during the first week of school which include schedules, rules, etc.

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

Every student (even current band students) must try out for Band and attend Band Camp. Chair placement is based on the tryout. Auditions for the Middle School students are held during normal band period at their school. **Questions: Contact Band Office**

What to expect during Band Camp:

Band Camp is at Meridian High School from July 9th - July 26th from 7:45 AM - 5 PM

- Band Camp is physically demanding. To help the students prepare for the rigors of marching, they will be doing push-ups during band camp and once school starts.
- Band Camp is 3 weeks long for Freshmen, Transfers, Drum Majors, Color Guard, Section Leaders and Percussion (starts July 9th)
- For all others, it is 2 weeks long (starts July 15th)
- Breakfast starts at 7:30AM / Lunch 11:30PM – 12:15PM

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)
- Sun glasses
- Sun screen
- Hat

Expenses:

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

- $125.00 Band Fee – 1st payment due by July 26th. This must be paid or plan designed before your child can march in a half-time show. (Guard pays additional fees)
- $38.00 Marching Shoes - due during Band Camp
- $0.00 Band t-shirt - this is provided by the Band Boosters

What NOT to bring to Band Camp:

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

MHS Band Boosters

What is Band Boosters?

The Band Boosters is the support organization for the Band. It is comprised of parents, grandparents, relatives, and friends of band members. **Introduction Meeting for All Parents**

Tuesday July 16th at 6PM in the Cafeteria

What do the Band Boosters do?

- Chaperone all out of town events (you must be a Band Booster and buy a t-shirt to be a chaperone)
- Raise money for the band program
- Help with half-time show preparation each Friday night during football season
- Meet monthly during the school year
- It costs approximately $20 per person to join and get a band booster t-shirt.

Band Booster Officers 2019

President: Darryl Johnson
1st VP: Yolanda McAlpine
2nd VP: Tora Franklin
Band Director: Antonio Altman
Treasurer: Tieasha Smith
Guard Secretary:
Secretary: Rosalyn Peden

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
Tentative Schedule for Summer 2019!

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Please become a part of and be on the lookout for our various communication outlets: Meridian High School Band Facebook & Website, Meridian High School Band Booster Facebook, MPSD Facebook & website, newsletters, Remind101, email blasts, and phone messages to contacts on file.

July

Dates are MANDATORY for participation in any MHS BAND ORGANIZATION

Band Hall opens at 7:30AM and closes at 5:30PM during camp days.

Leadership camp – 1PM-4PM Monday July 8th (All drum majors, captains, and section leaders (leadership team))

Guard/Percussion/Rookie Band Camp – Tuesday July 9th – Friday July 12th (All Guard, Percussion, 9th graders, new students, and leadership team 7:45AM – 5PM)

Full Band Camp – 7:45AM – 5PM Monday July 15th – Friday July 26th (ALL MHS BAND STUDENTS)

Band Camp Showcase – 6:30PM Friday July 26th

(ALL Fees due or plan communicated – Band $125/School $35/Band Shoes $38 if shoes needed)

During Band Camp: Breakfast starts at 7:30AM and Lunch is from 11:30AM – 12:15PM

Band Camp ends at 12PM on Fridays!

After School Band Practice starts the 1st full week of school (the week of Aug. 12-16)

After school times: Wednesday until 4:30PM (bandhall closes at 5PM)

Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30PM (bandhall closes at 5PM)

Additional Dates:

Parent Information Hour – Tuesday July 16th 6PM in the Cafeteria

Fundraiser Tickets go out – Tuesday July 16th

Band Shoe Measurements – Tentative Thursday July 18th 7:30AM – 8:00AM

Fundraiser Ticket Money & Tickets due – Tuesday July 23rd by 6PM

Fundraiser and Band Camp Showcase Friday July 26th

Meet the Wildcats – Tentative Friday August 2nd

First Day of School – Wednesday August 7

Hosting Drum Corps International at MHS Tuesday July 23 – July 24 (Crossmen)

Meridian Band Department

GO WILDCATS!!!