



**Marlborough Public Schools Music Association**  
P.O. Box 200, Marlborough, MA 01752 www.mpsmusic.org

June, 2024

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

Welcome to the MHS Music Department. We hope you have 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 19<sup>th</sup>) & link to schedule performance attire fittings.

**WHAT IS BAND CAMP?**

Band Camp is when the High School Wind Ensemble, Concert Band & Color Guard Students come together to learn the music & 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 MS Auditorium Entrance, Drop Off & 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 12-16, 2024, 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 shirt in the event the A/C is on inside.
- FRIDAY’S LUNCH:** On Friday afternoon, the MPS Music Association provides lunch that may be at 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 around 3:00 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 Drillmaster marching shoe. These shoes cost \$40.00 and will be bulk ordered in advance 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. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TO ORDER SHOES – TWO WAYS TO ORDER:**

**Check:**

Please fill out the enclosed card & mail it with a check in the amount of \$40.00 made out to the “MPS Music Association” before July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mail to: MPS Music Association, c/o Marlene Manell, 239 Wilson Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

– OR –

**PayPal (includes PavPal, Credit or Debit Card):**

Go to our website, [mpsmusic.org](http://mpsmusic.org), click on the Donate Tab, click on the PayPal Button. Please include the \$1.31 fee in addition to the cost of the shoes & add your student’s name & shoe size in the comments. Then either via USPS mail or email, please send the order card information to [mrmanell@gmail.com](mailto:mrmanell@gmail.com)

**PLEASE DO NOT WAIT – THE GROUP ORDER WILL BE PLACED ON JULY 26TH.**

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

Women’s Sizes Available	Men’s Sizes Available
4 to 12 ½ <b>medium width only</b> (whole and half sizes) 13 to 20 <b>medium or wide</b> (whole sizes only)	2-10 ½ <b>medium width only</b> (whole and half sizes) 11-20 <b>medium or wide</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 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:20 am to 1:40 pm and August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:20 am to 10:40 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, Wind Ensemble & Marching Bands, Color Guard, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, & A cappella Choir are required by July to sign up for a fitting appointment through this link. If you have already signed up thank you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CA4AD2FA2FC1-48881915-aug2024#/>

The link is also posted on the front page of our website [mpsmusic.org](http://mpsmusic.org) :

**NOTE:** Students will be fitted for all the performing 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: BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT THE SHOES YOU WILL WEAR ON STAGE.**

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

Your all black shoe heels 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 (for 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 on a sewing machine 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. 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</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 GAMES**

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, Sale dates for tickets will be posted on the MHS and MHS Athletic websites. For further information, please contact Nicole Fallon, Athletic Department, [nfallon@mps-edu.org](mailto:nfallon@mps-edu.org), 508-460-3500 ext. 17100.

## **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. 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](http://www.mpsmusic.org). Thank you to all past, present & future volunteers!

## **RECAP - DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- ♪ **Band Shoe Orders Due before – July 19, 2024**
- ♪ **Make appointment for Fitting your Marching Band Uniform & Concert Performance Attire by July 26th**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CA4AD2FA2FC1-48881915-aug2024/>
- ♪ **Band Camp – August 12-16, 2024 – 9 am to 3:30 pm, Whitcomb Middle School, Auditorium Entrance**
- ♪ **Uniform & Performance Attire Fittings – August 19-21, 2024 – Marlborough High School-Chorus Room**
- ♪ **Labor Day Parade – Monday, Sept 2, 2024 – HS Marching Band - required performance**
- ♪ **First Home Football Game – Friday, September 6, 2024 – HS Marching Band – required performance**

See the 2024/5 Marching Band Schedule of Dates and Times posted on our website [mpsmusic.org](http://mpsmusic.org), Students Tab; Choose Marching Band on the drop down.

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

Sincerely,

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