

Millbrook High School Bands Parent Information

2017-2018 School Year

Marching / Pep Band - Concert Band - Symphonic Band - Wind Ensemble - Jazz Band - Musicals - Winter Guard - Winter Percussion - Honors Program

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Introduction

Welcome to the Millbrook High School band community! We're very excited to have you here, and we know this will provide a very rich experience for you and your student.

Classes

Concert Band

For developing musicians.

Symphonic Band

For proficient musicians.

Wind Ensemble

Accomplished musicians.

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are two-period classes, requiring two elective periods.

Students are placed by audition held in May of the previous school year.

Extra-Curricular*

Marching Band and Color Guard: Season is August – November (after Christmas Parade)
Fee TBD (approx. \$600**)

Jazz Band: Begins in Nov, after school activity.

Winter Guard: Try outs in Nov; Competitions February – March. Fee TBD (approx. \$450**)

Winter Percussion: Try outs in Nov; Competitions (5) February – March. Fee (approx. \$350**)

Pep Band: Football season & Basketball playoffs

Honor Bands and Musicals: Fall and Spring

*All practices and performances are after school hours

** fees shown are current year and are subject to change for 2017-2018

CHARMS



Charms is the database that houses all updated information that is pertinent for band members and their parents/guardians (Updated calendars, payment information, recording studio, etc...)

How to Log-on

- Go to www.charmsoffice.com.
- Click "Enter/Login" in the top right.
- Locate Parent/Students/Member login and use **mhsbandboosters** as the code.
- Use the log in ID that was sent to you.

Synch with Phone Calendar

- Log in to Charms.
- Select Calendar.
- Select "Sync Calendar" button at top next to the "Exit Charms" button.
- Follow the directions for your phone type.

CHARMS will be available to new students on Aug. 30th

Ensembles

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble generally share the same event calendar, although some events, uniform and supply requirements may differ.



Fees (per Student)

\$25 in Fall, payable by Sept. 1st
\$25 in Spring, payable by Jan. 25th



Don't want to pay fees?

Check out "Fair Share" volunteering, page 5 & 6

Month	Event	
December	Fall / Winter Performance	
February	Winter Performance	 
May	Spring Performance	
May	Awards Ceremony	  

All performers must dress appropriately:



Concert and Symphonic Bands (Black bottoms and tops)
Women: Skirts or slacks, blouse or dress, black shoes
Men: Trousers, button-up shirt, black shoes



Wind Ensemble (Formal -- Will be ordered through the band)
Women: Long dress or gown; Men: Tuxedos
Uniform fees: TBD - \$100-150



Volunteer needs and opportunities (Contacts on Page 7):



Ceremonies



Scholarships & Certificates



Hospitality



Tickets

Marching Band and Color Guard

The Big Kahuna of band activities. Marching Band and Color Guard perform together.

Fair Share Fees (per Student)

- \$150 due with registration
- \$150 payable by June 30th
- \$150 payable by July 31st
- \$150 payable by Aug 31st



Don't want to pay fees?

Check out "Fair Share" volunteering, page 5. See how Student Account \$ can be used to pay Fair Share fees on page 6.

Marching Band and Color Guard perform together at all home football games and about 5 weekend competitions; they will practice 2-3 days per week during fall season. Check Charms for updated information on practices and changes to key events.

Key Events:

All dates are tentative until final schedule is announced

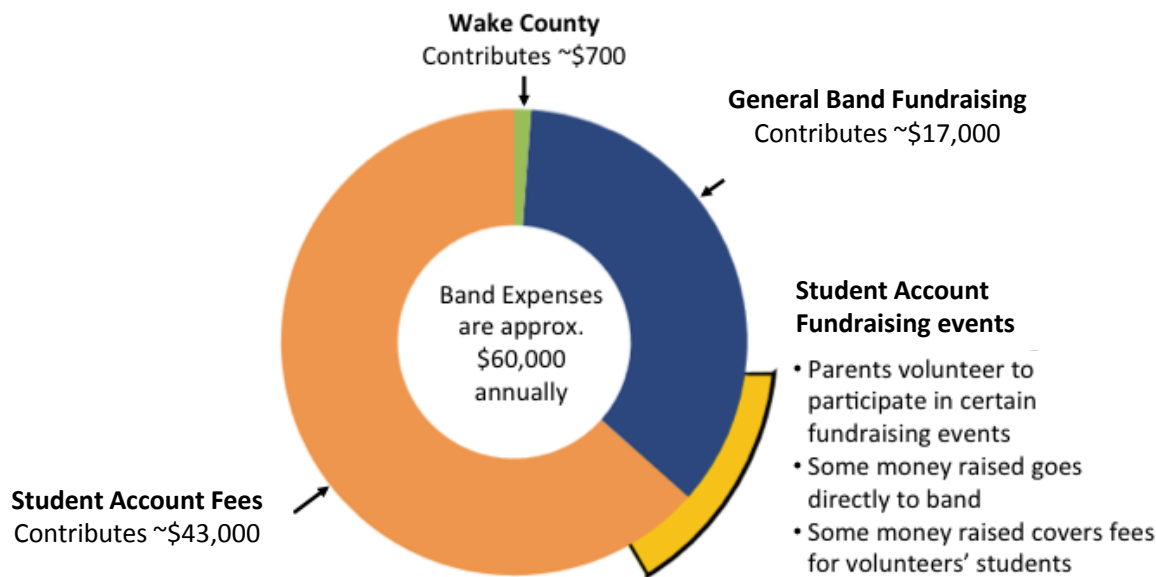
- Jul 27, 28:** Rookie Band Camp (new marchers) at MHS
- Jul 31, Aug 1-4, 7-11:** Band Camp at MHS
- Sep 8:** 1st home football game (Middle Creek)
- Sep 15:** Home football game (Apex)
- Sep 22:** Home football game (Southeast Raleigh)
- Sep 23:** Competition (location TBD)
- Sep 30:** Competition (Cleveland)
- Oct 6:** Home football game (Leesville) & **Homecoming**
- Oct 7:** Competition (Wakefield)
- Oct 14:** Competition (Garner)
- Oct 20:** Home football game (Sanderson) & **Senior Night**
- Oct 21:** Competition (Fuquay-Varina)
- Nov 18:** Raleigh Christmas Parade with a season end celebration pot luck dinner and awards after



Want to help? We need you!
Please see page 7

Budget – Fundraising – Fair Share

Most of the MHS Band budget is funded through Student Account and General Band fundraising.



Paying your fair share through student account fundraising:

Many activities such as Marching Band, Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion, student trips (when offered), etc. are financed by fees paid by each student (fair share fees). The fair share to be paid by each participating student is determined by calculating a total cost for the activity for the number of participating students and dividing by the number of participating students.

Certain fundraising events (detailed on the next page) allow the students and their families to raise money that is shared between the general band fundraising account and the student accounts for those families who participated in the fundraising event – It's a great way for many families to help offset the cost of fees!



All outstanding fees, and fair share contribution status are available on CHARMS:

www.charmsoffice.com Under "Finances".



Fundraising Ideas

We're always looking for new ideas. *Contact: Caroline Martinez*
cmartinez201@msn.com

Student Account Fundraising

Specific fundraising activities whose proceeds are shared by the band and participating families

Concessions at Walnut Creek Amphitheater:

Sell beer, wine, and sodas; Must be 18 or over to volunteer

Contact: Walnut Creek – TBD



Bandstand:

Sell refreshments at games, school events and after school

Students and parents may participate

Contact: Brian Pearl briancpearl@gmail.com

Miscellaneous:

Selling coupon books (Go Play Save) - *Contact: Karen Pearl*

Cookie Fundraiser – *Contact: Miranda Waddill*



Due to the tax-exempt nature of band fundraising, the funds generated to the student's account through the special events above may only be used to pay fair share fees. These funds may not be used to pay for personal expenses not covered by a fee, nor any other individual activities such as extracurricular honor bands, spirit wear, auditions, refreshments, etc.



Student account information is maintained using Charms software. Upon entry into the band program each student will receive a user id and password. It is the responsibility of each band member/parent or guardian to periodically check their student account to make sure all information is accurate and all fees have been paid. **All outstanding fees, and fair share contribution status are available on CHARMS: www.charmsoffice.com** Under "Finances".



These funds will roll over from year to year until the student graduates (or leaves Millbrook High School). Upon graduating, all funds remaining in the student account can either be transferred to a sibling's account who is currently in the band program or transferred into the band's general account.



Volunteer Committees

We can't do it without you! Please email below to help:



Ceremonies:

Coordinate award ceremonies

Contact: *Caroline Martinez*
cmartinez201@msn.com



Tickets:

Sell tickets at performances

Contact: *Aimee Lomax*
aimeelomax@live.com



Certificates & Scholarships:

Letters, plus scholarships to select students

Contact: *Karen Poteat*
karensmail@mindspring.com



Uniforms

Marching Band and Wind Ensemble

Contact: *MB – Martha Endicott*
WE – Stephanie Petzold,
stephaniepetzold@hotmail.com



Hospitality:

Snacks after performances

Contact: *Caroline Martinez*



Walnut Creek

Off-campus concessions

Contact: *<OPEN>*,



Marching Band Camp

Daily meal, miscellaneous

Contact: *Deborah Petersen*
petersen@mindspring.com



Bandstand:

On-Campus concessions

Contact: *Brian Pearl*
briancpearl@gmail.com



Pit Crew

Marching Band and Color Guard

Contact: *Cindy Pruett*
nccindypruett@gmail.com



Sponsorship

Soliciting sponsors

Contact: *Caroline Martinez*



Props & Flags

Marching Band and Color Guard

Contact:

Props – *Cindy Pruett*
Flags – *TBD*



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Snacks and Refreshments

Miscellaneous light meals

Contact: *<OPEN>*

MHS Band Boosters

2017-2018 Nominated Officers
Voting to occur at Spring Band Concert May 16th



Caroline Martinez

President

Contact: cmartinez201@msn.com



Karen Poteat - nominated

Vice-President

Contact: karensmail@mindspring.com



Ann Walters - nominated

Secretary

Contact: afwalt55@gmail.com



Aimee Lomax - nominated

Treasurer

Contact: aimeelomax@live.com