

## MID-SUMMER MCHS BAND PROGRAM INFO

### August 9, 2010

#### THANKS

We want to thank those of you who were able to attend the parent meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We got a lot done, and brought a lot of parents up to speed on the various programs. In addition, we collected a sizable portion of the volunteer forms and the fair share donations.

#### DO WE HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM?

Do you have your 2010-2011 paperwork packet done? Many forms are still outstanding and you may soon receive a personal letter. The forms are attached to this email; they were due June 30<sup>th</sup> with checks. Need a scholarship? Contact Joel Carlson ([jcarlson@mbusd.org](mailto:jcarlson@mbusd.org)).

The packet can be also downloaded at <http://www.miracostaband.com/forms.cfm>.

Are you unsure of how to fill out the forms? Come to our booster meeting or call or email a booster officer. Their contact information is at the end of this email.

#### WHAT THE BANDS DO AND WHAT IT TAKES!

It bears repeating that this last year the Marching Band & Colorguard participated in 20 fun events; the Winterguard in 4 competitions; the Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble in 5 very outstanding festivals and concerts; the Drumline in various sporting events and the Percussion Studio in one great innovative percussion festival. Whew!

**For 2010-2011, we will have the largest ever participation of 177 students in the various bands! Wow! That's 27 more than last year!** For many of you, your student will continue their appreciation of the arts after high school and seek a college with a strong music department. Or, their leadership traits will have developed strongly in their band roles. In addition, many colleges and universities will seek out your student because they want well-rounded individuals.

It takes a lot of organization and after school / weekend hours to make all of the band programs succeed. We only have ONE music teacher (with 177 students!). School funding for all of these extra activities (that makes the band activities extra-special) is almost non-existent. Therefore, added responsibility falls on the parents who want to see their kids excel (and that should be everyone). Your band booster officers are tireless workers, but cannot do it alone.

You may well be contacted by a booster officer to help—fortunately, most parents are glad to assist, and this is what makes for a tremendous program!

#### **BAND BOOSTER MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 7 PM @ THE BAND HALL**

Getting down to the nitty-gritty...We start the real operational planning for the upcoming year, and start revising the calendar. Come, ask your questions, and get the answers you need.

## EMAILS TO PARENTS

Our messaging system has been completely updated according to the forms you have submitted to us. Of course, if you haven't provided your updated email addresses, you may be out of the loop! You should already be getting emails now. If you want a second email address (or third) its fine! Just let us know. Email Edie Babbe or Jim Van Zanten.

## MARCHING BAND CAMP

Yep, it's starting soon. Here's what the website says ([www.miracostabands.com](http://www.miracostabands.com))....  
Standard Rehearsal Day (Aug. 16th – 20th, 23rd -27th, 30th)

12:00 pm Rehearsal Hall. All students sign in and get name tags. 12:05 Afternoon Rehearsal Block 2:00 Afternoon Snack Break (bring your own snack and water!) 2: 15 Afternoon Rehearsal Block II 4:30 Dinner (on own) 5:30 Evening Rehearsal Block 8:00 Check in name tags. All dismissed

Additional Scheduled Events

Monday (August 30th) 5:30 Dismissal for Dinner (In-n-Out Truck @ MCHS) 6:00 Sneak Preview Night @ MCHS (Details to be provided at the beginning of Fall Training Camp – SAVE THE DATE!)

## FINALLY

Thanks in advance. MCHS bands are the greatest and getting better with your help. *MCHS Band Spirit is Alive!*

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