

MCHS BAND BOOSTER E BLAST OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

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Band Booster Meeting!

Tuesday September 6, 2010 Band Hall @ 7 PM

Participate in: Budget update; status of fair share donations; bus transportation update; away game travel plans will be forecast

<http://www.miracostaband.com/allevnts.cfm>

Marching Band Events for the Next Four Weeks! Mark Your Calendar!

Do you know that we receive zero funding from the district for transportation? We have six away games this season, not including any CIF games. Fortunately we had a successful raffle and two generous donors have already stepped up, helping to resolve a large part of the funding problem. See below for a status report.



Away game vs. Serra @ El Camino Thursday September 16, 2010 @ 7 PM

<http://www.miracostaband.com/calendardetail.cfm?eventid=24810ay1740c34n238>

Away game vs. Narbonne September 24, 2010 @ 7 PM

<http://www.miracostaband.com/calendardetail.cfm?eventid=24810gm1746i33q712>

Away game vs. Chaminade October 1, 2010 @ 7 PM

[Our participation will be decided at the Band Booster meeting]

Home Town Fair Parade October 2, 2010 Time TBA

The best band in town shows what a marching band is all about

<http://www.miracostaband.com/calendardetail.cfm?year=2010&month=10&day=2&eventid=15410af1721h26d361>

West / El Camino Field Tournament October 2, 2010 Afternoon & Evening

This will be our first competition of the season

<http://www.miracostaband.com/calendardetail.cfm?year=2010&month=10&day=2&eventid=15410yx1723s6f0757>

Concert Ensembles Events! Prism Concert (Wind Ensemble)

Thursday October 21, 2010 MCHS Auditorium @ 7 PM

The highly anticipated Prism Concert is a combination of the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and the Vocal Ensemble. With three distinct MCHS activities involved, it is widely attended.

Recent History & Editorial Content

The New Year has jumped out with a bang!

First up was the **Sneak Preview of the Marching Band Field Show** on Monday 8/30. It was terrific and punctuated by the In-N-Out truck and a cruise raffle sponsored by Wes Schellenbaum of Cruise Planners (Wes's daughter is a MCHS color guard graduate and is now a journalism major in college). Bill Bundy successfully ran the raffle and raised \$2400 for the band boosters! Nice going Bill and Wes!

We noticed at the Loyola game on 9/3 that the all of our volunteers were ramped up— please take a moment and thank them for making this program fly for your student. Traffic

control is out there doing a great job, candy sales contributed over \$700 at the Loyola game, bleacher control was shooing away those pesky squatters, the pit crew was on the job, booster accountants have been tallying and depositing, and the uniform people continue to perform the necessary long hours with a smile. It's gratifying to see everyone come together.

As for the marching band itself, the band students were having a great time and the Star Spangle Banner was crisp and clear. We also saw that the field show had a lot of apparent energy and a new directness to the audience. The color guard was dramatic, and the uniforms striking---we have a new color guard instructor, Rich Hernandez. The show seemed further along than this time last year to this observer. The newly amplified percussion section brought emphasis to the more subtle sounds, and the new marimba could be heard. The four marimba mallet technique makes a difference. Did you hear it? Joel Carlson continues to teach, tweak, modify, cajole, urge and encourage---all for a better performance—and providing a great role model in my view.

Marching Band Transportation Donations

As mentioned previously, funds for away game buses are not provided by the district or any other organization and are not part of our basic the fair share donations*. Your booster officers try to keep the all fair share donations to a basic amount so that all students can participate. Travel to local away games costs \$1000 or so and farther away games (Simi Valley) can cost upwards of \$1500 to \$1800. Fortunately for us, Lyle and Colleen Egan have promised to provide funds for one local away game and Evan and Martha Olsen have offered to underwrite TWO local away games. Please thank these donors when you see them. They want your kids to have the best high school experience possible.

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mustang Varsity Football Schedule			
9/3/2010	Loyola	Mira Costa	7:00pm
9/16/2010	Serra	El Camino	7:00pm
9/24/2010	Narbonne	Narbonne	7:00pm
10/1/2010	Chaminade	Chaminade	7:00pm
10/8/2010	Newport Harbor	Mira Costa	7:00pm
10/15/2010	West Torrance	West Torrance	7:00pm
10/22/2010	Palos Verdes	Palos Verdes	2:30pm
10/29/2010	Peninsula	Mira Costa	7:00pm
11/5/2010	Leuzinger	Mira Costa	7:00pm
11/12/2010	Redondo	Redondo	7:00pm

*Fair share bus transportation donations (\$100/student) for marching band and color guard pays for the travel to the three field competitions currently scheduled and usually involved extended mileage.