

# MHS Music

## Information for Incoming Freshmen in Band

**Uniforms:** Band Members will have two uniforms: a Marching Band Uniform and a Concert Uniform. The music program provides the uniforms but students will need to buy the things that cannot be reused: For Marching Band: polo shirt, shoes, hat and gloves, for Concert Band, bow ties and shirts. Friends of Music buys some of these items in bulk to receive a better price to keep costs to a minimum. Band members will need to order marching shoes for Marching Band early so that they arrive in time for the first performance. Polo shirts, gloves, and ties will be available for purchase at the fitting.

**Reading Session:** There will be two Music Reading sessions for Band members mid-summer to give the students an opportunity to work on the half-time music prior to the beginning of band camp. It helps if performers are familiar with their music BEFORE Band Camp! This year's reading sessions are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8:00 pm. Additional mandatory percussion sectionals will be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8:00 pm.

**Band Camp:** Band Camp is the time to learn the Marching Band Routine. Band Camp 2008 is August 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm - 9pm each day. During camp, you will want to be sure to wear bug spray and bring water. Wear sneakers or comfy shoes -- not sandals or other shoes that can cause blisters. Band camp is a lot of work but it also is a lot of fun. On Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm, all friends and family are welcome to watch the half time show in the stadium and join us for a Sundae Party immediately following the show.

**Parades:** The Band marches in three parades: Labor Day, Veterans Day and Memorial Day Parades. The Labor Day parade is in Scituate and the band will wear khaki shorts and a green music polo shirt. Be sure to get your shorts early in the summer because these are hard to find in stores in August. The Marching Band uniform is worn to the Veteran's Day Parade and at the Memorial Day parade, the band wears khaki long pants and the green music polo shirt.

**Football Games:** The Band performs at the half-time of all home games as well as the Thanksgiving Day game. The Band may be asked to perform should the football team make it to the post-season championship games. Check the home game schedule on the Friends of Music (FOM) website: [www.marshfieldfom.org](http://www.marshfieldfom.org).

**Fundraising / Student Accounts:** Every Music Student can earn money for their student account by participating in Fund Raising events throughout the year. This money can be used for any music related expense: lessons, instruments, repairs and music trips. Money remains in the account from year to year until the student graduates. Our most important Fund Raiser of the year is **Fair Parking** during the Marshfield Fair. We need as much help as we can get for this!! Incoming Freshmen, parents and friends will earn an hourly wage for their designated student account for every hour worked at the Fair. Sign up on the FOM website: [www.marshfieldfom.org](http://www.marshfieldfom.org).

**Trips:** The Band, Orchestra, Marshalairs and Color Guard generally take a trip every 2 years (Disney usually once during a student's 4 years at MHS). Students often use student accounts to pay for these trips, so be sure to participate in fund raisers - especially Fair Parking. These trips are optional, but usually a highlight of the students' high school music experience -- well planned and well supervised.

**Friends of Music:** Friends of Music is the parent booster group for the Marshfield Music Program (Grades K-12). The MHS Music program is very successful and fun, in large measure, because of parent involvement. Please support your Music student by volunteering for events...you will be glad you did!

**Other Questions:** Please feel free to contact Mr. Jim Thomas, Director of Music, at Marshfield High School (781) 319-3563 or [JThomas@mpsd.org](mailto:JThomas@mpsd.org)

Marshfield Music Info: [www.marshfieldfom.org](http://www.marshfieldfom.org)

## Calendar of Events\*

### **JULY**

Reading Session – July 9<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8:00 pm  
Percussion Sectional – July 30<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8:00 pm

### **AUGUST**

Reading Session – August 6<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8:00 pm  
Percussion Sectionals – August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 8:00 pm  
Band Camp — Monday 18<sup>th</sup> thru Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00pm to 9:00pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 Family preview of half time show followed by  
Ice cream party  
Fair Parking — Friday 15<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Fair Parking at Marshfield Fair  
(South River School)

### **SEPTEMBER**

Labor Day Parade — Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, Scituate  
Football Games — dates TBA

### **OCTOBER**

Football Games — dates TBA  
FOM Craft Fair Fundraiser — MHS gym, 2 days Thanksgiving Weekend

### **NOVEMBER**

Football Games — dates TBA  
Veteran's day Parade — Nov 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Day Football Game — home in 2008

### **DECEMBER**

Football Playoffs  
Jr. District Auditions – held at FBMS, usually 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
Holiday Concerts — 2 nights at FBMS Auditorium

### **JANUARY**

Calendar Raffle Fundraiser — Benefit Student Music Accounts

### **FEBRUARY**

Evening of Jazz — FBMS Auditorium

### **MARCH**

Berklee Jazz Festival  
All-Town Concerts — Band and Orchestra (every other year)  
Mass. Music Educators Assn. Convention and  
All State Performances TBA

### **APRIL**

Music Trip — every other year, next in 2009  
Spring Concerts — 2 nights at FBMS Auditorium  
FOM Wine Tasting/Silent Auction Fundraiser — TBA

### **MAY**

Music Awards Night — FBMS Auditorium  
followed by refreshments in caf  
MHS Pops —MHS Gym, all proceeds benefit the FOM Scholarship Fund  
North River Arts Festival — Jazz Band performances  
Memorial Day Parade

### **JUNE**

MHS Graduation — MHS band and incoming freshmen, football field  
FOM Annual Meeting — Election of Board Members

**\* Not a comprehensive list. Please note that all events, dates and times are subject to change.  
For up to date information please refer regularly to the schedule on the FOM website:  
[www.marshfieldfom.org](http://www.marshfieldfom.org).**