



Fall 2020

HANDBOOK

NYSFBC CHAMPIONS

1982, 1989, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2019

MUSTANG BAND SEASONS

Fall Marching Band – Field Band

Brass, Woodwinds, Pit, Drum Line & Color guard (Grades 7-12)

Practices: 2 nights per week from 6:30-9pm (Tues, Wed or Thurs),

Band camp is August 10-14

Band Camp is MANDATORY! If there are any conflicts with these dates, please contact Mr. Steele immediately to discuss. Absences will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Performances: Saturday Competitions, Friday Night Football Games & Sunday Championships.

Winter Color Guard – Winter Guard

Jr. Varsity Color Guard (Grades 5-9)

Varsity Color Guard (Grades 7-12)

Performances: Evening Saturday Competitions, Championships on Sunday

Spring Marching Band – Street Band

Brass, Woodwinds, Bells, Drum Line, & Color Guard (Grades 7-12)

Winter Guard/Twirlers/Percussion Ensemble

Performances: Competitions, Parades & the Spring Trip!

MARCHING BAND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF CONTACTS

Mr. Jim Steele, Band Director (585-317-9389)

Mrs. Becky Botsford, Assistant Director (585-735-5229)

Miss Diana Baker, Assistant Director, Color Guard Instructor (585-590-4199)

Mr. Jeff Pask, Percussion Instructor (585-590-0832)

Mr. TJ Gray, Percussion Instructor

Mrs. Tiffany Organisciak, Music and Pit Instructor

Mrs. Theresa Steele, Music and Pit Instructor

Mr. Matt Jaeger, Music, Pit and Drill Instructor

Mr. Joe Organisciak, Music Instructor and Arranger

Ms. Kara Brown – Color Guard Instructor

*Only parent/guardian's may use these numbers.

Please see the attendance policy regarding missing a practice/rehearsal. Thank you!

MUSTANG BAND FALL FUNDRAISERS

All fundraisers are mandatory!

All fundraising money must be paid with a check or money order (no cash will be accepted) made payable to “Medina Mustang Band Boosters”.

The boosters will set due dates for all fundraisers. All money dealing with those fundraisers are expected on or before the due date. Please make every attempt to adhere to these dates. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

***Upon graduating or no longer participating in the marching band program, any excess money in a student’s personal account will be forfeited unless there is a sibling to transfer the money to.**

July 27th – August 1st – Fair Parking – Pending confirmation of event!

The band boosters and marching band students entering grades 9-12 are in charge of parking at the 4-H Fair. This is the BIGGEST fundraiser of the year! IF THE FAIR IS ON – THE BOOSTERS WILL SEND INFORMATION VIA SCHOOL EMAIL TO MEMBERS IN GRADES 9-12 TO SIGN-UP FOR TIME SLOTS. Each student must sign-up for 3-4 time slots.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Set-up, directing traffic, runners, & tear-down.

FALL CANDY SALE

We again will be running out annual candy sale. Each family will be responsible for selling 1 box of Niagara Chocolates. **ALL MEMBERS WILL GET THEIR CANDY AT BAND CAMP.** The money for the sold chocolate is due on or before **October 3RD**! Please pay your \$50 by check made payable to the Mustang Band Boosters in a timely fashion. For those that wish to sell additional boxes of candy you can pre-order and pre-pay for additional boxes. These additional boxes will net \$25 into your child’s account to use for their trip in the spring or other band items (shoes, rifles etc.).

September 12th – Pizza Sale #1 - 9:30 until Sold Out

Each pizza sale fundraiser requires every student in the marching band program and their parents to get involved and help. Pizza supplies are delivered on the Friday before each sale. High school band students should report to the band room during any free time on those Fridays to fold boxes. The Saturday morning of the sale, parent volunteers should report to the HS cafeteria at 6:15am to make the pizzas and students and parent volunteer drivers should report to the HS auditorium at 9:30am to receive routes and pizzas.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Making pizzas, drivers to sell the pizzas, and cafeteria clean-up.

November 25th – Fall Money Raffle

This fall we are going to run a money raffle that will be drawn on Wednesday November 25th (day before Thanksgiving). Each family will be expected to sell 8 raffle tickets. All tickets are \$10 so you will be responsible to turn in (by check – payable to the Mustang Band Boosters) \$80 by November 12th. The prizes for the raffle are 1st prize winner of \$2,000, 1 – 2nd prize winners of \$1000, 3rd prize winner of \$500 each and 7 – 4th prize winners of \$100 each. A total of 10 winners! If after you sell your initial 8 tickets for the organization and you would like to sell more tickets please see or contact Mr. Steele. If your family sells the 1st prize ticket (number) your child will go on the spring trip for FREE! So....sell as many as you can.

September 26th – Fall Festival of Bands

This fundraiser is the Medina Fall Home Show (competition) where the band boosters host anywhere from 8-15 bands. In addition it brings in close to 1,200 spectators to the Medina community! This is our opportunity to make Medina shine! We need all the parent volunteers we can get.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Set-up, CONCESSIONS (Vets Park), ticket sellers, 50/50 raffle sellers, traffic assistance and much more!

November 7th – Pizza Sale #2 9:30am until Sold Out

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Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Making pizzas, drivers to drive students to sell the pizzas, and cafeteria clean-up.

BAND BOOSTERS

The Medina Mustang Band Boosters is a non-for-profit organization that is the backbone of the Mustang Band Program. Once your child/children sign-up to be a member of the marching band (includes color guard) program the parents/guardians automatically become a band booster. The boosters work hard to assure that the band has what it needs and also to raise funds to make it more than affordable for every member of the band to go on our annual trip (usually in the spring). They are the guiding force in running all of the fundraising efforts listed above. As listed above most of our fundraisers need workers to make these events successful. We will not ask of any family to work every fundraiser, but if you would be willing to help for a few hours, at at-least 2 events throughout the year, we would greatly appreciate it. When we are organizing each event we will be calling to see if you can help out. Remember all money raised goes to benefit the program and your child.

Please contact the Booster President Mindy Kenward – mkenward2@rochester.rr.com – 585-409-3262 - with any questions regarding the booster organization.

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2020 - 2021 Regular Booster Meetings

Monday, September 14th (First regular meeting of the year!)

Monday, October 5, 2020

Monday, November 9, 2020 (Second Monday due to Dome!)

Monday, December 7, 2020

Monday, January 4, 2021

Monday, February 1, 2021

Monday, March 1, 2021

Monday, April 12, 2020 (Second Monday due to Spring break!)

Monday, May 3, 2021

All meetings are at 7pm in the High School Band Room. All marching band parents are encouraged to attend. We encourage you to get involved. The boosters have a great time and we need chaperones as well as help throughout the year. Call Mindy Kenward if you have questions.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Summer Rehearsals (before band camp) – 6:30-8:30 pm - 2 nights a week for the pit/battery percussion and color guard - Summer Band Camp (at the HS) – 1-9pm, Summer Rehearsals (after Band Camp) Tuesdays and Thursdays until school starts 6:30-9 pm/Fall Rehearsals – 6:30-9pm as per schedule

The fall schedule will be out when it is completed. We are still waiting on the finalized sports schedule to finalize our schedule.

All Mustang Band participants (this includes color guard) are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances! Excused absences include: absent from school the day of the rehearsal, late due to a sports game or a family emergency.

**Unexcused absence: Please provide the attendance officer with a note upon your arrival (if late) or at the next band rehearsal describing why you were absent. No note will result in an unexcused absence on your attendance record. *Excused absences do not require a note.*

2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN MEETING WITH THE BAND DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS YOUR ABSENCES AND TO SEE IF YOU WILL REMAIN IN THE BAND PROGRAM.

PERFORMANCES

All performances are mandatory. We work hard to make sure that all conflicts dealing with school and sports are taken care of . Please clear all of the following dates on your family/social calendars and work schedules.

Friday September 18th – Home Football Game

Saturday September 19th – NYSFBC Show – Hilton, NY - tentative

Saturday September 26th – NYSFBC Show - Medina – FALL FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Saturday October 3rd – NYSFBC Show - West Genesee, NY - tentative

Friday October 9th – Home Football Game

Saturday October 10th – NYSFBC Show - Webster, NY - tentative

Saturday October 17th – NYSFBC Show - Victor, NY - tentative

Thursday October 22nd – Home Football Game

Saturday October 24th – NYSFBC Show - Orchard Park, NY - tentative

Sunday November 1st – NYSFBC Championships – Carrier Dome – Syracuse, NY - tentative

Veterans Day Dinner – date to be determined

Saturday November 28th – Parade Of Lights Parade in Medina, NY

A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF ALL REHEARSALS AS WELL AS ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HANDED OUT AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETE. WILL BE IN YOUR HANDS NO LATER THAN MAY 23RD.

STUDENT STAFF

Being chosen to be a member of the student staff is an honor and with that honor comes responsibility.

Student staff is expected to be at every rehearsal at least 15 minutes early to hand out drill cards, set-up yard markers/podiums, make sure everyone in their section is wearing sneakers, has useable reeds, clean horns, etc. If you cannot be at rehearsal early, you should pick an upperclassman in your section to take over your job for that rehearsal.

Student staff should be the first students to pass their music; at least one month after music has been handed out (as it is stated in your student staff application). Section leaders should then be helping and preparing the students in their section to pass their music ASAP. All students must pass their music with Mrs. Botsford or Mr. Steele.

For competitions or performances, student staff should report to the HS at least a half hour before the scheduled report time to help load equipment and be prepared to stay a few minutes late to unload at the end of the night.

*Many hands will make all of these jobs more time efficient!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT AS A STUDENT STAFF MEMBER OF THIS BAND YOU ACT AS A ROLE MODEL TO THE YOUNGER STUDENTS, BE A GOOD LEADER!

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- Make sure your uniform is **clean** for **ALL performances**.
- UNIFORM PANTS - Can be washed. MUST be hung to dry. DO NOT PUT INTO DRYER!
- SASHES – Do not wash!
- JACKETS -Take a wet wash cloth to it if needed. They can be DRY CLEANED ONLY!
**Each uniform is dry-cleaned twice a year, paid for by the band boosters.*
- INSIDE MATERIALS – The neck guard should be unsnapped and washed in your washing machine. Hang it up to dry.
- GLOVES - The booster uniform chairperson will take and wash after every performance.
- SHOES – Your drill masters should be clean for every show.
- UNDERGARMENTS - Students performing **MUST** wear white boxers or briefs. Colored underwear will show thru the white uniform pants!!
- All band members need to wear a WHITE T-SHIRT under their uniform.
- Please wear white tube socks or knee high white socks. No ankle or colored socks please!!
JUDGES watch and look for this!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our uniform chairperson

Mrs. Christina Alexander @ 585-455-0715

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All fundraising money is due on a designated date. We greatly appreciate your efforts to follow these dates. Due dates are set to give ample time to sell the products that are given to each family, and to put a completion date on each fundraiser. All of our products that we sell are purchased by the booster organization and therefore your payments help replenish this expense. Again your cooperation in paying on time is greatly appreciated.

Additional responsibilities:

All Color Guard and Band Members – Guard or Marching Shoes = \$40 – If you are brand new you will be fitted for your shoes at uniform fittings in August. If you are a current member and your shoes are yellowing, are overly scuffed up with black marks or the toe or heel are not fully attached it is time for a new pair. Please inform the uniform chair at uniform fittings in the summer.

Fall Band Registration Fee (*Fall season only*) = \$25 This fee covers events at band camp and also your child's show t-shirt for the fall season. WITH THE SITUATION THAT WE ARE IN. ALL FIELD BAND REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE COLLECTED AT BAND CAMP IN AUGUST.

ALL Band Members – We hope that all of you continue into the spring season. Each Spring Season the band takes a trip. A large portion of the trip is paid for by the money earned from our fundraisers. The remainder of the trip is paid for by each band and color guard member. Each year the cost is different, but you can plan to spend approximately \$200 for this expense. Above this cost you will be responsible for some meals while we are away and any spending money you would want to bring.

For the spring season we have additional fundraisers as well that help assist in the funding of running the marching band and also to offset the remainder of the spring trip costs. These fundraisers will be listed in the spring marching band hand book.

FALL 2020 MEDINA MUSTANG MARCHING BAND CONTRACT

I (student), _____ (print your name) have read through the entire Medina Mustang Marching Band Handbook, and I understand what is required of my participation in the marching band program.

Student Grade: _____ (Next Year)

Instrument: _____

Student Name: _____

STUDENT CELL #: Used for remind 101 app only! _____

Parents Information: (First and Last Names and cell phone numbers – VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE ARE CORRECT FOR OUR RECORDS)

Moms Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Dads Name: _____ Cell Phone#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE WHO YOU LIVE WITH FROM THE ABOVE INFORMATION:

MOM

DAD

BOTH PARENTS

OTHER: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

***THIS PERMISSION FORM WILL NEED TO BE GIVEN TO MR. STEELE AT YOUR FIRST REHEASRAL. YOUR \$25 REGISTRATION WILL BE DUE AT BAND CAMP ALONG WITH OTHER FORMS THAT WILL BE SENT TO YOU.**