



Mauldin High School Greenville County Schools

FOR MARCHING BAND STUDENTS

Greetings,

It is now time to prepare for the upcoming marching band season. This is a new year with higher expectations. The band will continue to move toward a more competitive atmosphere, and we will expect more of each individual so the band will be more successful. Attendance and self-discipline will be the focus of this season. All students will be responsible for submitting the Absence Request Form for any missed rehearsals. This can be completed online in the Forms section of www.mavband.com. Do not take this lightly! Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal and event. All members should read the sections that apply to you.

FINANCES

- A total of \$465 for one child or \$750 for all siblings should be turned in (fundraised or paid) by the end of the first week of band camp (end of July). Until then, you can submit checks to MHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 419, Mauldin, SC 29662. Students and chaperones who plan to attend the Sugar Bowl will need to continue earning or paying toward the additional \$835 balance of the trip. The trip earnings must be complete by the end of October. All checks from now on must be written to Mauldin High School and earmarked for band. Any amount owed on the camp fee balance after July 30 must be added to the school debt list.
- A class fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all students taking the band class and will be collected at the beginning of school. Checks should be made out to Mauldin High School. Any amount owed on the class fee balance after August 31 must be added to the school debt list.
- All fundraisers done by the Band Booster club, with the exception of the Tournament of Bands, will go to offset student accounts. Regarding the Tournament of Bands, the booster club must provide certain necessities for the band that the school will not provide, so a significant amount must still be fundraised just to cover normal operating costs.
- A blank check made out to Kathy's Enterprises will need to be brought on August 2 for those students who need to purchase gloves and/or shoes. Shoes are \$30.00 and gloves are usually about \$2.00 per pair. You need to buy one pair of shoes and at least two pairs of gloves. **THIS IS THE ONLY DAY THAT THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE!** This also applies to color guard members. *(Note: We are possibly deciding on a different style of shoe based on increased comfort and lower cost. If we choose to proceed with the new shoe, everyone will need to invest in these shoes. The old shoes won't work.)*
- Everybody must make sure that you have the correct summer uniform shorts. They are a specific khaki short sold only at Education Outfitters on Orchard Park Dr. (off Haywood Rd.). It is the same as last year's, so if the previous ones fit, you may keep them. Otherwise, you will need to purchase a new pair. Do NOT hem the shorts!!!

DATES

- Tuesday Summer rehearsals will take place on July 6, 8, 13, and 15 from 8:00 am-1:00pm. You should arrive early and **BE READY TO START** at 8:00 am. Please also make sure that you are picked up by 1:15. Bring a snack, not a lunch!!! You are expected to be at these rehearsals if you are in town. Excused absences include family vacation, active participation in sporting events, or camp, among others. You **MUST** submit an Absence Request Form for any anticipated absences. Once again, the Absence Request Form is located in the Forms section of www.mavband.com.
- Percussion and Colorguard Camp will be held from 8:00am-5:00pm July 19-23. Attendance is **ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY** for all drumline members and color guard. Bring Lunch.

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- Color guard has additional rehearsals with Robin based on flags or weapons. Please see her for details.
- Band camp during the weeks of July 26-30 and August 2-6 has a different schedule than usual. Attendance is ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY. So, please pay very close attention to everything that is written down. This schedule is for both weeks. Parents should work out transportation issues. No excuses.
 - Woodwinds from 8:00am-12:00pm AND from 6:00-9:00 pm.
 - Brass from 8:00-11:00 am AND from 5:00-9:00 pm.
 - Drumline, Front Ensemble, and Color Guard from 8:00am-12:00pm AND from 5:00-9:00pm
 - Color Guard and/or Drumline *MIGHT* have practice from 1:00-4:00 pm at a location TBD during the final week only.
 - FOR EVERYONE – The only difference in this schedule is that Friday evening, July 30, there will be no practice. Instead we will have the pool party. Also, Friday evening, August 6, we will have a potluck dinner and exhibition of the show. We are tentatively scheduling a fun night at Gattitown on August 12 after practice. Hope you can make it!
- Rehearsals on August 9, 10 and 12 from 4:15-6:15 pm will fall under the same attendance guidelines as the July rehearsals.
- Normal rehearsals will take place every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:15-6:15pm from August 16-November 4. Your attendance at all rehearsals is ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY. *If you are well enough to be at school, you are well enough to be at rehearsal.* Please schedule doctor visits on Wednesdays and Fridays if possible. If I have to ask where a student is that day because I have not been notified properly, that student's hole will be filled by the time he or she returns.
- The schedule for all football games and competitions should be posted on www.mavband.com as well as below. Those performances are ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY.
 - Football Games
 - August 27 – Hillcrest @ Hillcrest – Pep Band Only (Leadership and Drumline)
 - September 3 – Woodmont @ Home (Everybody)
 - September 10 – TL Hanna @ Home (Everybody)
 - September 24 – Boiling Springs @ Home (Everybody)
 - October 1 – Byrnes @ Home (Everybody)
 - October 22 – Greenwood @ Home (Everybody)
 - November 5 – Hillcrest @ Home (Everybody) – Senior Night
 - Competitions
 - September 25 – Palmetto Esprit de Corps – Irmo HS – Columbia, SC
 - October 2 – Henry Laurens Invitational – Laurens HS - Laurens, SC
 - October 9 – Mauldin Tournament of Bands – Mauldin HS – Mauldin, SC
 - October 23 – Foard Classic – Foard HS – Newton, NC
 - October 30 – Warrior Classic – West Oak HS – Westminster, SC
 - November 6 – 5A State Championships – Irmo HS - Columbia, SC
- Everybody will march in two Christmas Parades in December. Please keep the first two Sunday afternoons in December open until further notice.

Important note: Attendance at practice, games, competitions, etc. are considered mandatory because the absence of even one student causes significant problems. Parents and students need to understand that attendance with a good attitude is the expectation (not just the wish or hope) of this program. It is considered offensive to me, the staff, and the hard-working members of the band for any student to miss for some arbitrary reason, especially without notification. Please take the time to ask ahead of time if an absence is okay without having the assumption that it is.

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BAND CAMP

- The show music is currently being revised. It is not ready for this mail-out, however it will be accessible soon. You are responsible for learning and memorizing this music. You will be required to pass off this music from memory during the second week of band camp. Start learning it as soon as you get it.
- Prior to band camp, all wind players (not color guard or percussionists) must purchase a lyre and a flip folder. The flip folder should contain at least 10 pages. You will need these items during the entire season. We will check to see that everyone has one. They can be purchased at Pecknel, Musical Innovations or some other local music stores. Make sure you check that the lyre you purchase fits on your instrument before you purchase it.
- During band camp, everybody will be issued a drill book and a drill marker at no charge. You will need these materials during the entire season. If you lose either one of these items, you will be required to pay a replacement fee.
- All students using school-owned instruments must sign a contract stating that you will return the instrument in the same or better condition or will pay for any damage done to the equipment. Thousands of dollars have just been spent to update the instruments. Students **MUST** be responsible for their use. Students using the mellophones, baritones, and sousaphones will be asked to always use gloves when handling the instruments, to properly oil the valves once a day, and to always set the instruments into their cases when placing them down.
- All students should bring to band camp a hat, a water bottle, sunscreen, and tennis shoes. *Sandals, flip-flops, and bare feet will not be allowed, even on grass.* Water will be available to fill up the water bottles during designated times, but breaks will be shorter and more frequent with the water bottles left on the sideline. *Everyone is asked to donate one large container of Gatorade mix, any flavor, prior to camp so that students will better replenish themselves during camp. Donations will be taken up at each summer rehearsal and the first day of camp.*
- Certain foods are good to eat prior to being out in the sun, and certain foods are not good. Do not eat eggs, cheese, or drink milk or caffeinated drinks prior to going out in the sun. These foods cause students to get sick easier out in the sun. Good foods include bread, bananas, oranges, and white meat. Learning this rule the hard way is a really painful experience.

PERCUSSION MEMBERS

- It is your responsibility to provide extraordinary care to all equipment. Line members will sign a contract stating that you will return the instrument in the same or better condition or will pay for any damage done to the equipment. Front ensemble members will do the same for what they play and must cover all mallet instruments when not in use.
- All percussionists are responsible for obtaining the required mallets/sticks for your instrument. Please contact the percussion instructor for those specifications. Anybody who breaks mallets or sticks while using the band's percussion equipment is mishandling the percussion equipment.
- All drumline members are required to attend the Drum Camp held July 19-23 from 8:00am-5:00pm. Your attendance at this camp is **ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY**.

COLOR GUARD

- \$150.00 should have been paid already. Color guard members who have not paid in full or worked out a payment plan with the booster club by July 30 will have the amount owed added to the school debt list and will not receive their uniform.

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- You will be asked to purchase specific gloves and shoes on your own. You will not need to purchase the marching shoes that the other band members will be wearing.
- You are responsible for the care of your flags, poles, sabres, rifles and flag bags. Anything that is lost or damaged will be replaced at your cost.
- You are responsible for learning the routine. IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME!!! Don't wait until the last minute! Practice it so you will be ready for band camp.

LEADERSHIP

- A leadership hierarchy is in place for the marching band. From the top down: Band director, instructional staff, drum majors, woodwind and brass captains, section leaders, others. All leaders are responsible for their sections, and all marchers will be responsible for adhering to the expectations of those above them.
- The drum major, captains, and section leaders will be given additional responsibilities to assist with the band program's needs.
- Leadership Camp will be rescheduled. I am not sure what is available right now, but consider the afternoons of the first week of camp as a possibility.

COMMUNICATION

- It is our hope to offer better communication with parents and students. Please note the ways that are presently available and utilize as many as you can.
 - www.mavband.com – This is the official website of our band program. It is designed and run by Mike Wills, our booster president, so it has a plethora of information on it, including who to contact with your questions.
 - MavBlasts – This is a regular e-mail sent out through www.mavband.com. It contains information from me as well as from booster club representatives.
 - My e-mail – ascheuch@greenville.k12.sc.us or director@mavband.com
 - Facebook – We have a page called Mauldin High School Band that sends out announcements. Please visit it and “Like” it so you can receive those notices.
 - Texting – I am currently adding all contacts into my cell phone. Obviously it will take a long time to obtain and enter that information, but once complete it will be a way to send out quick notices. My cell phone number is (864) 608-6615. I don't mind getting business texts on that line, but I would really prefer to keep my cell phone as a personal calling venue with the obvious exception of pressing matters.
 - Phone calls – My office phone is (864) 355-6615. If you have a business phone call, please call that line.

I think that is it for now. I am really excited about this new year.

Thank you for your attention to detail,

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