

Mountlake Terrace Bands

Jazz Ensembles

Concert Bands

Pep Band

Percussion Ensemble

NEWSLETTER

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**Nutcracker Concerts
are coming up!**

**Breakfast with
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this Newsletter. Please look all the way to
the end.**

This Week

We have lots of things coming up in the next two weeks. Please make sure there is lots of practicing going on in preparation. Do not put off practicing until right before the performances. This is never a good thing. Our goal is to be more prepared for our performances than we have ever been in the past. Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Events

- This Friday and Saturday Jazz 1 will be doing an intensive workshop with the director of the Manhattan School of Music Jazz Department. He is a friend of the program and has visited our school several times over the years. His name is Justin DiCioccio and will be working with students on Friday after school from 2-7 and Saturday from 8am-12noon. All students and parents are welcome to come by to see what we are up to.
- On Sunday Jazz 1 and Chamber Winds students are attending the Pacific Northwest Ballet Nutcracker. We bought a block of tickets (more than we need) and would like to invited Jazz 2 and Symphonic Band students to attend if there are extra tickets. The first people to email Sherrill will be the first people on the list. Cost is \$25 for MTHS students, \$36 for parents and siblings. Of course, this offer is only known to those of you who read the weekly Newsletter! :)
- The Pep Band schedule has been updated for Basketball season. Please check the band calendar for those dates. Remember, students need to attended 5 basketball games during the season, not including playoff games.
- Nutcracker Concerts - December 13th and 14th at 7pm. This will be a great night of music in our Theater when Chamber Winds and Jazz Ensemble 1 alternate between Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Duke Ellington's Jazz Nutcracker. Dont forget that we have a dress rehearsal on the 12th from 5-9pm.
- Breakfast with Santa - December 14th from 8am-12noon. Santa will be there for Photo Ops as will many performing groups from our district and school. It is super fun and breakfast is served.

Announcements

- Disneyland payment for November was DUE on the 22nd. \$150, check made payable to ESD #15.

Alumni Profile - Peter Daniel and Scott Daniel

As I learn what some of our graduates are up to these days, I will include information in this newsletter about them. If you hear things, let me know.

Peter Daniel graduated from Mountlake Terrace in 2001. He was a freshman when I first came to MTHS and was a delight to teach. He has been a never-ending supporter of the program, always generous with his time and talents. Several of our students study privately with Peter. His bio is below.

Peter's older brother Scott, played trumpet in the bands and graduated in 1999. He studied physics at Gonzaga then went on to John's Hopkins before doing a research stint in Korea. Currently he is a postdoc scholar at the University of Washington in the area of cosmology.

Their parents Karen and Steve are still be supporters of the program - they came to our fundraiser last summer. Karen was music booster president when their boys were in the program.

"Peter Daniel is a contemporary Seattle saxophonist. An accomplished improviser, he specializes in jazz, funk, soul, and rock, demonstrating a versatility that could apply to any style of music. Peter's experience and sight reading proficiency have made him a regular substitute for numerous Seattle area bands, and his professionalism, easy attitude, and overall musicianship keep getting him invited back by some of the best musicians in the area. As a solo artist, Peter performs a mix of standards, arrangements, and originals that float the genres from jazz to fusion and rock. Check out the videos section for a sample of some of Peter's writing and performing, and be sure to visit the calendar to see where he is playing next.

Having grown up in the greater Seattle area, Peter has been exposed to a diverse and talented scene of musicians from a relatively early age. He attended Mountlake Terrace High School in Mountlake Terrace, WA, traveling all over the country performing and competing as the lead alto saxophonist of the award-winning Jazz Ensemble I, from the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, ID, to the Essentially Ellington Competition in New York city. During his education here, Peter got to perform with many of the modern jazz greats, including Randy Brecker, Carmen Bradford, and Bill Watrous.

Peter continued his education at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA. He studied with the incomparable David Fague, a graduate of the University of North Texas and accomplished tenor saxophonist/educator. He formed his first regular quartet, PDQ, which performed at a variety of clubs and restaurants spanning from the campus area to downtown. They quickly became an established local name, packing numerous venues on a regular basis, and Peter became a regularly contacted musician for special events and shows in and around town.

Upon graduation, he went to work for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines where he spent the better part of three years. Travelling from South America to the Mediterranean, Peter became an excellent sight reader and significantly developed his flute and clarinet skills. He was soon promoted to Musical Director, becoming the youngest one in the fleet, gaining creative control of the ship's orchestra and handling scheduling and other administrative tasks as well as supervising all the shipboard musicians. Peter retired from cruise ship work in late 2008.

For the past two years, Peter has been teaching privately and working regularly with a wide variety of bands from large jazz ensembles to independent rock groups. He currently works full time in two big bands - the Music Works Jazz Orchestra and Jim Kerl's Swing Session - the soul and R&B cover band SolBird, and variations of his own quartet/quintet playing a mix of standard and original tunes ranging in styles from jazz to rock/funk fusion. Check the calendar for upcoming show dates, times, and locations."

<http://www.peterdanieljazz.com>



MTHS Student Profile - Kat Kong

Sherrill Leppich, Music Booster President, is helping to interview current students for this newsletter as a way of helping us all get to know each other. Thanks Sherrill!

KATHLEEN KONG is a sophomore at MTHS and is currently in the Chamber Winds band and in Jazz 2. She has been playing in both these bands over the last two years at Mountlake Terrace High School. Kathleen, also known as “Kat” to her friends, tried out the trombone back in 4th grade at Hazelwood Elementary when the students were given a chance to try different instruments. After trying many different horns, she knew the trombone was for her and has been playing it ever since, all through her grade school, middle school and now her high school years. When in middle school, she had the opportunity to play with trumpet performer, Bobby Shew. This was a highlight for Kathleen and she would choose him as someone to have a one on one lesson with, if given the opportunity.

Kat’s interest in music actually began back when she was younger and used to watch her father play Cambodian music on a snake skin drum. Her grandfather also sang and played the drums and recorder.

Though Kathleen was born here and has grown up in the United States, her parents and family are originally from Cambodia. Her parents came over to the United States in August of 1991 and started their family once they settled in the USA. Kat’s family consists of seven sisters, and she also has four nieces and 2 nephews.

When not preparing for band concerts or practicing, Kathleen enjoys singing, painting and drawing in her spare time. She enjoys listening to R&B, Hip Hop and Jazz music as well. Comedies are her favorite movie category and her favorite comedy is “Grown Little Man”. When asked what her favorite food is, she replied, “My mom’s cooking”. What a great answer!

If given the chance to talk to a younger student who may be on the fence about joining band, Kathleen would let them know that band is an avenue where you can get together and make music with wonderful friends. That the friendships she has made in band have become important to her and that it is enjoyable to hang out with them AND to also have the opportunity to perform music together.

Once Kathleen graduates from high school, she is hoping to definitely continue her education at college and is interested in pursuing more music education, photography and is also interested in the science field.



MTHS NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE

Classical & Jazz versions
of the Nutcracker
Performed by
MTHS Jazz Ensemble 1
and Chamber Winds

Friday, December 13th &
Saturday, December 14th
7:00 p.m.

Pre-Sale tickets \$5.00
or \$7.00 at the door

Mountlake Terrace High School Theater
21801 44th Ave West, Mountlake Terrace
Information or Ticket purchases
contact 425-478-1989 or
email: mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

* UPCOMING EVENTS *

Happy December!! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend. We have a lot of fun and exciting events to prepare for this month. Please read through this all so you don't miss anything!

As a reminder, **the poinsettias will be ready for pick-up at MTHS on Saturday, December 7th between 8:00 a.m. and noon.** Please be sure to come and pick up all the plants you ordered so you can deliver to your customers.

Friday, December 6th – Saturday, December 7th

Justin DiCioccio – coming to work with Jazz 1 Ensemble.

Friday, 12-6 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 12-7 from 8:00-12:00p.m.

** Will need donations of snacks for Friday and Saturday. If you are able to provide some healthy snacks for either day, please contact Sherrill Leppich as soon as possible. **

Sunday, December 8th

Attend PNWB Nutcracker Performance

1:00p.m. Matinee

Jazz 1, Chamber Winds, Percussion Students

Saturday, December 14th

Annual Santa Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Need helping hands and volunteers to help set up on 12/13 in the HUB. Starting at 2:00 p.m. This takes awhile to set up, so as many volunteers as possible for this event to help set up is required.
- Need volunteers for day of event. Cooks, Busers for tables, Santa photo cashier, Santa photo booth assistants, school guides for performers, etc.
- **We need to borrow portable printers, and volunteers to operate. These will be what we print the photos from Santa Booth from. You do not need to provide paper. If you have a portable printer we can borrow, please let me know ASAP~! We need at east 4-5.**
- We will need helping hands for clean up as well. The more hands, the faster it goes.

The Jazz 2 Ensemble and Symphonic bands will also be performing at the Santa Breakfast this year~!

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES
Friday, Dec. 13th & Saturday, Dec. 14th
7:00 p.m.

***** TICKETS ON SALE NOW *****

On **Friday, December 13th** and **Saturday, December 14th**, our very own MTHS Jazz 1 Ensemble and Chamber Winds band will perform the music from the Nutcracker. This has been a very well attended event in the past and helps get you in the holiday spirit! **Tickets are only \$5.00** purchased ahead of time, or \$7.00 at the door! We ask that ALL our band families attend one of the performances and help support our band programs. This is another performance you don't want to miss out. If you want to purchase your tickets ahead of time, please contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 or email to mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com. What a great way to celebrate the holidays AND support the band program at the same time!!! Another win-win for everyone!

MTHS Nutcracker Ticket Sales

Attached is the ticket sales form for selling tickets to the MTHS Nutcracker performance for both Friday, 12/13 and Saturday, 12/14. Students are required to sell at least 6 tickets total. If you can sell more than that, that would be fantastic.

This is a wonderful performance that will put everyone in the holiday spirit. We would love to have a full house each night, but need your help in getting tickets sold. Please sell 6 tickets, and mark the names of those purchasing the tickets on the attached form, and also collect their money. Tickets are only \$5.00!

After collecting your sales for tickets sold, and marking the form for the name and night each purchaser wants tickets for, please return the form, and the payments, in an envelope, marked attention to Sherrill Leppich/Nutcracker tickets.

If you need more ticket sales forms or have any questions, please contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 or email to mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com.

Student Name: _____

MTHS Nutcracker 2013
Ticket Sales Form

Name of Purchaser/Phone	Friday, 12/13 Performance	# of Tickets	Sat., 12/14 Performance	# of tickets	Paid	Cash/Check #
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