

Mountlake Terrace Bands

Jazz Ensembles

Concert Bands

Pep Band

Percussion Ensemble

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NEWSLETTER

Week of February 19th

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**Boys and Girls Basketball Teams
are in the Playoffs.**

**Upcoming Concert on February
27th - Symphonic Band, Chamber
Winds, Jazz 1 and Jazz 2**

Important Information

UW Band Festival - Recap

We had a wonderful time at the UW festival. The performance was good and the comments we received from the adjudicators were helpful - especially since we are sticking with the music for a while. I got a nice message from Prof. Salzman, band director at the UW about our performance: "Hi Darin. Just a great job yesterday. Everyone was talking about it. I'm just so thrilled to see the group take the next [big] step, into tougher repertoire, new territory. Please convey my congratulations to the students!"

Savannah Trip Parent Meeting - February 20th

We are having a meeting to go over details about this trip. It is at 7:00 in the Band Room. Jazz Ensemble 1 folks need to have one parental representative from the family there, please. Jazz 1 is going to perform for the parents and will be rehearsing beginning at 6:00 that evening.

Basketball Playoffs

We are playing at both games this week. Boys play on Friday at 6:00 at Jackson and the Girls play on Saturday at 8:00 at Lynnwood. I'm attaching permission slips to the newsletter. Please make sure you complete them for the games you want to attend.

Friday - Leave MTHS at 5:00 for Jackson - Game begins at 6:00 for third place.

Saturday - Leave MTHS at 7:00 for Lynnwood - Game begins at 8:00 for first place.

Disneyland Trip Payment

The next Disney payment is due on February 28th.

Extra Jazz 1 Rehearsals

We are going to be rehearsing in the evenings before our trip to Savannah. Please make sure you check the google calendar for the dates. We are also having more coached sectionals to help us prepare. Those times have been agreed upon by the coaches and the students although in a couple sections we are still finalizing times.

Calendar Change

Because of our Disneyland trip we are not able to do the concert on April 3rd as originally planned. I have moved the concert to April 1st. For real. We will play things that we are taking to California. This will include all concert band students, not just those who are going on the trip - at least that is my plan at this time. If it changes, I will let you know.

Seattle Wind Symphony Concert - February 22nd

<http://www.seattlewindsymphony.org>

MTHS Student Profile - Henry Sparks

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!

You may have seen this student walking around the halls, whistling a tune or humming a song...at 6'1", he isn't hard to miss. This week's profile is on MTHS Senior Henry Sparks. Henry currently performs in Chamber Winds and also in Jazz Ensemble 1, playing trombone in both. He is also the sectional leader for the trombones in Jazz 1.

Henry attended Terrace Park Elementary and then moved to Brier Terrace Middle School in 7th grade. While at Terrace Park, he was introduced to the band program in 5th grade, as we find most of our students starting point is. Henry thought he wanted to try trumpet when the opportunity arose for him to try band in 5th grade, but opted for the trombone instead and has loved it every since. Henry's brother, Nathan, who is his twin brother and also a Senior at MTHS, played the trumpet for the MTHS Jazz 1 last year. Henry's mother, Mara, used to play the flute when in school and his dad, Ken, used to play the trumpet and string instruments in his younger days. Sounds like a very musical family indeed!!

Though Henry's Senior year is almost coming to an end and graduation is around the corner, he still finds a few areas that he would like to improve on when performing. To Henry, learning greater expression when performing, both as an individual and performing with others, is very important and is an area that he wants to improve on going forward. Henry auditioned for and was accepted to the All State Jazz Honors band this year. The group of students chosen for this prestigious band gathered last week in Yakima for three days of workshops and rehearsing, and then a final grand performance. I asked Henry how his experience there was, and he was exhilarated after attending the event. One thing that really stood out to Henry, and separated it from other jazz camps he has attended, is the sense of immediate unity. There were no big egos or tearing anyone down, everyone was there to make good music together and their director, Rob Tapper, reinforced that. As a result, the music performed together by all these students, for the first time, was over the top!! Henry is one of four students from MTHS that were chosen to be a part of All State Honors Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Orchestra.

Henry puts a lot of hard work and practice in to playing his trombone, but he does like to participate in some other things when he is not practicing. Henry participates in Ultimate Frisby and is also involved with Dungeons And Dragons. He likes to listen to jazz, but also likes punk and grunge music. His favorite food is Italian, his favorite movie is Anchorman and his favorite comedian is Jim



Gaffigan. Jim Gaffigan is a stand up comedian known for routines or skits relating to being lazy and eating food, especially popular routines regarding hot pocket, cake and bacon.

If Henry had an opportunity to spend time with someone and have a one on one lesson or conversation, his choice would be Clark Terry. Clark Terry is an American swing and bebop trumpeter, a pioneer of the flugelhorn in jazz, educator, and NEA Jazz Masters inductee. He played with Charlie Barnet, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Quincy Jones.

Henry and his family currently reside in Edmonds, and have three cats, plus six chickens at their home. Henry is going to continue his education after graduating from MTHS. He is planning on studying music education at Central Washington University this coming fall. When Henry wants to silently encourage himself or remind himself to keep trying, the following quote comes to mind for him: "Nothing is hard or easy, only familiar and unfamiliar". Maybe we all should tell ourselves this when wanting to improve at something important to us.

If you read the newsletter the week, I have a prize for you! For the first student in each of my classes who sees this and sends me an email saying you read the newsletter I have a FREE CD. If I owe you a CD from a previous week please remind me to give it to you!

KEEP READING!!

There is lots of important information on the following pages!

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

February 17th, 2014

There is only four months left to the school year, and there is so much still to happen for our band students the rest of this school year. We are always looking for new ways to fundraise and always welcome suggestions, and it is never too late to try new ideas or start new traditions. Recently, band parent Marilyn Walker, advised the booster board of a new fundraiser that our non-profit booster group could participate in. It does not involve you or your students selling anything, but it does involve some type of participation by everyone and it is simple to do.

Fred Meyer stores have started a "Community Rewards" donation just by shopping at your Fred Meyer, using your Fred Meyer Rewards card and signing up to choose the Mountlake Terrace Music Boosters as your non-profit for donations. Please read the information below that describes the rewards and consider helping out the music boosters, that also helps out YOUR students...



YOU CAN HELP MOUNTLAKE TERRACE MUSIC BOOSTERS GROUP EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING WITH YOUR FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 90757.
- **Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Mountlake Terrace Music Boosters earn a donation!**
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

There are also instructions attached as well. This is very simple and easy to do and you can start helping the booster group TODAY just by signing up.

MTHS Jazz 1 has been selected to perform at the upcoming Hot Java Cool Jazz that will be happening in April at the Paramount. Please watch the newsletter and your emails for tickets that will be going on sale very soon. This is another fundraiser type event for us, as if we sell all the tickets we are allotted for the concert at the Paramount, Starbucks will give back a check to our band program for a portion of the ticket sales. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be a part of Hot Java and equally important to try and sell all our tickets for this. We've been able to do it in the past, so let's show the community and Starbucks, we can do it again!!

Also, in connection with the Hot Java Cool Jazz, our Rhythm Section has been asked to perform at the local Starbucks in Mountlake Terrace. We are currently scheduled to perform on Wednesday, April 9th. Mark your calendars, come on by for a Starbucks drink and support our MTHS students. This performance at the local Starbucks is to help bring awareness to Hot Java Cool Jazz AND our fabulous band program at MTHS.

On Thursday, February 20th we will be having a meeting with Jazz 1 parents and students for the upcoming trip to Savannah for the Swing Central Competition we will be attending. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. in the band room

Auction Cancelled (?) -

Well, I've put the below paragraph about the silent auction in the last two or three newsletters and have not had a single parent offer to help or participate in making this come together. In order for this event to be successful, we need parent volunteers to make it happen. Please read below and contact me if you can help out with this event.

This is old news, but bears repeating... One event that the MTHS Music Boosters has put on the last two years is a silent auction that coincides with a band concert. The last two years have been pretty successful and we would love to see it continue, but need volunteers to assist with this. Right now, we need a committee and/or volunteers who would be able to help with getting donations and procurements for the auction. This is another great event that takes more than just a couple of volunteers to make it happen, we will need everyone's support and help. We are currently looking at possibly holding this auction in September 2014. If you are interested in helping out in any way with the silent auction, now is the time. **Whether it's chairing a position or just helping out where you can, all hands are needed.** Please contact Sherrill Leppich at mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com if you are interested.

February 20 – Jazz 1 Parent/Student meeting re: Savannah 7:00pm @ MTHS

February 26th – 8th Grade Parent Night @ MTHS

February 27th – Jazz Night & Band Concert 7:00p.m.

March 5th – Orchestra Performance

March 6th – Choir Performance

March 7th – Chamber Winds travels to CWU to perform

(make sure your permission slips are turned in~!!!)

March 9th – JAZZ 1 records at KPLU

“Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them.” --Harriet Naylor

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Friday to Jackson

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.15 PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMED CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIP

Student Name _____ School MTHS Date 2/19/14

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pep Band is planning a trip to the Basketball playoffs.
Purpose of event Support the basketball players in the play offs, create more school spirit.
Trip Destination Jackson High School Phone No. () _____
Address 1508 136TH ST. SE | MILL CREEK, WA 98012 Place of Lodging N/A
We will leave from MTHS at 5:00 AM X PM
on (date) February 21st, 2014 We will return to the school on (day) Friday (date) 2/21/14.
At 8:00 AM X PM Itinerary is attached List of items needed attached
Attending: number of students _____ Minimum number of chaperones _____

TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION

District Vehicle Commercial Transportation District Bus Other(explain) _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

The following special health problems should be noted and adequate precautions taken (list such items as unusually severe reaction to bee stings, other severe allergies, hemophilia, diabetes, heart disease, etc.) _____

The following medications, prescriptions or special diets are needed: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE

In the event of an accident or illness, I understand that reasonable effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian immediately. However, if I am not available, I authorize the school district to secure emergency medical care as needed.

Medical insurance? yes no

Student accident insurance is available through Excel Serv. It is recommended that all students have medical or student accident insurance. Contact the school office for details.

Name of Preferred Doctor _____ Phone () _____

Name of Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No. _____

This activity provides a learning experience for the students and allows them an opportunity to apply their classroom learning. If you have any questions or concerns about this activity, please contact Darin Faul at 425-431-5622. Although I understand that the school district will make reasonable effort to provide a safe environment, I am fully aware of the special dangers and risks inherent in participating in the activity, including physical injury and/or death. Being fully aware of the risks, I hereby give consent for (student) _____ to participate in the activity.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Day Phone () _____

Home Address _____ Evening Phone () _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone () _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature reflects their knowledge and approval of the activity described above. This form must be returned to school before the student is involved in the activity.

Saturday to Lynwood

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.15 PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMED CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIP

Student Name _____ School MTHS Date 2/19/14

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pep Band is planning a trip to the Basketball playoffs.
Purpose of event Support the basketball players in the play offs, create more school spirit.
Trip Destination Lynnwood High School Phone No. () _____
Address 18218 North Road | Bothell, WA 98012 Place of Lodging N/A
We will leave from MTHS at 7:00 AM X PM
on (date) February 22nd, 2014 We will return to the school on (day) Saturday (date) 2/22/14.
At 10:00 AM X PM Itinerary is attached List of items needed attached
Attending: number of students _____ Minimum number of chaperones _____

TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION

District Vehicle Commercial Transportation District Bus Other(explain) _____

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