

Mountlake Terrace Bands

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NEWSLETTER

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

**Concert this week on Thursday:
Symphonic Band, Chamber Winds,
Jazz 1 and Jazz 2**

Important Information

Basketball Playoffs

Stay tuned for more information regarding the state playoffs for boys and girls basketball games. Thanks to all who attended the first playoff games the last couple of weeks!

Disneyland Trip Payment

The next Disney payment is due on February 28th.

Jazz 1 at Newport HS Jazz Festival

Jazz 1 will be attending the Newport HS Jazz Festival on March 15th. Please look for more details about the day that will be coming soon.

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.

Fundraiser Event Meeting - March 10th

We are holding a meeting on March 10th about a large-scale fundraiser we will be holding in September. It may seem like a long way off but we need a group to make some decisions early so the rest of the planning can fall into play. Remember that "many hands make light work" and we all need to chip in and participate in order for our program to continue to thrive. The idea is to have fun with other parents while also working for the betterment of a program that your child benefits from and cares about. Students are welcome to participate as well and students and parents from the same family would be a great way to support the band program and also spend some time working on a worthwhile project together!

Not too many people I know are looking for "one more thing" to do. However, if it is not you, then who will do it? And with a strong group of people and wise delegation, no small group has to carry the whole burden. We want to extend a special invitation to families of freshmen and sophomores! Now is the time to get involved - it is going to go by faster than you realize!

Disney Spot Available

We have a student who needs to back out of the Disney trip. He will lose a bunch of money if he can't find a replacement. Does anyone want to take his place?

MTHS Student Profile - Kaylee McGovern

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!

This week I interviewed Kaylee McGovern. Kaylee is a Freshman this year at MTHS and is currently a performer in the Symphonic Band and in Jazz 2. Kaylee is the oldest of three children in the McGovern family. She lives at home with her dad, Paul, and her mom, Heather, along with her two younger brothers, Jacob and Dillon. Kaylee's family seems to be very musically inclined and her interests in playing an instrument began back when she was a toddler and hearing her grandfather play the saxophone. At that time, she enjoyed listening to her grandfather and wanted to be able to play just like him when she grew up. Her grandfather used to lead a marching band years ago, and many family members were also a part of the same marching band.

Kaylee attended Hilltop Elementary and then moved up to Brier Terrace Middle School. When in 5th grade and being introduced to band, Kaylee initially started with the flute. When she moved up to middle school, Kaylee had the opportunity to try out the saxophone and she has been playing it ever since. At an Edmonds School District Quad concert, she was able to watch the middle school jazz band perform and therein started her desire to be a part of the jazz band program in her upcoming school years.

Though Kaylee is already a part of the MTHS Jazz 2 band now, she is eager about learning all there is to learn about Jazz. She would like to become more familiar with the old and new artists that play Jazz and when she has the opportunity, tries to do research on those artists. One of the artists Kaylee is interested in getting to know better is Benny Goodman. She enjoys his sound and the pieces he wrote in the past and loves his style. If given the opportunity, Kaylee would love to have a one on one lesson or just a chance to talk to Mr. Goodman about all he accomplished. For those who may not know who Mr. Goodman is, "Benny" Goodman was an American jazz and swing musician, clarinetist and bandleader, known as the "King of Swing", in the mid-1930s.

Kaylee's love for music doesn't just stay with her and her grandpa. Both her brothers are interested, Jacob in the trumpet and Dillon in the trombone. Her dad played drums at one time and her Aunt Jeannie played the flute.

When not practicing or researching musicians, Kaylee enjoys running. She is also super involved in church, leading bible studies and hanging out with friends. When she has the chance, she enjoys reading old novels like "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame" or "Les Miserables". She likes to listen to Jazz, Classical, Christian Worship and Disney themed music!!

Being that Kaylee has younger brothers, I asked her what she might say to them, or any other younger student, who might be on the fence about staying with the band program. Kaylee remembers how frustrating it is to learn a new instrument, or to learn anything new, and she would encourage them to continue as it does get to be lots of fun. You will still have to work at your craft, practice and rehearse, but the older you get, there is more to do and more to learn and it becomes more fun learning many great songs, whether in jazz, classical or any other type of band.



Here is a letter that was sent to me by a parent after a recent parent meeting we had. They wish to remain anonymous, but it is really worth reading. I love it when our work feels like a real community effort and is not just on the shoulders of a few. I believe so many of our band families have so much to offer and here is an example. This parent called this "My Wish for the Band."

February 21, 2014

Dear Band student,

I know yesterday was rough and you are disappointed the band is not going to Essentially Ellington. I don't need to say all the clichés. You need time to react, to feel, and time to reflect. What do you do with that energy, those feelings, and the next opportunities?

A disappointment can help you understand what you really want. Change *Impossible* to *I'm possible* and see one small character could make all the difference in your success.

My wish for you is that you **embrace** the opportunities you have and not focus on the one that you do not have. What made Essentially Ellington special and why is it held in such esteem? One small piece is that former MLT students went, competed and were successful. You on the other hand have the opportunity to do what no one at your school has ever done. You are going to Swing Central to represent your School, your music program, your family and show the world what you can do. The first!

My wish for you is that you **realize** how good you are. There are approximately 26,400 high schools in the United States. Of those schools there are 12,111 band programs. Out of that 12 are going to Swing Central. I realize not all schools have Jazz bands, but you see that it is still a very small 1/1000 percent of schools with bands that are going and roughly 1/2100 of all high schools. Be **proud** of that.

My wish now is that you **assess** where you want to be. It frustrates me when I complement you and you say/ argue that you aren't good. Assess your thoughts, assess your performance and assess your new goals. Measure yourself to those that you want to emulate. It will help you see progress and know what is working.

I wish that you could see yourself standing on that podium/stage. **Visualize** yourself as the winner. What does it feel like and what does it sound like? If you want to be great at something, you have to be cognizant about the mental preparation. When something such as this week throws you off; stop and deal with it. Otherwise, you can't push yourself to the next level.

I wish you **intensity**. This isn't the same as just practicing more. It is about the intensity of the practice. This means to work harder AND smarter so that you are not practicing the same thing over and over. Working smarter will be the catalyst to quicker results. Push your skills to new levels and abilities, past the limits in your own mind.

I wish for you **perseverance and determination** to see your next performance and competition all the way to the end. Ignore what you think is impossible in order to be the best. Be dedicated to yourself, your band members and LOVE of music.

I wish for you **joy**. Play the music with all the enthusiasm you can because you love it. Embrace the moments.

Love your family

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

February 23rd, 2014

Greetings to all~!

On Wednesday, 2/27, there will be an 8th Grade Orientation for parents/students who are entering MTHS in the fall of 2014. The MTHS Music Boosters is planning on having a table there to help provide information to those families who are interested in their student joining the band, choir or orchestra program. We would love to invite any freshman or sophomore parents or students available to help us be at our table to provide information about your experience in the band program. We want to encourage and excite those 8th graders that are interested, to join the great band program that Mr. Faul has built at MTHS. If you are interested in helping out the boosters and the band program at this event, please contact Sherrill Leppich. The time frame is approximately 6:30-8:00p.m. on Wednesday, 2/27.

Things are starting to ramp up again for our band programs. This Thursday, 2/28 is the ALL BAND concert at MTHS, with our Chamber Winds, Symphonic Band, Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 all performing!!! This will be an exciting night of music from all our spectacular bands. There will also be a very special guest performer joining this evenings event, trumpeter Cuong Vo. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we filled the theater to support each and every student, and Mr. Faul, and enjoy this concert!! Hope everyone can attend!

Has your student turned in their permission slips for upcoming trips? As a reminder, here are the upcoming trips and students need to turn in their permission slips ASAP:

Friday, March 7th – Chamber Winds students going to CWU Concert Band Festival

Wednesday, March 12th – Chamber Winds to SKMEA in Edmonds

Thursday, March 12th – Symphonic Band to SKMEA in Edmonds.

(We are also in need of parent volunteers for both the Chamber Winds and Symphonic Band trips to the Sno-King Music Education event in Edmonds. If you are available to chaperone/volunteer for these trips, please contact Sherrill Leppich or Kara Oberstadt. Kara's email is mikeober@frontier.com)

Just a quick reminder about the Fred Meyer fundraiser... easy to do and helps support our music programs at MTHS:

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.

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

MTHS Band Silent Auction – Parent Meeting

I would like to have a meeting with all parents willing and able to help with the silent auction we are hoping to have in September. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to see where we need helping hands and what YOU can do to help make this a successful event. Please plan on attending this meeting on Monday, March 10th. Please RSVP to Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 or mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com

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 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

March 12th – Chamber Winds to SKMEA (All day event)

March 13th – Symphonic Band to SKMEA (all day event)

March 15th – Jazz 1 to attend the Newport High Jazz Festival

“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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