

Mountlake Terrace Bands

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NEWSLETTER

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**Pep Band on Monday and
Thursday this week!**

**Jazz Ensembles 1 and 2 at the
Bellevue College Jazz Festival all
day on Saturday.**

Important Information

Solo/Ensemble Contest

Thank you to all students and parents who helped with the Solo & Ensemble Contest this past Saturday. We hosted about 1200 students from 8am until 5pm as they performed in front of adjudicators from throughout the state. This was not a fundraiser for us - more of a service project for our league. Hard to pull off in light of all the other things we have going on, but we did it! And we shouldn't have to do it again for a long, long time!

Lucy Schermer and Percussion Ensemble get special recognition!

Lucy Schermer won the Flute division and will go on to compete at the state level in April. We have high expectations for her! She won the state contest as a freshman and this would be a nice ending to a great beginning and a fabulous last four years. We will be featuring Lucy with Chamber Winds this semester.

Our Percussion Ensemble got First Alternate to State. I think there is a high probability that they will participate in state because alternates are often invited if another league has no groups who received a rating high enough at the regional competition.

Bellevue College Jazz Festival

Jazz 1 and 2 will be competing at this festival on Saturday. Participating students should plan on spending the entire day there. There is a noon-time clinic as well as an evening finals concert that also features some of the adjudicators and the BC Big Band.

Disneyland Trip Payment

The next Disneyland payment is due on February 28th.

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.

Tower of Power Horns Clinic at Kennelly Keys - February 8th - <http://www.kennellykeysmusic.com/tower-of-power-horns-clinic.html>

Aerospace Scholar Named - Washington Aerospace Scholars has selected four district students to participate in Phase One of this year's program. The program is a free, competitive science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education program for high school juniors from across Washington State. Students will spend the next five months competing academically for one of the 160 slots in a Summer Residency session held at the Museum of Flight. **Congratulations Collin Rhodes, bass player in Jazz Ensemble 1**

2014 College Planning Night – Feb. 13

All District sophomore and junior families are invited to attend the 2014 College Planning Night at Meadowdale High School. It will be Thursday, February 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. starting in the Great Hall.

The keynote speaker will be the Director of Admissions for the University of Oregon, Jim Rawlins. There will then be three breakout sessions on topics ranging from financing a college education, writing an effective college admission essay, technical college opportunities and college athletics.

There will also be sessions available in Spanish.

MTHS Student Profile - Seth McAlister-Mykrantz

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's profile is on MTHS Senior Seth McAllister-Mykrantz. Seth currently performs with the Chamber Winds and Jazz 1 Ensemble as one of the trombone players. As we have discovered with most of our students in the band program, the interest started for Seth in the 5th grade. He was drawn to being in band as it was something, at the time, not all students participated in and he felt like it made the program feel more unique and stand out a little bit to him. The first instrument Seth started to learn was the Trombone and he continues to perform the Trombone today. When asked if he could learn another instrument at some time down the road, Seth said he would be interested in learning the upright Bass.

Seth's family consists of his mom, Katie, his dad, Jake and his little brother, Sam. Seth also has a pet...a five year old Leopard Gecko whose name is Sandy. Katie and his brother, Sam, are the only other family members who at one time played instruments while they were in school. Katie played the flute and piano, and his younger brother played the Trombone as well, for a short time. Seth's parents have been wonderful volunteers at MTHS, always lending helping hands and big supporters of the band program.

As Seth reflects over the years as a musician at MTHS, he feels he has learned so much, but would like to continue to work on performing better with others. There is always room for improvement and Seth strives to be the best when performing with the other students. If he had the opportunity to have a one on one session with another performer, past or present, Seth would like to spend an afternoon with jazz performer James Morrison. James Morrison is a multi-instrumental Australian jazz musician. Widely known for his trumpet playing – he has also performed on soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones, clarinet, flugelhorn, bass trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, double bass, guitar and piano. He is a composer, writing jazz charts for ensembles of various sizes and proficiency levels. Seth feels he could learn so much from this amazing musician.

Some fun facts about Seth is he likes parody type movies, his favorite being “Tucker & Dale versus Evil”, which is a Canadian comedy horror film. His favorite books are the series of Artemis Fowl, written by Author: Eoin Colfer. These books are science fiction fantasy novels. He enjoys Thai food and in his free time enjoys playing video games. He also likes to take time to work on cars and mechanical things when the opportunity allows.

This year, Seth was selected to be a participant in the WMEA All State Symphonic Orchestra, which will perform the weekend of February 14th in Yakima. This is a special honor as you are to audition to be a part of this group and chosen from your audition. Congratulations, Seth, on being one of four MTHS students who were chosen to perform at this event.

Seth would like to continue his education after he graduates from MTHS this year. He is hoping to go to Bellevue Community College to study music theory and take core classes, and then transfer to a four -year college. He is currently interested in Oregon State University or the University of Washington.

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.

KEEP READING!!

There is lots of important information on the following pages!

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

February 3rd, 2014

THE POWER OF THE 12TH MAN

Wow~!! The Super Bowl hype and game are now past, but the excitement of the Seahawks win and 12th man still resonates throughout the Pacific Northwest. What a great accomplishment by the Seahawks and what a great support system by the 12th man~!!! Isn't it great to see how a community can come together and have so much support for something they are passionate about???

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge everyone involved with Band at MTHS to take that same mentality and become the 12th BAND MAN, and show your support for our Director and the bands. Treat it as passionately as you do the Seahawks.....our students are our pride and we want them to succeed, as we wanted the Seahawks to succeed. There is still a lot of events coming up and support that is needed for our band students and Mr. Faul, at MTHS. Let's show everyone what a great band community/family we have~!!!!

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that we will need parents to step forward and become part of our MTHS Booster Board. Think of our MTHS Music Boosters as the 12th Man for the band program also. The current board consists of parents that have served their two-year term, or have students that are Seniors and will be graduating from the board along with their students. Soooo... the chance to volunteer, to step in and hold a position on the board, is available. Please consider volunteering and be a member of the board. It is a very fulfilling and a fun group to be a part of. Be our 12th Man... be the 12th Man for the Band program at MTHS~!!!

Last week we held a fundraiser, "Dinner Night Out", which was held at the Five Guys Burger and Fries located in Lynnwood. I want to thank all those that came out and helped to support this fundraiser. It is so nice to see all the familiar and new faces that come to these events. We hope to have another "Dinner Night Out" again soon, at a different restaurant. We will keep you posted, as we are able to reserve another night.

On Saturday, MTHS Hosted the SKMEA Solo Ensemble. I want to send a shout out to all the students and parents who gave up their Saturday to volunteer and make this a successful event. We couldn't have done it without so many helping hands!! I also want to send a HUGE Thank YOU to Mr. Faul. He worked very hard at

organizing and leading this event. During this time of organizing, he still had to complete other band tasks such as preparing for the Band Concert on Thursday, 1/31, finishing up on the Essentially Ellington recordings and still teaching his classes.....Mr. Faul does so much for our students, some of which is behind the scenes, and the band program and we are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated director. The next time you see him, be sure to thank him for all his endless work he does for our students.

Looking ahead ... 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. 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 3 – PEP Band

February 6 – PEP Band

February 8 – Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 attend Bellevue Jazz Festival

February 13- MTHS Rhythm Section to perform at Home Street Bank in MLT

February 27th – Jazz Night 7:00p.m.

“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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