

# Mountlake Terrace Bands

Jazz Ensembles

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Week of January 13th

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#### Announcements

**Jazz Ensemble 1 was accepted to perform at Hot Java Cool Jazz this year.** The event is so popular that other schools want to get invited and as a result Starbucks has been making bands audition the last few years. HJCJ is on April 25th at the Paramount Theater in Seattle. It sells out every year so make sure you get your tickets and tickets for your friends and family as soon as they are available through our Boosters. This is a HUGE fundraiser for us and is tons of FUN! Other bands performing include: Bothell, Ballard, Garfield, and Roosevelt.

**Recording Dates for KPLU School of Jazz Selected** - Jazz 1 will be recording with Cuong Vu on March 9th from 6-9pm. Please add this to your calendar.

**Free Flu Shots at Mountlake Terrace High School** - Thursday, January 16, The Hub, 2:00-7:00

**EMP Special Writing Program** (Deadline is January 31st) [http://www.empmuseum.org/programs-plus-education/programs/write-out-of-this-world.aspx?code=NL\\_140106\\_NewsJanEdu](http://www.empmuseum.org/programs-plus-education/programs/write-out-of-this-world.aspx?code=NL_140106_NewsJanEdu)

**University of British Columbia BrassFest!** (January 19th) <http://www.music.ubc.ca/brassfest>

#### **This Week:**

Pep Band on Tuesday and Friday this week.

Jazz 1 workshop on MLK Day - 9-12, lunch from 12-1, 1-5

#### **MTHS Student Profile - Aaron Oberstadt**

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!

Meet Aaron Oberstadt. Aaron is a Sophomore at Mountlake Terrace High School and currently performs with Chamber Winds, playing the Euphonium. For those who may not know what a Euphonium is, it is a conical-bore, baritone-voiced brass instrument. Aaron became interested in playing this instrument in the 8th grade when attending Brier Terrace Middle School. He initially was playing the

trumpet, but was encouraged by his band teacher, Ms. Zumbo, to give the Euphonium a try. Aaron also enjoys playing the piano, singing and would maybe like to learn to play the trombone sometime.

Aaron is the second of two children at the Oberstadt household who has joined the band family at MTHS. Aaron's older brother, Adam, was also part of the MTHS band program and played the trombone for Chamber Winds as well. When his mom was in school, she performed in band, playing the flute, piccolo and the tenor sax. His father was a professional performer at one time as well, playing the Tuba and the bass trombone in a jazz band. A very musical family indeed!!

Aaron has had the opportunity to perform at all the band concerts so far at MTHS, but the one that stands out and was his favorite to date was the Nutcracker performance that Chamber Winds and Jazz 1 performed in December 2013. When asked why this was his favorite, Aaron said that it changed his vision and motivated him more to practice and work hard at being a good performer. He was exhilarated and it has helped to excite him to do better going forward as a band member and Euphonium performer. While being a part of the band program, Aaron would like to continue to learn more about music theory, music history and improve on his range.

Some fun facts about Aaron: he likes to listen to Classical and Jazz music, enjoys action, mystery and detective type movies, and likes to read non-fiction fantasy and sci-fi books. His favorite food is Spaghetti. In his spare time, Aaron is also a member of the Boy Scouts of America and has been since he was 7 years old. Being a member of the Boys Scouts has been rewarding and something his whole family is a part of, with his brother also being a member and his mother has been a parent leader for their group through the years. Aaron is also involved with the Rocketry Club at MTHS. What a busy guy!!

Even though it is a little early to know for sure what lies ahead after high school, Aaron is interested in microbiology studies, astrophysics and loves the field of science. After graduation, he will be part of a mission through his church for two years, before going off to college. Good luck with all your future adventures, Aaron!



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.

***Dave Dolacky was very complimentary of our clean up after the Nutcracker Concert on Saturday night. Way to go everyone!***



# MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS NEWS

January 13th, 2014

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Hello fabulous MTHS Band families~!!

There is a lot of information below. Please be sure to read all the way to the end:

Please review the events and dates below and check the band calendar for updates. We still need many volunteers for the Solo Ensemble event we are hosting at MTHS on Saturday, Feb. 1st. I know we all have busy schedules and may only have a small amount of time to offer, but any helping hands you can provide are greatly appreciated. Let's show the students, directors and families that may attend what a great host we are and what a great volunteer system we have. So far, only one parent has offered to assist at this event. We will need approximately 20 student volunteers and approximately 10 parent volunteers throughout the day. We will also need help with set up the day before, Friday, Jan. 31, and we will also need help with teardown/clean up after the event. If you can spare a morning, afternoon or all day, please let me know as soon as possible.

I have had a few parents ask about "final" costs for the upcoming band trips that we are planning to Disneyland, Savannah and Silverwood. We are still in the process of making travel reservations and waiting for final costs to calculate these amounts. **ALSO**, we are hoping to do some fundraising to help off set the costs of these trips as well. One of the upcoming fundraisers that the MTHS Music Booster Board has organized is "Dinner Night Out" for the MTHS Band. We will be organizing a night at local restaurants where we can earn 10% of the nights earnings at the restaurant, to go towards our band trips.

Our first "Dinner Night Out" will be at Five Guys Burger and Fries in Lynnwood. ***Our flyer is attached~!!*** Print this out, hand out to family and friends and invite them to come and support our band trips~! Bring the flyer to the restaurant and hand to the cashier when you are ready to pay. We will get 10% of the sales for everyone who brings in a flyer. Another win-win...you get dinner out, don't have to cook and the band program gets a portion of the sales!! This event will be on **Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00p.m.** Please mark your calendars and watch for the fliers. Hand fliers out to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, community members!!! The more we can get to come attend this, the better we can make money for these upcoming trips. Other restaurants we will be organizing a "Dinner Night Out" for the band program is Red Robin, Panda Express and Spaghetti Factory. Please watch your emails, the Google Band Calendar and this newsletter for updates!!!

Below is a recap from the last newsletter. There is a correction on the dates of the drama production of Sympathy Jones.

For January, there will be a musical production that the drama department is putting on, called "Sympathy Jones". The dates of the performances are **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>-**

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets will be \$10.00 or \$7.00 for students with ASB and senior citizens. Performances start at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> there is no school as we celebrate Martin Luther King Day. Jazz 1 ensemble has a scheduled workshop on this day from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Music Boosters is asking for volunteers to donate snacks and drinks for the Jazz 1 group as they attend this workshop through the day. If you can help out by donating food/snacks, please contact Sherrill Leppich.

For Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, during the day, the Jazz 1 ensemble is scheduled to record for their Essentially Ellington audition. The Music Boosters would like to also help out with snacks/food for the students and Mr. Faul during this time frame. Please let Sherrill Leppich know if you are able to help with donations of food for these days as well.

On Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Concert Band performance, at 7:00 p.m. If you can assist with selling refreshments before or after the performance, please let us know.

On Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we are hosting this years Solo Ensemble Competition. We will need MANY helping hands to make this a great event for all schools and students attending. Please mark your calendars and try to donate some time to helping out at this event, both parents and students will be needed.

It is also the time of year to start thinking about volunteering for our MTHS Music Booster Board for the 2014-2015 school year. The board members that are currently serving on the booster board have fulfilled their 2 year obligation and we will need some parents to fill the opening positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Jazz 1 Rep, Jazz 2 Rep, Secretary, Concert Band Rep, Orchestra Rep, and Choir Rep. Please consider taking on one of these positions and help the booster board to continue thriving. We will definitely need a President (can be co-chaired) and a Treasurer to keep the board alive. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and be a part of a fantastic group of parents who are looking to support the music programs at MTHS. If you might be interested, but need more information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other board member, or even Mr. Faul. We are all happy to give you any information you may need to consider taking on a position.

In the words of Martin Luther King:

[Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.](#)

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**Wednesday, January 29th**

**5:00pm – 9:00pm**

**10% of all sales will be donated to:**

**MTHS Music Boosters!**

**\*\*\* Print this flyer and bring it with you \*\*\***

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Congratulations!!  
Mountlake Terrace Jazz Ensemble 1  
March 26-28, 2014  
Savannah, GE



**Proceeds to help offset costs to  
send our MTHS bands to Disneyland  
and Jazz 1 to Savannah! !**