

Mountlake Terrace Bands

Jazz Ensembles

Concert Bands

Pep Band

Percussion Ensemble

NEWSLETTER

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Last Week Recap

Last week we had so many awesome things happen. Be sure to talk to your student about some of their favorite parts.

Jazz Ensemble 1 had a rehearsal on Wednesday night with Steve Owen that was really informative and fun. On Thursday, we hosted Brier Terrace Middle School Jazz Band for our first Jazz Night of the year. Jazz Ensemble 2 also played on the concert as did Jazz Ensemble 1 with Steve Owen. On Friday afternoon Pep Band performed at the Homecoming Assembly. We played entrance music, music during games, and were featured on the piece "What Does The Fox Say" arranged by our own Laura Rhynard. Anthony Markert and Calvin Martin were our lead singers. A low brass quintet played Miley Cyrus's "Wrecking Ball" while staff members did a parody skit of the video and the entire student body started singing the song and waving their lit phones around. Drumline opened the assembly and got everyone fired up and up on their feet. On Friday night, Pep Band played at the Homecoming game where MTHS Football beat their opponent by a margin of over 40 points. On Saturday we hosted 14 big bands and 9 combos from other schools plus our own two big band and four combos at our Jazz Symposium.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in big or small ways to make these events so successful. We have a week to recover and then another big week next week!

Our Football Pep Band Season is now over and I want to thank all the students for their hard work as we transformed our Pep Band this fall. I believe everyone had more fun, learned more, and enjoyed the music performances more than in the past. Our attendance at games is way up, we have pep band gear that unifies us, and our importance in the school and community has increased. Congratulations Pep Band! And congratulations Drumline for stepping up and becoming a drumline you and your school is proud of. A special "thank you" goes to Tyler Cannon's family for transporting the drumline equipment over to the stadium and back for each game and for hosting the Spirit Drum all-nighter!

Upcoming Events

- Veterans Day Concert on November 7th: This concert includes Symphonic Band, Chamber Winds, and Percussion Ensemble students. Everyone will wear formal concert attire as described in the syllabus. Concert begins at 7:00.
- Veterans Day Assembly on November 8th: This all-school assembly has become a band department tradition at MTHS. The assembly happens every two years. It is from 9-10am if you would like to attend.
- Veterans Day Swing Dance on November 9th: This 2nd annual event is the follow up to our first fall dance last year that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Swing dancing, honoring of Vets, HUB decorated in a 1940's WWII theme, wonderful company and refreshments, free dance lessons. Please send any photos of family member who serve or have served in the armed forces to me at darinfaul@mthsbands.org so we can put together a slide show. One of my favorite moments from last year was when a Pearl Harbor survivor shared about his experience.

Travel Information

- We have officially been accepted to play at Disneyland. Congratulations everyone! We have received several travel forms back that were due last Tuesday. If you have not returned the forms for Silverwood and Disneyland please do so. We need to know what your plans are so send it back even if you are not going.
- We have also officially registered for the Silverwood Festival in May.
- Our Jazz Ensemble 1 audition for Swing Central in Savannah is due on November 15th so we will be working on recording for that soon.

Special Opportunities

- Grammy winning and internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist Chris Potter will be performing with the award winning Whitworth University Jazz Ensemble at the Martin Woldson Theater at The Fox in downtown Spokane on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 8 PM. Student and adult tickets are now on sale through Ticketswest.com, The Fox Theater, and at the door. Potter will also present a jazz clinic on Friday, November 1 at 5:15 pm in the Whitworth Music Building Recital Hall. All students who attend this clinic will receive a free ticket to the Saturday night concert!
- NAFME is seeking original music written by student composers for featured performance in the Young Composer Concert at the National In-Service Conference in Nashville, TN in October 2014. In an exciting innovation, winning compositions for band, orchestra, chorus, and jazz ensemble will be considered for performance by an NAFME National Honors Ensemble at the 2014 conference. Up to ten winning composers will receive cash awards of \$150, thanks to the generous support of the European American Musical Alliance (Dr. Philip Lasser, president) and the Double R Foundation. All entrants will receive written evaluations of their compositions. 2014 NAFME Student Composers Competition. <http://musiced.nafme.org/programs/contests-calls-competitions/student-composers-competition/> Submission deadline: February 15, 2014 Age categories: K-8, 9-12, Collegiate

MTHS MUSIC BOOSTER NEWS

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*** UPCOMING EVENTS ***

October is coming to a close and we have accomplished very much so far, but we have many more events coming up and need volunteers, donations and YOUR help to make these events the best they can be. Both students AND parents are encouraged to please volunteer and help at all events. ALL helping hands are needed whether it's for set up, during or cleaning up after. The more helping hands we get, the faster we get in, set up, and get out after clean up. If you have any questions about what YOU can do to help, please don't hesitate to ask!!

The following two events coming up are very important to have helping hands and/or donations for. If you can help at one or both of these, please let me know ASAP.

Saturday, November 9th, 2013

SWING DANCE AND VETERANS CELEBRATION

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the HUB at MTHS

- We will need assistance with setting up on Friday, 11/8 from approximately 2:00-5:00. Whether you help for all or a portion of time, all hands are welcome!
- We will need donation of desserts for the event on Saturday. All types of desserts are welcome. If you can donate any dessert for the Swing dance, please contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 or email to mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com OR sherrill0904@hotmail.com. Last year we had a great amount of desserts donated for our guests to purchase and enjoy. Let's try and make this happen again!
- We would like those who may have pictures of Veterans that are in their families or even friends, in their uniforms, to display at our Table of Honor. It can be any Veteran or current person in service!!!! Please email a copy of the photo to sherrill0904@hotmail.com or if you want, bring the original that night to display. Please try and let me know ahead of time if you will be bringing a photo and the name/service of the person in the photo.
- Invite ANY veteran you may know to come to our Swing Dance & Veteran Celebration. If possible, have that veteran dress in their uniform. We want to encourage all veterans in our community to come and they also get in free!! We would love to acknowledge as many veterans as we can!!!
- We encourage all to come dressed for the era of the 1940's!
- Will need volunteers to help at the dessert and beverage tables, and/or small silent auction tables. These will all be in the HUB as well, so you won't miss out on any of the event activities. If you can help out, please let me know as soon as possible.
- We will need many volunteers to help with clean up at the end of the event. If you can assist with this, please let me know as well.

Saturday, December 14th

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 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, wi-fi printer we can borrow, please let me know ASAP~! We need at east 4-5.
Contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 OR email to mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com

FUNDRAISER

Starting Monday, November 4th, we will begin our annual Poinsettia Sale. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we ask that EVERYONE get involved and try to sell these beautiful poinsettias to family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. They are 6" potted poinsettias that came in pink, red, white and burgundy!!! They are big and gorgeous and anyone who has ever purchased one has raved over these plants. The order form will be sent to you via email next week. Print out and get as many orders as you can. As you get your orders, please collect the money as well. ALL orders are to be turned in no later than November 22nd. Poinsettias will be delivered on Saturday, December 8th to MTHS for you to pick up.

Remember, that our fundraiser will help with costs of upcoming travel expenses, clinicians, festival fees, equipment and sheet music and much more for OUR students at MTHS. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989.

This Saturday, 11/2, is the annual PTSA Holiday Bazaar. The MTHS Music Boosters will be hosting a table at this event to sell our booster items and help raise money for the band program. Please come on by and visit the bazaar, come by our Music Booster table, and maybe find a gift or two for the musical person in your family!