

# Mountlake Terrace Bands

Jazz Ensembles

Concert Bands

Pep Band

Percussion Ensemble

## NEWSLETTER

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#### Upcoming Events

- Pep Band Performance - October 18th.
- Jazz Night - October 24th - Featuring Jazz Ensembles 1 and 2 as well as BTMS Jazz Ensemble. Our Special Guest Artist/Clinician is Steve Owen, Jazz Band Director from the University of Oregon.
- Homecoming Game / Pep Band Performance - October 25th.
- Jazz Symposium - October 26th - We need many student (non-jazz) and parent volunteers for this great event. Jazz Ensemble 1 and 2 performing along with schools from Edmonds and Seattle School Districts.

#### Drumline - Way to go, guys!

We won! Thanks for coming out to support the Drumline last Saturday. It was a ton of fun! We will use that prize money to go towards two new snare drums.

#### Announcements

Things are cooking right along here at Mountlake Terrace. We are already in October. I'd like to give a quick run down for you of each class so you know what we are up to.

Symphonic Band - we are practicing Pep Band Music and making great progress. There is a lot for these students to learn for Pep Band because they not only have to learn all the new stuff we are playing this year but they also are learning all the things we played in previous years.

Chamber Winds - we are working on music for the Veterans Day Celebrations in early November as well as looking beyond that a bit to the December Nutcracker Concerts. We are singing a lot in class which is helping our intonation and we are hoping to be able to sing AND play at our next concert.

Percussion Ensemble - we are continuing to work on Drumline music which includes separate cadences and grooves as well as the music for Pep Band.

Jazz Ensemble 2 - we are working on music for the Jazz Night and Jazz Symposium. So far we have four charts and I hope we are able to play all four at those events.

Jazz Ensemble 1 - we are working on our audition music for the Savannah Festival as well as music for the upcoming Jazz Night and Jazz Symposium with Steve Owen.

All students are continuing to work on Music Theory outside of class.

## MTHS MUSIC BOOSTER NEWS

**\*\* Reminder \*\*** - We are still needing everyone to turn in their packet with the signed permission slips and the activity contract, if you have not completed that to date. Also, please remember to pay your band fees for this year. It is \$10.00 per band class. Fees can be paid at the Fines/Fees office, with checks made out to Edmonds School District.

The 3rd PEP band order has been turned in and we should receive this order back before homecoming. This will be the last order placed for awhile. We may turn in another order in December before basketball seasons begins. Watch for updates on ordering any PEP band items.

We are still looking for donations of paper and/or water for our band program. If you have not had a chance to donate either a ream of paper and/or a case of water, please consider doing this~! The paper is needed for Mr. Faul to make copies of sheet music for the students, and the water is for our band students. Whether at a rehearsal or at an event performing, the water is always needed. You can drop your donation off at the band room at any time.

Jazz Symposium is coming very soon and we are still in need of volunteers. Several people have signed up to help already (Yay Scavenger Hunt!) but we need MANY more. Some of the positions that we need help with are:

**Set Up:** Friday, 10/25 from approximately 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Donations of food for "Directors Lounge":** The booster group donates food for all the directors that come for our Jazz Symposium. We are looking for: Main dishes, salads, bread/rolls, desserts, cold drinks. If you can provide ANY food donation, please contact Sherrill Leppich at 425-478-1989 OR email to: sherrill0904@hotmail.com

**Concession Stand:** We provide snacks and drinks for students to purchase at the Jazz Symposium. We will need 2-3 volunteers to man the table throughout the day.

**Check in table/Greeter:** Need two people to man this table throughout the day. One to greet directors and their groups as they arrive, provide them their packets and help answer any questions. Second volunteer will check in any student/parent volunteers that come to help at the Jazz Symposium and give them direction.

**Lead - for student guides:** This position helps check in the students who will be assigned to guide a school group to prepare for their performance, clinics, etc.

**Recording of school performances:** Need many volunteers to help with this. Volunteer will record either in theater when group is performing, or in one of the clinic rooms. Will need 3-4 video cameras and operators throughout the day.

**Downloading of recordings:** Need one/possibly two volunteers to download the recordings of performances/clinics to USB for each director to take back and have to review their bands. May need a laptop to bring to complete this.

**Gym monitors:** Need a volunteer to stay in gym and make sure that all students who enter abide by rules and watch over instruments.

**Theater ushers:** One to two volunteers throughout the day to stand at theater doors, hand out programs, remind those to not bring in food, etc.

**Booster table:** we will have a table to sell our MTHS Music Booster items. Will need a volunteer throughout the day to sell these items.

**Student guides:** Many student volunteers (preferably not Jazz band students as they will be attending event), to guide each band group through their time at symposium. Help with being an aide for each director that is attending, OR assist with back stage and setting up for each band to perform on stage.

**Currently the following parents have signed up to volunteer (BONUS POINTS TO YOU!):**

Karin Gates  
Nicola Cram  
Ruth Rhodes  
Fran Ryder  
Glenn Ryder  
Ken Bogle  
Julia Bogle  
Baseer Neri  
Paulina, Neri  
Preston Williams  
Lynn Baisch  
Tom Leppich  
Sherrill Leppich  
Greg Walrath  
Kara Oberstadt  
Jake Mykrantz  
Kami Otis  
Janna Greif

Don't miss out your opportunity to join these parent volunteers to help out with this great event. Whether you can help all day, or part of the day, we welcome ALL volunteers!!

PLEASE CONTACT SHERRILL LEPPICH OR MR. FAUL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP ALL DAY, PART OF THE DAY OR EVEN FOR JUST AN HOUR OR TWO. ALL AND ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. CONTACT SHERRILL LEPPICH AT 425-478-1989 OR EMAIL TO: MTHSMUSICBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM OR EMAIL MR. FAUL AT darinfaul@mthsbands.org.

## **Alumni Profile - Brian MacMillan**

*As I learn what some of our graduates are up to these days, I will include information in this newsletter about them. If you hear things, let me know!*

**Brian MacMillan** graduated from MTHS in 2000. He played saxophone in Jazz 2 and then Jazz 1 and sang in Dynamics. He was also involved in HBN, played sports, was in the school musical, and took challenging classes. Brian was very involved in the school and was the main HBN anchor at that time.

From his bio on the internet:

"Brian MacMillan grew up north of Seattle and has lived in the Northwest most of his life. His

television career started back in high school, where he covered several stories for CNN's Student Bureau, including the WTO riots in Seattle. From there, Brian graduated from the Edward R. Murrow School of Communication and the Honors College at Washington State University. He enjoyed some great years of WSU football while he was there, taking road trips to Auburn, Alabama and the Rose Bowl. Brian also graduated with a B.S. in Meteorology from Mississippi State University, and has his Broadcast Meteorology Certification from there as well.



Brian is currently a meteorologist for FOX 12's Good Day Oregon and a reporter weeknights. He joined the FOX 12 team in August of 2009. Brian was recently honored with the Oregon Associated Press award for Best Weathercast and has several other awards for his work in news and weather. He produces and hosts the Northwest Weather Podcast with Chief Meteorologist Mark Nelsen.

Brian came to the Rose City from Bend, Oregon, where he was part of the inaugural team at KOHD, the new ABC affiliate. You can catch Brian around town taking in a Blazers or Timbers game, enjoying Portland's great restaurants and theater, or trying to find his ball on the golf course."

## MTHS Student Profile - Andrew Sumabat

*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!*

**Andrew Sumabat** is new to Mountlake Terrace High School this year as an incoming Freshman. Andrew attending Brier Terrace Middle School and was involved in the band program under the direction of Mrs. Zumbo.

When Andrew was in 3rd grade, he started to become interested in joining school band. The moment he realized he was going to definitely join band was when he watched Jack Walters perform at a Quad concert. After that, he was sold and wanted to be a part of the band program. Andrew joined band in the 5th grade and started out playing the clarinet, but in 6th grade he decided to try the trombone and was hooked. Andrew finds the trombone to be very interesting and fun to play and takes weekly lessons to continue working at his craft.

Andrew is currently playing trombone in Jazz Ensemble 1. When asked what he would like to improve on, Andrew said he would like to work on playing better solos. This is his main goal and looks forward to working hard at performing solos at any of the Jazz 1 performances this year. I asked Andrew if he could take one lesson from anyone in the music industry, who would that be? He answered, "Wynton Marsalis". Andrew is looking forward to possibly participating in Essentially Ellington and meeting Wynton Marsalis, if Jazz 1 makes it to the competition in New York, and hearing Wynton play trumpet.

Andrew's family consists of his Dad, Mom and little sister. His mom played flute in high school and just plays for fun today. His little sister is interested in being in band when she gets to 5th grade, maybe playing the piano. When not practicing or taking lessons, Andrew loves to hang out with his friends and listens to Jazz. He also enjoys the music from the 1980's. He likes to go see action packed movies and occasionally will read sci-fi books.

After high school, Andrew is hoping to continue his education at the University of Washington, possibly taking classes to become an Engineer. If he was to give any student advise about band it would be to "practice, practice, practice and to stick with it."

