

August 3, 2011

Dear Midland High School Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Chemic Band Family! The information in this packet should help you prepare for your participation in one of the finest band programs in the state of Michigan.

Included is detailed information about our pre-season drills and our schedule for the year. PLEASE PUT THIS PACKET IN A SAFE PLACE, SO YOU MAY REFER TO IT AS NEEDED.

One of the big changes we have this year is our parent meeting, which used to happen on the second Tuesday of pre-season drills. We have moved that meeting to the student registration night, on Sunday, August 21 at 6 PM. This has been done with the hopes of streamlining your schedule as families. Details of this meeting are included in the pre-season schedule attached to this letter.

Another change is when we will be checking out uniforms. Please see the attached schedule.

Below are a few other highlights and announcements for our upcoming season.

- The website for all MHS Music information is <mhsmusicparents.com>. This website will answer many questions our band program.
 - Evening marching band rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings after school starts -- Adjust your schedule now. Work is not an acceptable excuse to miss rehearsals or performances.
 - Game night rehearsals will begin at 5:30 PM except for the Dow game, which is a 5:00 PM call time.
 - Special Percussion Camp - Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18 and 19th, 9 AM-Noon.
 - Leadership Camp Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18th and 19th, 9 AM-4:30 PM (Lunch provided)
 - Band Student Registration AND PARENT NIGHT are on Sunday, August 21 at 6 PM.
 - Concert Band Sectionals will be on Wednesday and Thursday mornings this year through October 6.
 - Uniform Checkout is scheduled during the week. Please find your time.
 - August 29,30, 31. - Evening Rehearsals.
 - September 1- afternoon cook out and pool party at Plymouth Park. All band members and families invited. This is a volunteer event. More details to be announced during camp.
- **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to let us know in writing immediately if you cannot make all or part of our preseason drills. Squad assignments will be adjusted accordingly.**
- Note - MEMORIAL DAY (May 28, 2012) PARADE IS A REQUIRED PERFORMANCE. Please adjust your schedule now.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. The sounds of CHEMIC PRIDE will be here very soon!

Sincerely,



Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Peretz

You may contact us by e-mail or leave a note in the main office. E-mail is the most effective way to reach us.

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Midland High School Chemie Marching Band PRE-SEASON DRILL INFORMATION

WHERE ARE THE PRE-SEASON DRILLS?

Our pre-season drills take place at Midland High School. During full camp, we use the practice field (between Parkdale and MHS), the football field, and several rooms in Midland High.

DRILL SCHEDULE

See Pre-season calendar in this letter for specific daily times.

WHAT TO BRING

Your instrument, instrument accessories, flip folder, lyre to hold music (unless you are a tuba, baritone, or percussionist), pencil, rubber bands, sunscreen, possibly a hat to keep the sun off, water bottle with your name on it (for those hot days), meals if you are not going home between rehearsals, reeds (woodwinds) oil (brass), and above all --- a great attitude.

WHAT TO WEAR

Be comfortable. Good tennis shoes are a must. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MARCH IN SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, OR BARE FEET.** Shorts and t-shirts work great outside. You might wish to wear a hat to keep the sun off.

RULES

All school rules apply while at pre-season drills. **BE ON TIME - WHICH MEANS ---- GET THERE EARLY!!!!**

HOW DO I PREPARE?

1. **Get your chops in shape.** You must be able to play very difficult music for long periods of time. If you do not practice before band camp, you will be unprepared for the rehearsals we will have. Please pick up your horn and play it. You will be VERY thankful you did so.
2. **Get your body in shape.** Wind sprints and exercise are important. Our marching style is very strenuous and **REQUIRES PEOPLE TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.**
3. **Get your instrument in shape.** Your instrument needs to be in good working Order. All repairs should be done before band camp starts. Do not come to our rehearsals unprepared.
4. **Get your brain in shape.** We teach positive attitude and enthusiasm. Those are the most important qualifications of any band member.

Remember --- You will be successful if you try hard.

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Pre-season Information (continued)

WHAT TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR UNIFORM

Black dress shoes with a raised heel (not too high). Students need to have black dress shoes for marching band. The shoe must have a raised heel so the spat strap can go underneath without being stepped on. Tennis shoes are not acceptable. Do not get patent leather shoes. Listed below are two brands and several companies that make shoes specifically designed for marching. However, any dress black shoe will do as long as it has a raised heel and can be polished.

We have had very good luck with the **MTX marching shoe (from Director's Showcase brand)**. There is also a new brand out that is getting rave reviews. This one is called the **Super DrillMasters marching shoe**. They both have traction on the bottom and are more comfortable than a traditional dress shoe.

If you go to one of the websites below, you can compare prices of these and other brands of shoes.

DrillComp 1-866-374-5526 www.drillcomp.com
The Bandman's Company 1-800-323-3770 <www.bandmans.com>
Orefice Ltd. 1-800-968-2007 <www.oreficeltd.com>
Smith Walbridge Band Products 1-800-285-1487 <www.swbandproducts.com>

Black socks

Dark Blue T-Shirt. Band t-shirts are available for purchase at camp if needed.

White Gloves - Available at camp.

Regular uniform dry-cleaning during the season

*****Please let directors know if you should have any problems purchasing equipment for the band uniform.

***** Note - Wear your marching shoes and short pants for uniform fittings.
No exceptions!

QUESTIONS?

Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Peretz will be available through e-mail and/or notes in their MHS mailbox. Please feel free to use the following e-mail addresses. ALSO -- please feel free to browse the MHS Music Parents Website at: <www.mhsmusicparents.com>.

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-You ----- are about to participate in one of the finest band programs in the entire State of Michigan.

-You ----- are a valuable person in the band, no matter who you are.

-You ----- will make this band experience whatever you wish it to be -- good or bad.

-You ----- are part of an amazing group of people. Remember to treat this band and everyone in it with respect.

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**Midland High School Marching Band
Pre-Season Drill Schedule**

Thursday August 18, 2011 - Band Room -
LEADERSHIP CAMP/PERCUSSION CAMP

For all percussionists, squad leaders, section leaders, drum majors, and any veteran band students who would like to attend.

9 AM - Noon - Preparation of the facilities and music with the winds. Full percussion section rehearsal. **Leadership Uniform fitting at this time.**
Noon – 1:30 PM - Lunch (provided to leadership participants)
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM - Chemic Band Leadership Training (including percussion captain and section leaders)

Friday, August 19, 2011 - Band Room
LEADERSHIP CAMP/PERCUSSION CAMP

9 AM - Noon - Preparation of the facilities and music with the winds. Full percussion section rehearsal.
Noon – 1:30 PM - Lunch (provided to leadership participants)
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM - Chemic Band Leadership Training (including percussion captain and section leaders)

Sunday Evening, August 21, 2011 - Band Room
BAND STUDENT REGISTRATION AND PARENT MEETING

6 PM – Music wing at Midland High School (East side of school).

All students will pick up locker assignments, school instruments, music, handbook, and meet section leaders.

Parents will have an informational meeting while students are registering. This meeting will include uniform care, student responsibilities, student opportunities in the program, fundraiser information. (This meeting used to take place during the second week of pre-season drills, but has been moved to streamline family schedules. There will still be a “parent” performance on August 30 in the stadium, but no meeting before that performance).

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Monday, August 22, 2011

9 AM - Noon - FULL BAND Rehearsal - Winds report to music rooms. Percussionists on practice field.
Noon until done - ***SENIOR UNIFORM CHECKOUT*** - wear your marching shoes and shorts - no exceptions.
Noon - 1:30 PM - Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Freshmen Camp and leadership students / Full Percussion Rehearsal.
4:30 - 6 PM - Dinner (on your own)
6 PM - 9 PM - Sectional Rehearsal - All report to sectional rooms, then outside.

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

9 AM - Noon - FULL BAND Rehearsal - Brass and Woodwinds report to music rooms. Percussionists on practice field.
Noon - 1:30 PM - Lunch (on your own)
Noon - 1:30 PM - ***JUNIOR UNIFORM CHECKOUT***- wear your marching shoes and shorts - no exceptions.
1:30 PM until finished - ***SOPHOMORE UNIFORM CHECKOUT*** - wear your marching shoes and shorts - no exceptions.
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Freshmen Camp and leadership students / Full Percussion Rehearsal.
4:30 - 6 PM - Dinner (on your own)
6 PM - 9 PM - Sectional Rehearsal - All report to sectional rooms, then outside.

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

9 AM - Noon - FULL BAND Rehearsal on practice field
Noon - 1:30 PM - Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Full Band - All report to sectional rooms.
4:30 - 6 PM - Dinner (on your own)
6 PM - 9 PM - Full Band - All report to sectional rooms.

Thursday, August 25, 2011

9 AM - Noon - Full Band Rehearsal on practice field
Noon - 1:30 PM - Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Full Band - All report to sectional rooms.
4:30 - Dinner (on your own)
6 PM - 9 PM - FULL BAND - All report to sectional rooms.

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Friday, August 26, 2011

9 AM-Noon - FULL BAND Rehearsal on practice field
Noon - Lunch (on your own)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Sectional Rehearsal – All report to sectional rooms, then outside.
Free Evening

Monday, August 29, 2011

9 AM - volunteer pep band (veteran band members only) for freshman orientation.
1:00 PM (or after Freshmen orientation) until finished -
UNIFORM FITTING - Freshmen and anyone else who doesn't have a uniform yet. Wear your marching shoes and shorts for uniform fittings. No exceptions.
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Full Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Full Band Rehearsal on practice field. BRING UNIFORM.
8:00 PM – Pre-Season Performance IN UNIFORM in stadium, Come see and hear the 2011 Chemie Marching Band for the first time.

Wednesday, September 31, 2011

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - **Full Band Rehearsal** - Last rehearsal of pre-season.

Thursday, September 2, 2010 ----- Afternoon

ALL BAND MEMBERS AND FAMILIES INVITED TO

A PLYMOUTH PARK

COOKOUT AND POOL PARTY!!!!!!

Details to be announced during camp

Midland High School Bands Calendar -- 2011-2012

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Date	Event	Time	Place	Status
August 18-19, 2011	Leadership Camp, Percussion Camp	See Pre-S. Schedule	MHS	Band Leadership and percussion /Required
August 21, 2011	Marching Registration, Parent night	7 PM	MHS Bandroom	Opening meeting
August 22-26, 2011	Pre Season Drills	See Pre-Ssn Schedule	MHS	Rehearsals/Required
August 29, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6 :00 PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
August 30, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal <u>Open rehearsal in stadium</u>	6:00PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field / Stadium	Rehearsal/Required
August 31, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 1, 2011	<i>Cookout/Pool party</i>	Afternoon TBA	Plymouth Park	Students/Parents/Families invited
September 6, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
Starting Sept 7 until Oct. 6	<u>SECTIONALS - Concert Bands</u>	6:45- 7:30AM	Band room	Rehearsals/Required
September 9, 2011	Home Football Game	5:30 PM	MHS Stadium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
September 13, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 16, 2011	Home Football Game	5:30 PM Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
September 20, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 22, 2011	MHS Blue and Gold Card Blitz Night	TBA	MHS and all over town	Volunteer fund raiser
September 27, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 4, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM -9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 7, 2011	Home Football Game (Homecoming)	5:30 PM Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
October 11, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Football Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 12, 2011	Midland Marching Festival	Evening - TBA	Football Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
October 14, 2011	Home Football Game (Middle School Game)	5:30 PM Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
October 18, 2011	Marching Band Rehearsal	8:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 21, 2011	Home Football Game (MIDLAND vs. DOW)	<u>5:00PM</u> Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
Oct. 28 or 29, 2011	Football Game (PLAYOFF)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required*</u>
November 4 or 5, 2011	Football Game (PLAYOFF)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required*</u>
November 11 or 12, 2010/11	Football Game (playoff)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
November 14, 2011	Rhapsody Rehearsal - JAZZ BAND and solo/emsemble	6:30 PM	Center for the Arts	JAZZ BAND/Required

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Midland High School Bands Calendar -- 2011-2012

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Date	Event	Time	Place	Status
November 17, 2011	Rhapsody Rehearsal - FULL BAND	5:30 PM	Center for the Arts	Rehearsal/Required
November 18, 2011	Rhapsody Rendezvous	6:30 PM Call Time	Call Center for the Arts	PERFORMANCE/Required
November 19, 2011	Football Game (playoff)	TBA	TBA	PERFORMANCE/Required
November 19, 2011	Santa Parade	9:30 AM call time	MHS for parade Game TBA	PERFORMANCE/Required
November 25 or 26, 2011	Football Game (FINALS)	TBA	Ford Field, Detroit	PERFORMANCE/Required
December 6, 2011	Basketball Pep Band (Girls)	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
December 9, 2011	Basketball Pep Band (Boys)	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
December 14, 2011	Winter Concert - Symphonic Band	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE/Required
December 20, 2011	Winter Concert- Blue & Gold Concert	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE/Required
December 21, 2011	Basketball Pep Band (Girls)	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
Starting Week of January 9, 2012	SECTIONALS - Symphonic Band Only	6:45-7:30 AM	Band room	Rehearsals/Required - WW -Wed., Brass-Thursdays
January 10, 2012	Basketball Pep Band (Boys)	6:45 PM	Meet in Band Room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
January 13, 2012	Basketball Pep Band (Girls)	7:00 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
January 24, 2012	Basketball Pep Band (Boys)	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
February 3, 2012	Basketball Pep Band (Boys)	7:00 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
February 7, 2012	Basketball Pep Band (Girls)	7:00 PM	Meet in Band room	Performance - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
February 18, 2012	Senior High S/E Festival (all bands)	TBA	Saginaw Heritage HS	Extra Credit
February 21, 2012	Concert Bands Pre-Fest. Concert	7:30 PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE / Required
February 22, 2012	Sym. Band Pre-Fest. Concert with Dow	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE/Required
March 2 and 3, 2012	H.S. Band Festival (All Bands)	TBA	TBA	PERFORMANCE/Required
March 24, 2012	State Solo/Ensemble Festival (all bands)	TBA	TBA	Extra Credit
May 15, 2012	Concert Bands Spring Concert	8:00 PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE/Required
May 17, 2012	Symphonic Band Spring Concert	8:00PM	Central Auditorium	PERFORMANCE/Required
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day Parade (All Bands)	9:30 AM Call Time	TBA	PERFORMANCE/Required
May 30, 2012	Senior Dinner (tentative)	7 PM	TBA	Not required, but fun!!!
June 1, 2012	Graduation -Sym Band	6:20 PM	MHS Gym	PERFORMANCE/Required for Symphonic Band

MHS BAND 2011-2012 FALL SCHEDULE

PRE-SEASON BAND

- August 18 and 19—Section and Squad Leader, Percussion Camp.
August 21 (7 PM) —Registration/Music pickup/Locker assignments/
Instrument Checkout in band room for all students.
August 22-26 -----Full Band Camp (Percussion camp will run
simultaneously with full band camp
~~August 26 (6:15 PM) Pop Band (volunteer) performance at football game~~
August 29, 30-----Uniform checkout during the day. Detailed schedule TBA
August 29 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM
August 30-----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM
August 31 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM
September 1 -----Pool Party/Cookout - Plymouth Park (tentative)

AFTER SCHOOL STARTS

Full Marching Band Rehearsals
during the school year
will begin on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
(beginning September 6 to October 20)

- September 9-- Home Football Game
September 16-- Home Football Game
October 7 - Home Football Game (Homecoming)
(Middle School Visits) October 12-- Marching Band Festival
October 14 -- Home Football Game
October 21 -- Home Football Game (Dow)
All Football Playoff Games - TBA
November 14, 17 - Rhapsody Rehearsals
November 18 -- Rhapsody Rendezvous
November 19 -- Santa Parade
December 14 - Symphonic Band / Orchestras Winter Concert
December 20 - Chemic Blue Band/Gold Band Winter Concert

NOTE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONAL TIMES

CONCERT Band Sectionals - 6:45 AM

Woodwinds - beginning Wednesday, September 7, through October 5
Brass - Thursdays beginning September 8 through October 6

SYMPHONIC Band Sectionals

6:45 AM

beginning in January through early March--Wednesday -Woodwinds, Thursday -Brass

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