

MHS Band Feedback Survey RESULTS
Survey conducted April 2009

1. I have a band student(s) in the following grades (check as many as apply):

| | Percent | Number |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Currently in 9 th | 46.5% | 20 |
| Currently in 10 th | 30.2% | 13 |
| Currently in 11 th | 16.3% | 7 |
| Currently in 12 th | 20.9% | 9 |
| Incoming 8 th grader | 11.6% | 5 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

2. This is my first student that has participated in Band

| | Percent | Number |
|-------|---------|--------|
| Yes | 48.8% | 21 |
| No | 51.2% | 22 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

3. Which activities/information were the most helpful to you?

| | Very helpful | Helpful | Somewhat | Not helpful | Number |
|--|--------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Brochure sent home with student in 8th grade (if applicable) | 45.8% | 29.2% | 16.7% | 8.3% | 24 |
| Announcements at 8th grade spring band concert (if applicable) | 44.4% | 37% | 18.5% | 0% | 27 |
| 1st summer letter from Band (sent to home June/July) | 81% | 19% | 0% | 0% | 42 |
| 2nd summer letter from Band (sent to home July/August) | 78.6% | 19% | 2.4% | 0% | 42 |
| Open House prior to Band Camp | 39.5% | 36.8% | 21.1% | 2.6% | 38 |
| Parent Night (just after Band Camp) | 46.3% | 39% | 12.2% | 2.4% | 41 |
| Having access to the Band Reps | 29.4% | 47.1% | 20.6% | 2.9% | 34 |
| MHS Music Parents meetings | 16.7% | 46.7% | 23.3% | 13.3% | 30 |
| Band Update emails | 93% | 7% | 0% | 0 | 43 |
| Music Parents website | 41.7% | 30.6% | 25% | 2.8% | 36 |
| Uniform powerpoint on website | 24.1% | 41.4% | 27.6% | 6.9% | 29 |
| Other | | | | | 2 |

4. Regarding the list in #3, do you have suggestions for how any of these can be made better? If yes, please list the item(s) and your suggestion.

- Perhaps tell only the most important things (fundraisers, dates, etc.). I was overwhelmed at the first meeting with announcements. I wish the band emails and website would have been available when we joined.
- The website is basic, but informational. Need reminders to refer to it, perhaps in the email updates. Band Open House is not helpful. It's the same as Parent Night, I'd rather the later, since we get to watch the band play.
- Email is fabulous! The website helps when I misplace information/forms so don't stop that. You do a great job!
- It would be nice to have an on-line calendar of events so I can reference it during the day from work.
- Some of these (especially Open House and Parent Night) seem to have the same information and so maybe combine the two? Or maybe state that the same information will be given out. I know you are trying to reach as many parents as you can, but if you know ahead of time that the info is the same, then one doesn't have to rearrange schedules to make sure they are present when it really wasn't necessary.
- I really value the schedule that is sent out in the summer. The two mailings are essentially the same. I wonder if they can't be combined into one. It's hard to find the changes. Also, I really valued the band update emails. I struggled at various times during the year to get information about call times for concerts because my student wasn't bringing it home in a timely fashion.
- People are trying to plan summer activities and vacation now. Information on next year's band camp dates would be helpful.
- The email updates are absolutely crucial to me. Please keep doing them.
- I would benefit most by receiving detailed info by email, such as brochures, powerpoints, handbooks, etc.
- Don't remember receiving the brochure from my student. Maybe mail them out directly? Music parents meetings didn't make me feel like I was part of the g group but instead made me feel like I was an outsider so I don't attend anymore.
- Parent Night is way too long. Put out the sign up sheets, do a quick uniform demo and that's it.
- Update website on a regular basis.

5. Several parents have indicated an interest in coordinating a group order over the summer for Marching Band shoes. Would that be of interest to you?

| | Percent | Number |
|-------|---------|--------|
| Yes | 20.5% | 8 |
| No | 66.7% | 26 |
| Maybe | 12.8% | 5 |
| Other | | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 39 |

6. Do you have other suggestions for information/activities that would help you and your student have the information you need to prepare for fall and/or participate in Marching Band?

- I love the emails. I have previously had a child graduate in 2007 who spent four years in band. Now that I have a freshman again, I am much impressed with this years communications. I think it's the emails. I love 'em!
- Send out notification about band camp to 8th graders for high school earlier in the year. We had booked a summer camp at the same time as band camp by January of 8th grade. With my first child I was clueless about band in high school.
- Email schedules ASAP
- These emails and the website have been extremely helpful. Hours for uniform turn in should be extended for working parents. It is hard to get to the school by 5:30pm. The kids can't always bring the uniforms and stuff them in their lockers, nor do you want them to. I remember later hours in the past...
- Have all the forms and dates clearly available on the website. Extend the date of this survey with its announcement in the spring concert programs. Somehow we missed it.
- I have heard that we will be putting together our own Gold Cards. This is Great. Is there more info on the website? What is the web address?
- Having a co-op band teacher or co-op secretary for the band director, so all questions and appointments are kept.
- Would like to know the dates for band camp, including pre-camp percussion sessions, as soon as possible.
- I think you all have done a fabulous job! It has been a great year so far!
- You work hard and do a great job!
- Thanks to all the band parents who are available to answer questions and for keeping us all informed.
- Emails are great.
- Love the band cards. Is there a problem with them? Seems I heard just a discussion about next year but no follow up news.
- Instead of just the band reps maybe some volunteer parents/upperclassmen whose phone numbers could be available to incoming freshmen and their families for questions, etc.
- Each email should contain the link to the band website.