

2010 – 2011 BAND PARENTS COMMUNICATIONS

May 23, 2011

Due to the power outage at Midland High today, Senior Dinner Sales and White Glove sales will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24. Thank you.

SENIOR DINNER TICKET SALES: Senior Students are free, all other attendees are \$20 each.

UNIFORM GLOVE SALES: These will also be on sale tomorrow below is the pricing: short wrist \$1.00, long wrist \$2.00, velcro wrist \$2.50

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: We will be lining up at Revere Street. 9:30 call time. The Symphonic Band will be remaining after the parade for a performance at the Central Park Band Shell. Please have your student check their uniform for fit and repairs. The repair room will NOT be open before the parade.

UNIFORM CHECK-IN: Uniforms will be turned in on Tuesday, May 31 from 2:30-6:00pm. We are welcoming contributions of \$10 to cover the uniform dry cleaning costs. Checks should be made to MHS Music Parents. We need parent volunteers to assist with the check-in process. If you are available to help (and we need help), please email Shannon Krueger at <mailto:eightkruegers@yahoo.com>. She will be out of town all next week so email her soon!

DETROIT SYMPHONY CONCERT: Mrs. Kathy Peretz sent an updated Chaperon list with the attendees and alternates. Notify Kathy with any changes or updates! Thank you!

May 17, 2011

SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT: **To the members of the Symphonic Band that play with the orchestra, please lend me your ear.** The Symphonic Orchestra is having their Spring Concert at the Midland Center for the Arts on Thursday, May 26th at 7:30pm. Symphonic band members that play with the orchestra should arrive at 6:00pm. Schaffert Studios will be taking individual and group shots of seniors at that time. Seniors should meet back stage in the Green Room. DRESS CODE: All boys will wear their tuxedos. Senior Girls may wear a formal dress. All other girls will wear all black with NO SHORT SKIRTS! COOKIE RECEPTION: We will be having a cookie reception after the concert and ask that you donate one dozen cookies. Please drop them off at the MCFTA Kitchen prior to the concert. Simply follow the signs.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCESTRA CONCERT: Plans have been finalized for the DSO Concert on Friday May 27th in Detroit! We will be leaving from Midland High School at 4:00pm. Please bring money (suggested amount \$15 per person) for dinner on the way down. PLEASE NOTICE: We have too many chaperones signed up to ride the buses down to the concert. Therefore, we will be updating our Chaperone lists based on the following seniority: 1.) Music Parent Board Members and Representatives first, then by 2.) Your student's seniority in the organization. Kathy Peretz will forward that updated list to you, please watch for it. If you are not secured a seat on the bus, you are still welcome to follow us down in your vehicle and we can get you a ticket with our group for \$21.95. You MUST let Kathy know if you are not on the bus and still wish to attend.

SENIOR DINNER TICKETS: Ticket sales for the Senior Dinner are coming along nicely. We are offering another opportunity for you to purchase them on Friday, May 20th in the band hallway during first and second lunches 10:45-12:30pm. Please contact Dorothy Marinan at 832-7878 if you need to make other arrangements. Date changed to Monday, May 23rd!

MARCHING UNIFORMS: The Memorial Day Parade is coming soon. Please check your student's uniform to make certain that it is in good repair and still fits your student. If you need assistance, please contact Shannon Krueger at 835-5540 or eightkruegers@yahoo.com. We will also be wearing our white gloves. Please be sure they are clean! Students may purchase them on Monday, May 23rd, during 1st and 2nd lunch (10:45-12:30pm). Gloves are anywhere from \$2 - \$5 ... please bring correct change :). We will not have them available the day of the parade.

PARADE INFORMATION:

WHERE: We are leading the parade this year and will be lining up on Revere Street near Thrune Park. Call time is 9:30am. We will end at King's Daughter's on Rodd Street at approximately 11am. Plan to pick your student up there.

PERFORMANCE: The Symphonic Band members will be performing in front of the Central Band Shell for the public. Plan on them staying later than 11am.

WATER: We will be providing water for ALL the members of the Chemic Marching Band under the tree at King's Daughters when the parade is finished. If you are interested in helping with that, please respond to this email.

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DISNEY FINAL PAYMENT: Yes, another update about the final Disney payment yet still no final answer. PLEASE KNOW that we are actively working on this! We do not want to collect the wrong amount. (Too much would mean refunds and too little would be a disservice to you as a paying parent/student - besides WAY TOO MUCH PAPER WORK! LOL) I expect to have answers soon.

May 5, 2011

SENIOR DINNER: The invitations for the Senior Dinner should have been received by now.

PRICING: 2011 Graduates receive complimentary tickets. All other tickets are \$20.00 each.

TICKETS are being sold on Thursday & Friday, May 12 & 13th in the Band hallway during first and second lunches - 10:45am - 12:30pm, and at our spring concerts (see below). Tickets must be purchased through a Senior student or parent.

WHEN & WHERE: Midland Country Club, Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Doors open at 6:30pm - DINNER PROMPTLY AT 7:00pm.

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW: The deadline has passed to submit any photos for the Senior Slide Show.

SPRING CONCERTS:

SYMPHONIC BAND: 8pm on Tuesday, May 10 at Central Auditorium - Call Time is 7:30pm.

BLUE and GOLD CONCERT BANDS: 8pm on Thursday, May 12 at Central Auditorium - Call Time is 7:30pm.

(REMEMBER: Senior Banquet Tickets are on sale.)

UPCOMING DATES:

Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 30 at 9:30am downtown (I do not know the specific street we will line up on, but it's over by Throne Park. Please have your student listen for the correct location.) At the conclusion of the parade, there will be water available for all band members. The Symphonic Band students will also perform in front of the Central Band Shell. Please plan accordingly.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS BONUS: I have gotten feedback that you are all re-registering for your Kroger Community Rewards Program that pays 5% back to the Music Department at Midland High. Did you ALSO know that you can receive \$.10/Gallon of gas with your Rewards Card at any Kroger or Shell Gas Station? When you register online, you can create an alternate ID (usually it's your phone number) and simply enter that at the pump and receive your \$10 off. (This is based on your "points" - for every \$100 spent at Kroger, you receive \$10 off for one fill-up (no limit). If you spend \$500 in groceries, you will receive \$10 off / gallon on five (5) fill-ups that month.

FINAL DISNEY PAYMENT: We are still waiting to hear from the Tour Company to find out the final payment amount. Remember, when we receive that final information, you will receive a statement with a record of all your payments and your total balance in your account, the total cost of the trip, and finally your BALANCE DUE. These will be mailed to your home. That statement will also have the FINAL DUE DATE FOR YOUR PAYMENTS. [PLEASE wait for that statement to come - we won't have any new information](#)

May 1, 2011

FINAL DISNEY PAYMENT: We are working with the Tour Company to find out the final payment amount. This will be in the first two weeks of May. When we receive that final information, you will receive a statement with a record of all your payments and your total balance in your account, the total cost of the trip, and finally your BALANCE DUE. These will be mailed to your home. That statement will also have the FINAL DUE DATE FOR YOUR PAYMENTS. PLEASE wait for that statement to come - we won't have any new information until then.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: We are the first band this year which means that we will be playing in front of the (fenced off) band shell at Central Park. More details to follow in that. I, personally am not sure if all the bands (Symphonic, Gold and Blue) are playing at the shell. In the past, it has been only the symphonic band. For some of you that have done "WATER DUTY" we are also figuring out those details as well. Again, please be patient as we work on this.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: Rewards for Chemic Music are linked to use of your Kroger Plus Card. **We earn 5% on most transactions (typical alcohol and tobacco restrictions apply.)** Kroger Plus Cards are available at no charge, and enable the user to save money on in-store specials. Last quarter alone we had 28 people participating and raised \$288 for our program. If everyone was registered, think of how much we could raise by simply buying groceries and feeding our families! After the initial set up it requires no extra work on your part. Whenever you scan your Kroger Rewards card, it automatically donates to the fund.

Many music parents are already enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you already participate, Thank-you! **It's time to re-enroll before May 1st to keep your Rewards card actively donating to the MHS Music Parents.** Encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to register. If you NOT have enrolled yet, please join!!
How do I get started?

If you DO NOT have a Kroger Plus Card, you need to pick up an application that is available at the Kroger Customer Service Desk and fill out the quick easy form.

When you have your Kroger Plus Card, you can register online. Follow these prompts. You need to become an online user to access Kroger Community Rewards. You give an email address and specify a password. PLEASE NOTE: We are NPO (non-profit organization) 83406 (Midland H. S. Music Parents Assoc.)

To Register and use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

- Be Sure to have your Kroger Rewards Card with you.
- Go online to http://www.kroger.com/mykroger/Pages/community_rewards.aspx (or Google "Kroger Community Rewards" to find the website.
- Click on "Register

Go online to .

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Register online. Google "". Select "Kroger- My Kroger – Community Rewards". Select location – "Michigan" box.
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up. .
- Click on "Sign In/Register"
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter **83406** (NPO/ Non-Profit Organization number for Midland H. S. Music Parents Assoc.)
- Select Midland H. S. Music Parents Assoc. by clicking circle.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your account information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must scan their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

April 21, 2011

DETROIT SYMPHONY CONCERT:

As some of you may be aware, the Detroit Symphony has been on strike most of the year as they were asked to take a significant pay cut.

Just this past week, they have come back and we have the opportunity to attend a concert on the evening of Friday, May 27. (Please keep in mind that this is the Friday of Memorial weekend.) The plan is to leave MHS at 4:00 pm, have dinner on the way, attend the concert and return to Midland after the concert.

We had 179 students in orchestra and band indicate that they would very much like to go on this fieldtrip. Please talk it over with your child AND RSVP THROUGH YOUR STUDENT AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY.

We need a firm commitment in order to get the very special discount tickets (on the main floor!)

We also need chaperones if you would like to go with us. There is no cost for students or chaperones, except money for dinner.

April 1, 2011

MHS Music Parents Board Meeting: The next meeting is on Monday, April 18 at 7pm in the band room. As a parent, you have a say! We encourage you to come to the next meeting SPECIFICALLY to vote for the band representatives next year. These are three positions held by people like you who help make our music programs run smoothly! Ballots will be available (via email) so you can view who will be representing you. If you would like to learn more, or would simply like to voice your vote, please feel free to show up! We would love to have you there! Please Contact the MHS Music Parents President, Mark Marinan at mdmarinan@charter.net for more information.

MHS Senior Dinner Slide Show: Lee Schaffert has agreed to do our senior slide show again this year. Any SENIORS that wish to be included will need to submit their photos. It's time to dig up those pictures of your student at the 5th grade concert or other musical photos. Collect those memories and either submit hard copies or burn them to a CD. We will collect photos/CD's with your student's name written in marker on the CD, at school for Lee to pick up through Friday, April 22nd. If you miss the school deadline, it will be YOUR responsibility to contact Lee and get your photos to him by May 1st. His contact information is : Schaffert Studios, (989) 687-6884, 3444 N. Meridian Rd., Sanford, Michigan 48657. Any photos or CD's will not be returned.

Upcoming Dates:

4th Grade Orchestra Strings Concert (Rescheduled!) Director, Kirk Smith is back!
Thursday, April 14~ Musicians report at 7:30am at the MCFTA

Symphonic Band Spring Concert:
8pm on Tuesday, May 10 at Central Auditorium

Blue and Gold Band Spring Concert
8pm on Thursday, May 12 at Central Auditorium

Memorial Day Parade:
Monday, May 30 at 9:30 downtown

April 1, 2011

Disney Payment:

- Our next Disney payment is going to be collected on Wed & Thurs, April 6 & 7. **The amount due is \$160 with checks payable to Midland High School.**
- Some also received personal emails that their student does not have a permission form signed by both the parent & student. The required form was attached to the email. They will not be allowed to attend the trip without this. Please be sure and sign that form and send it in.
- Room sign up is also coming soon so have your student be thinking about what group of four (including themselves) they want to spend the wee hours of the morning with!

Senior Dinner:

The Senior Dinner for all music departments at MHS will be held on Wednesday, June 1st. It will be held at the newly built Midland Country Club. Please mark this on your calendar now to hold the date! Watch for a letter to all seniors for more information regarding ticket sales and prices.

Senior Slide Show:

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Festival Results:

Wow! What an excellent showing for Midland High School as all three bands, Blue, Gold and Symphonic, received straight I's. Excellent job students! We are so proud! Thank you parents for travelling to Frankenmuth and St. Johns to support our kiddos and the music program. Thank you from me, personally, to the chaperones who willingly rode the buses with the students. It is an easy task, yet something that we need people to do. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer that way!

February 8, 2011

CLARIFICATIONS:

1. YES, Symphonic Band IS performing on a different date! That is NOT a typo! Attendance conflicts among the students prompted a switch back to the original date.
2. The Symphonic Band is stopping for dinner in St. Johns. **You must bring your own money!** This is not funded by the music program.
3. I have lots of Chaperones for Gold band... Could still use a few for Blue Band. :)

PREVIOUS EMAIL INFORMATION:

CHAPERONES: Please note that I need four (4) chaperones for each band.

Blue Band: Brenda Strobel, (Need 3 more)

Gold Band: Steve Weckle, Chris Peeler (Need 2 more)

Symphonic Band: Debbi Sandow, Tammy Naffie, Nancy Peeler (Need 1 more)

Please note that I have a couple names on a separate list as *only if needed* so if you really would like to chaperone, we could still use you! Please respond to this email ASAP!

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE/TIME SCHEDULES:

Please see below for your student's schedule. Please note that these are approximate times and may fluctuate as the dates get closer. Please KNOW that the PERFORMANCE TIMES will not change.

BLUE BAND: Saturday, March 12th at Frankenmuth High School

PERCUSSION LOAD THE TRUCK: 8:30am

REPORT/DEPARTURE TIME FROM MHS: 9:00am

ARRIVE & UNLOAD: 10:15am

WARM UP ROOM: 10:50am

PERFORMANCE TIME: 11:20am

DEPART FOR MIDLAND: 12:45pm

GOLD BAND: Saturday, March 12th at Frankenmuth High School

REPORT /DEPARTURE TIME FROM MHS: 11:15am

ARRIVE & UNLOAD: 12:20pm

WARM UP ROOM: 1:05pm

PERFORMANCE TIME: 1:35pm

PERCUSSION PACK/LOAD THE TRUCK: 2:40pm

DEPART FOR MIDLAND: 3:00pm

SYMPHONIC BAND: Saturday, March 19th at St. Johns High School

PERCUSSION PACK/LOAD THE TRUCK: 1:30pm

REPORT/DEPARTURE TIME FROM MHS: 2:00pm

ARRIVE & UNLOAD: 3:40pm

WARM UP ROOM: 4:25

PERFORMANCE TIME: 4:55pm

PERCUSSION PACK/LOAD THE TRUCK: 5:55pm

DEPART FOR MIDLAND: 6:30pm*

***We will be stopping in St. Johns for dinner before returning to Midland ... You must bring your own money!** This is not funded by the music program.

January 28, 2011

PEP BAND UPDATE: Looking at my last email, I believe I missed tonight's Pep Band Date. Please note there IS a pep band tonight. CALL TIME IS NOW CHANGED TO 6:30pm call time! (Report time had been 6:15pm but game times have been switched and we have been tweaking the call time, we believe it's going to stay consistent now at 6:30pm.)

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, Feb 1st (Girls)
- Friday, Feb 4th(Girls)
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BELOW ARE A FEW REMINDERS REPRINTED FROM THE LAST UPDATE:

Disney payments are due next week! See below for information.

MHS MUSIC PARENTS BOARD MEETING: Plan on attending our next board meeting in the band room to see what goes on behind the scenes, get involved or just ask that pressing question you may have!

WHERE: MHS Band Room

WHEN: Sunday, Jan 30th, 2011

TIME: 7:00-9:00pm

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Original Report time: 6:15pm. **CHANGED TO 6:30pm call time!**

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MSBOA BAND FESTIVAL: There are still some final details being worked out regarding our Festival performances on March 12th in Frankenmuth. Also again, please check your student's calendars NOW for any school conflicts (sports, drama, choir, etc) as this is still considered a REQUIRED PERFORMANCE. If you see that you have a conflict, please contact Bill Monroe DIRECTLY by email at <mailto:monroewh@mps.k12.mi.us> AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Being excused from this event will require a confirmation from Mr. Monroe, himself!

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January 21, 2011

BLUE LAKE FINE ARTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: Mr. Tom McNaughton, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp representative, will be hearing scholarship auditions next Thurs., Jan 27th during music classes. Funds are available to apply toward BLFAC fees for this summer!

SYMPHONIC BAND SECTIONALS: Symphonic Band Sectionals have begun. Be sure your student comes in the mornings as these are required. If your student does not have transportation, please contact Bill Monroe ASAP.

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December 20, 2010

Well, the Winter Concert was fabulous! The Mallet-heads were a great addition to the performance ~ thanks Mallet-heads! It was all a great kick-off to the Christmas season.

PEP BAND: The next pep band is tomorrow, Tues, Dec 21st. Call time: 6:15 pm Notice the time change! We have been missing out on some playing time so we are asking that students arrive a bit earlier to get us down to the gym in a timely manner. The more Chemic Pep Band the better!

MAESTRO WANNA BE: Who would YOU like to see conduct the Midland Symphony Orchestra? Contest starts Dec. 4 and runs through April 1, 2011.

Dow High v. Midland High!

Who will win: GREEN & gold or BLUE & gold?

Vote for your favorite "Maestro Wannabe" candidate by pledging \$1 per vote. It's easy! Pick up an envelope from Kathy or Bill at MHS, call the MCFTA Ticket Office at 989-631-8250, donate online, or cast your vote in the MCFTA lobby during the MSO's February 5, 2011, concert. Voting continues through Friday, April 1, 2011.

This year's contest continues the "delicious" twist to this fun fundraiser. Dine-in or take-out at [Pi's Chinese Restaurant](#) or [Genji Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar](#) anytime after 5 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays during the months of January, February

and March. Each restaurant will donate a portion of their nightly Monday and Tuesday proceeds to MSO. Ballots can be cast in the restaurant lobbies.

Watch the winner conduct at the April 16 MSO performance: [Dancing Dreams & Reveries!](#)

Maestro Wannabe Candidates:

- Kathy Peretz, Midland High Orchestra & Band Director
- Bill Monroe, Midland High Band Director
- Shirley Rose, Dow High Orchestra & Choir Director
- Steve Derees, Dow High Band Director

NEXT DISNEY PAYMENT: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE mark your calendar for the next Disney payment. The boosters will be **collecting payments of Thurs & Fri, Feb 3-4th**. The amount due this time is \$160. We are skipping the January payment to soften the Christmas pinch on our wallets. Thanks so much! And thank you to the boosters/parents who are sitting at the tables for those hours writing receipts, collecting, counting and depositing those checks/cash. That is a HUGE help for the directors!

December 20, 2010

I know many Dow High parents buy MHS Music Cards in September so please support the The Dow High Music Department's 37th Annual **CITRUS FRUIT SALE**. Stock up on fruit for you, your friends, your co-workers, your neighbors, and your extended family!

H.H. Dow High Music Department's 37th Annual Citrus Fruit Sale
Through January 10, 2011
Oranges \$18 per case
Grapefruit \$20 per case
Whole & Half Cases Available
DRIVE THROUGH PICK-UP
Saturday, February 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 13, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Dow High Band Room - Perrine Road Entrance
Order from a Dow High Music Student,
Stop in the Office, or Order by Phone: 631-7664
You can also purchase cases of oranges to donate to the Eastside Soup Kitchen

November 30, 2010

CONCERT DRESS FOR CONCERT SEASON:

- **Concert Blue and Gold Bands** - Concert dress for performances is all black dress clothes – no t-shirts, sweatshirts, black jeans, or black cargo pants. Ladies can wear dressy skirts or slacks; if they choose a skirt, please make sure it is long enough and full enough to cover their knees. Blouses or sweaters work well; shoulders should be covered, no white camisoles or skin showing at waist; black shoes and stockings. Gentlemen can wear black dress pants, and black shirts, shoes and socks.
- **Symphonic Band** - Concert dress for the ladies is same as for Concert Band (see above). For Symphonic Band, gentlemen wear tuxedos, available from MHS. If they choose to wear their own dress slacks with the tux jacket, please check that they are BLACK; no jeans or cargo pants. Gentlemen can wear any white dress shirt with a collar that will work with a bow tie, and need black dress socks and shoes.

ADDITIONAL TIDBIT FOR DECEMBER 9th CONCERT:

The Malleheads, a Resonators mallet ensemble that features several MHS students, will also be performing that night starting just before 7pm, playing holiday music for the audience's pleasure as they arrive and await the beginning of the concert. Please consider arriving early for some holiday cheer!

DISNEY PAYMENT:

The next Disney trip payment is coming due this Friday, December 3 in the amount of \$160. Band Reps will be available during 4th hour, through lunches, until 1:00 to collect your money! Remember to keep your receipts in a safe place. If you have just decided to join the trip, please send in a check for \$260 to guarantee your student's place, along with the Permission form.

November 23, 2010

BLUE/GOLD/SYMPHONIC BANDS: Thursday, December 9th is the winter Christmas concert. It is at the Central Middle School Auditorium. Call time for all bands is 7:00pm with the concert starting at 7:30pm. The other bands will sit and listen if their group is not playing.

SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA: Tuesday, December 14th is their Winter Christmas concert. It is at the Central Middle School Auditorium also. Call time is 7:00pm with the concert starting at 7:30pm.

MARCHING UNIFORMS: With the marching season finished for the year, now is a good time to get your student's uniform dry cleaned and hung up so it is fresh and ready for the Memorial Day Parade. We recommend Roth Cleaners. Wash those gloves, clean those spats, pack your shoes and hats. Put it all in your garment bag - ready for spring,

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November 18, 2010

Santa Parade Report time has been changed! **CALL TIME is 9:30am** on the practice field, full uniform, in attendance block!

RHAPSODY RENDEZVOUS TICKETS: The Midland High talent show sponsored by the MHS Music Parents will be held at the Midland Center for the Arts on Friday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m. The performance is SOLD OUT! If anyone has UNUSED tickets for Friday night, please

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November 12, 2010

RHAPSODY RENDEZVOUS:

- **Monday, Nov 15 Rehearsal:** This rehearsal is for other acts and band students are not required to show up.
- **Thursday, Nov 18 Rehearsal:** Call time is 5:30 on stage with your marching instrument and music ready for instruction. You will only be required to stay for our rehearsal portion so plan on being picked up at 6:30pm*. You do have the option to stay and listen quietly to the other acts. This is not a dress rehearsal - leave your uniform at home!

**If your student is in more than just the marching band performance, please be aware that his/her commitment may be more than just that first hour. It is their responsibility to know what the schedule is for the other acts.*

- **Friday, Nov 19 Performance:** Call time is 6:30-6:45pm. You will need to report back stage and be directed to the "holding area" for the band in the basement. The band is the last act to perform so you will need to CARRY your uniform and dress at the center. Feel free to bring cards, iPods, Gameboys, books, homework, etc. to entertain yourselves while waiting for our turn. There will be a closed circuit TV to watch the stage, but it is very low quality. There will be adult chaperones to keep track of time for when to get dressed in uniform and when to go upstairs and get into place.

SANTA PARADE:

Saturday, November 20: Call time is 9:00am at Midland High School in the band room. We will take attendance and then load the busses to begin our portion of the parade at Kroger on Ashman Street. We will replace the Dow High Band at that point and continue to the end (under the overpass on Main Street by the McKay Press parking lot). The busses will meet us there for anyone needing a ride back to Midland High School. Your student is not required to ride the bus back; you may simply take your student home if you choose. We will not do another headcount at the end of the parade.

November 8, 2010

RHAPSODY RENDEZVOUS TICKET SALES:

Ticket Sales begin: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010 (6:30 pm – 9:00 pm) in EYEBALL ALLEY

Continued sales dates:

- Thursday, November 11 thru Friday, November 19, before School (7:20 – 7:45 am) and at both lunches (10:45am – 12:30pm)

Please Note:

- Tickets will not be sold before 7:20 am, so that we do not interfere with the school office's start of the day.
- If there are any tickets left, they will be sold at the door on Friday, November 19th.

- Ticket sales will not be held during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

October 25, 2010

Playoff Game:

Saturday, October 30th,

7pm game time with a 5:30 call time for the band!

Be on the practice field ready to beat Fenton! This is a **required performance** and was on the calendar at the beginning of the year! Some students have questioned the "previous commitment" issue. If you have it on your green sheet turned in at the beginning of the year you are all set. If you have a "new" commitment that was not on the green sheet, then you are required to attend the game. As a parent, you may contact [Bill Monroe](#) with any further questions.

October 18, 2010

RHAPSODY RENDEZVOUS: Ticket Sales: No official word yet.

Band Photos with Schaffert Photography: [Schaffert Photography](#) will be at school on Mon, Oct 25th & Wed, Oct 27th to take photos of EVERYONE in the Chemic Marching Band. These will be used to make the large wall composite that is in the hallway. **Everyone is to bring their uniform jacket.** Even if you do not plan on purchasing pictures, your student will still have their picture taken in their uniform. If you plan on buying photos, your student must bring the money in the envelope and turn it in the day of the photo. If you wish to purchase a cardboard standup, please be sure that your student brings their full uniform to school that day! Racks will be available in the hall for storage.

SANTA PARADE: Saturday, November 20th is the Annual Santa Parade. Mark your calendar and watch for further details.

UPCOMING WINTER CONCERT: CLARIFICATION The concert is **THURSDAY, December 9th.** Our first concert of the season will be held at Central Auditorium. This will include the Symphonic Band, and the Blue and Gold Bands! We will expect all to attend and stay to listen to the other groups.

October 17, 2010

Lots on the list today! Here we go... in no particular order!

THANK YOU:

First, we would like to personally thank everyone who helps this program run smoothly: from the administration, teachers, and staff; to the parents and students. We thank the volunteers who help with water, uniforms, those who carry the percussion stands down to the stadium every game, those who dry off the bleachers so our students don't have to sit in the WET! Those who coordinate volunteers, locker signs and sell tickets/Blitz Cards. (You seriously didn't think I was going list everything, did you?!) You ALL make this program extremely successful and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! It's because of the teamwork that the Chemic Marching Band is able to perform to the standard of excellence that we do! Showcase was awesome this year and that is because of the quality of help that goes in behind the scenes to make things run smoothly. **CHEMIC PRIDE** saturates our music program!

Second, we would like to thank the administration for covering the salary costs for Roger Stevens and Judy Peterson. Roger and Judy are truly assets to our program as they give guidance and instruction to our percussion section throughout the year. This includes optional sectionals during the summer, band camp, Tuesday night rehearsals, and then Polar Bear Drums before school in the mornings during the second semester. We appreciate the administration acknowledging their value to our program.

RHAPSODY RENDEZVOUS:

Ticket Sales: I'm waiting to hear when they will go on sale. The holdup was waiting for the district to schedule the Parent/Teacher Conferences. Now that the calendar has been set (as of yesterday), I will send an email as soon as I get the information! (Rumor has it, not until November.)

Rehearsal: Thursday, November 18th. **Report time is 5:30pm.** The students will do a run through for entering and exiting the stage. This will be short and they are not required to stay the whole evening. Plan for about an hour.

Performance: Friday, November 19th is the performance. **Report time is 6:30pm.** Report backstage and you will be directed to our holding area. The students will want to bring their uniform (make sure they have their black socks, gloves, and all parts!) and dress at the Center for The Arts as they are the last performance at the show. They are also welcome to bring cards, games, their iPods, etc to entertain themselves quietly as they wait their turn. There will be a live feed to a monitor in the room so they can watch the show if they'd like. (Quality is mediocre.) Once they are checked in, they are not allowed to roam the halls freely, but must stay in their designated area. There are chaperones in the room and placed around the center to redirect kids back to where they are supposed to be!

DISNEY TRIP 2011: Sign up is beginning for both students and chaperones. The fee is \$870 for anyone going on the trip. The Permission Form, Handbook, Itinerary, and the Insurance Form will all be posted to the [website](#).

Permission Forms: I have attached the permission form to this email. Please print, sign, and return it on November 1st with your first payment of \$100. If you do not have the down payment, but wish to reserve a place, please return the signed form to Bill Monroe on that date.

Chaperones: There is a place on the form for you to sign up also!

MIDLAND DOW FOOTBALL GAME: Friday, Oct 22nd, **call time is 5:00pm**. This is earlier than normal. The Uniform Repair Room will be open at 4:30 for any last minute fixes.

PLAYOFF GAMES: The band will **play at any HOME playoff games**. We will keep you informed as soon as the dates/locations are announced!

THURSDAY MORNING SECTIONALS: Sectionals are now done for Concert band students. No more early mornings! YAY!

TUESDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS: Next week, October 19th, will be our last Tuesday evening rehearsal. As our marching season winds down, so do our rehearsals.

BAND SCHEDULE: The school district has not yet put a full calendar in place. As a result of this, it has been very difficult to look to the future regarding concert dates and planning in general. The music department has decided to go ahead and put our full calendar together and get that out to you as fast as possible. We just don't feel it is fair to you to leave it so open as you try to plan things in the future. Watch for that coming soon!

SANTA PARADE: Saturday, November 20th is the Annual Santa Parade. Mark your calendar and watch for further details.

UPCOMING WINTER CONCERT: Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 9th. Our first concert of the season will be held at Central Auditorium. This will include the Symphonic Band, and the Blue and Gold Bands! We will expect all to attend and stay to listen to the other groups.

BOOSTER MONEY: You may wonder what we spend our money on; here are a few examples. The music boosters are sending 10 students to the MSU Horn Day on October 31st. This includes their registration fees. CMU Honors Band will be represented by several of our students from the Chemic Marching Band. The Percussion section is going to MSU Drumline Day on October 24th; boosters are covering the transportation to Lansing and back. All these programs contribute to making our students better players and therefore benefit the band as a whole.

October 10, 2010

The Disney Trip Meeting was well attended tonight. Lots of good information discussed and in print. I have had many requests for information from people who were unable to be there. There were packets handed out that your student may pick up and bring home. They are available in the band room.

It includes the following pieces:

- 2001 Summer Disney Tour Trip Handbook
- Detailed Itinerary
- Travel Insured International (\$32-45 Fee to insure your money back if cancellation is necessary)

Please, please pick up the information and read through them. 99% of your questions will be answered in the handouts. Payment of \$870 per student is broken down into monthly payments beginning November 1st.

Official sign up will begin before that date and you will need to fill out a form and return it to Mr. Monroe.

October 9, 2010

On SUNDAY, October 10 at 7 PM in the Midland High School Band Room --

There will be an informational meeting about the upcoming **Disney trip**. Any students and/or parents who want to find out about the trip are invited. A representative from the tour company we will be using will be here. We will also have a preliminary handbook and itinerary for all interested parties. **ATTENDING THIS MEETING DOES NOT COMMIT YOU TO GO ON THE TRIP**. Sign up will be in the following weeks. If you cannot make this meeting, you can still get information from the directors. Feel free to email Mr. Monroe or Mrs. Peretz.

ON THIS LONG WEEKEND - YOU MUST PRACTICE YOUR MUSIC AND GO OVER YOUR DRILL. Three days is a very long time when we are trying to perform on Wednesday night at festival. Your playing will suffer and your knowledge of the drill will diminish if you do not practice and review your drill on your own. The question each of you need to ask yourself is: **HOW BAD DO YOU WANT EXCELLENCE?** It doesn't take much effort to keep the show fresh this weekend. It's a matter of pride.

Tuesday night rehearsal is VERY important!

Be on time and ready to go. We will polish the whole thing up that night. Drama people will need to split their time between the drama dress rehearsal and the band final rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Report time on our practice field is 5 PM. Star Spangled Banner will be at 5:30 PM. First band plays at 5:45 PM. Midland High is at 8:30 PM. Alma College is at 9 PM. Bands will be dismissed after that.

DOW GAME REPORT TIME - 5 PM on our practice field - NOT 5:30 PM.

October 6, 2010

Alumni Band: Thank you to all who participated and volunteered for this. We had lots of hands involved giving their time, cooking & administrative skills, and musical talents. The dinner was very well loved by the Alumni Band - thank you to all who donated food for this! We heard great comments back about how fun it was and the players really enjoyed it. Thank you to Nancy Peeler (woot, woot!) for taking the reins on this one and getting it accomplished!

Disney Information Meeting: There will be a Disney Trip Informational meeting on Sunday October 10, 2010 at 7:00pm in the band room. We will have a presentation and the Travel Agency will have a representative present to answer any questions. Please plan on attending.

Marching Band Showcase: The next marching event is marching Band Showcase next week Wednesday, October 13th. Call times will be emailed at a future date. Please check your student's uniforms over BEFORE then to insure they are presentable. We still have lots of buttons falling off and misc. things to repair. (That's okay, we have volunteers) But, if you could help us out by checking for these things ahead of time, and fixing them, it will save everyone time and effort and rushing on the day of the performance. Thanks so much!

September 29, 2010

ALUMNI BAND! This is worth adding a second update for! Are you, or do you know of, someone that is a MHS Band Alumni and interested in playing with the Chemic Marching Band once again? Please join us for this Friday night's Homecoming football game! Go to [our website](#) or find us on Facebook for more information! Haven't registered yet? That's okay! Show up anyhow!

Arrive at 3:30pm, stay for dinner (free of charge) and then get into the game with the band (free)! We will also have Chemic "I'm with the BAND!" T-shirts available for \$12 before the game.

Any questions, please contact [Nancy Peeler](#).

HOMECOMING: is on Friday, October 1st. MHS has an annual Homecoming Parade at 1:30pm on Friday, so your student needs to bring their full uniform to school Friday morning in order to dress for the parade. Racks for hanging uniforms will be out in the band hallway. It helps if your student's garment bag is clearly marked so they can locate it among the other 193 uniforms when it comes time to dress. The parade route is Eastlawn to Washington, to Cambridge, to Dartmouth, to Airfield, back to Washington, to the student parking lot and band room. The parade will end in time for students to make 2:30 buses. There is no 7th hour on Friday! The call time for the band on Friday evening is 5:30pm, same as usual. The uniform repair room will be open at 5pm before the game. Please show up PROMPTLY at 5 if you need assistance as last week there were too many uniforms that needed help and not enough hands to go around!

BLITZ FOLLOWUP:

- **Thank you:** A HUGE thank you to those of you who volunteered for BLITZ night last week. We appreciate your willingness to help us. Our fundraiser would not be possible if it were not for you. Over half of our sales came from our students' door to door efforts on that evening, so it is well worth it. Hopefully, you had a good experience and will be ready to join us for the evening again next year. If you have any suggestions, please reply to this email and we will be sure and make a note of them! Constructive criticism is ALWAYS welcome!
- **Pre -Sale Cards:** If you have not turned in your cards from the pre-sale (those 5 in the manila envelope) please return the cards or a check for \$50 to cover their value by October 7th (there is no school on the 8th) as we need to close our books and reach a bottom line. Thank you!
- **Prizes:** Some of the kids earned prizes for selling cards; please remind them to check with Mrs. Marinar in the hall outside the band room to pick up their Movie Money and Gift cards!

September 22, 2010

Concert Band Sectionals: **FLUTES ONLY**

If your 5th hour band flute student has been attending Thursday morning sectionals, they are officially done! Flutes have been excused while others are still continuing the morning sectionals.

September 22, 2010

BLITZ Night:

- 5:30pm CHECK-IN: Everyone is to show up by 5:30 to check in and gather as a team! Lists will be posted to see your team number (B7 = Band Team 7 or V3= Vocal Team 2 or O3).
- 5:45pm DRAWINGS: There will be some drawings to encourage everyone to arrive on time! We have Chemic sweatshirts, T shirts, Medium pizza coupons, Slurpees! Tons of fun stuff!
- Sell tons of cards, have a great time riding with friends. Everyone is done at 8pm.

ORDER FORMS:

- Music Yard Signs (Contact [Dave Hufford](#))
- Fleece Jackets and Stadium Blankets (Melissa Herzberg at 989-488-2163)
- Kroger Community Rewards Program

Fill these out and send them in if you are interested.

PROUD PARENT AD - Midland Daily News - For Midland Marching Showcase, Wed Oct 13, 2010

The Midland Daily News prints a program for the Marching Band Showcase every year. Once again they are offering families the opportunity to purchase a "Proud parent ad", in honor of your band student. Please see the [attached document](#) for further information and instructions for how to submit your ad to the Midland Daily News. **DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 27th!**

Home Football Game - Friday Night September 24

- Student report time: 5:30 on the practice field in full uniform
- The uniform repair room will be open at 5pm for any last minute fixes. If you have a repair, be sure to show up early to be ready to go at 5:30.

September 20, 2010

BLITZ INFORMATION: Thurs, Sept 23rd

- 1) The final day of presale collection is Tuesday, September 21st. All money and unsold cards must be returned during lunch hours in the glass hallway near the band rooms.
- 2) Drivers for Blitz Night - all [driver forms](#) and paperwork must be turned in to the Athletic office by Tues, Sept 21st.

Sept 24th Game: Student Report Time 5:30pm - On the practice field in full uniform

** The Uniform Repair Room will be open before 5:30 for any last minute repairs!*

- 1) Middle School Students will be marching with us during half time.
- 2) Senior Recognition Night! Parents should've already received information.
- 3) Contacting volunteers for water, cleanup and moving the podium to the stadium is underway!
- 4) If you want to help and haven't been contacted, please [email!](#)

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 23 - Blitz Night
- Sept 24th - Home Game
- Oct 1st - Home Football Game/Homecoming
- Oct 13th - Midland Marching Festival Showcase
- Oct 22nd - Home Football game (Midland Vs. Dow)

September 15, 2010

CONCERT BAND MORNING SECTIONALS: The morning sectionals will continue through **October 19!** It was stated incorrectly in yesterday's email update.

September 24 Football Game: This is coming up quickly. People who have volunteered to help with water and bleacher clean up, the podium, uniform repairs, will be contacted by their fearless leaders as it gets closer to the date. Be sure your student's uniform is hemmed and ready to go! We are looking great on the practice field!

September 14, 2010

CONCERT BAND SECTIONALS: All members of 5th hour concert band students (excluding percussion) continue to have Thursday morning sectionals from 6:45am-7:30am before school. If this is a problem, please contact [Mr. Monroe](#). These will run through October 7th.

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION: A huge *thank you* to the many parents that committed their time during band uniform fittings. Your help is deeply appreciated. Parents, please make certain that your student's band pants have been hemmed. If you have questions regarding the uniform, please contact Shannon Krueger (835-5540).

TUESDAY EVENING REHEARSALS: Tuesday evening rehearsals also continue through October 12th running from 6:30-9:00pm.

GREEN PRE-EXCUSE SHEETS: These are to be turned in ASAP! If you know you have a conflict with a required rehearsal/performance, please include this on the green sheet. The [form](#) is available on the website.

BLITZ NIGHT: Blitz night is coming up on Thursday, September 23rd. If you are a driver, please be sure and have your [DRIVER FORM](#) with a copy of your license and proof of insurance turned in to the athletic office ASAP. These must be completed every year so last year's is not valid. Please check with your children as they may have signed you up to drive!

September 8, 2010

CONCERT BAND SECTIONALS begin Thursday, September 9th at 6:45-7:30am before the school day starts. The woodwinds will meet in the orchestra room and the brass will meet in the band room. Please arrive on time, ready to go with your instrument and music!

This is for all students (*EXCLUDING PERCUSSION*) in 5th hour band and is a required rehearsal. Lack of attendance will affect your student's grade. This has been announced to the students and they will not be surprised by this. If you have a problem with this, please email [Mr. Monroe](#) or have your student talk with him as soon as possible.

August 24, 2010

REMINDER - the first meeting of the Midland High School Music Parents Association is Sunday, August 29, at 7:00pm in the Band room. All parents of MHS music students are members of MHSMPA, so please join us for the meeting!

REMINDER – Shannon Krueger is still looking for parents to help distribute and fit Band uniforms. August 30, any or all of the following time slots: 10:30-12:00, 12:00-1:30, and 1:30-3:00. August 31, 10:30-1:00. If you are available for any of these fitting sessions, please let Shannon know at 835-5540 (Home), 205-8954 (Cell), or eighthkruegers@yahoo.com. Shannon will be contacting volunteers to confirm time slots a few days before uniform fitting.

REMINDER – the annual Band Parent Night is on August 31, at 7:00pm in the band room. Band reps will share important information for parents (not covered at the Open House), and the band will have a dress rehearsal in the stadium following the Parent meeting. Be sure your student brings their uniform to rehearsal that night (brings, not wears; they'll have time to dress during rehearsal).

SPIRIT ITEMS FOR SALE – band t-shirts (student and adult designs, \$12 each), hoodies (\$25 each), and window stickers (\$3 or 2 for \$5) will be available for sale each evening during band camp, toward the end of the evening rehearsal. Order forms for yard signs will also be available.

Check your **BAND HANDBOOK** for several important forms. Please be sure to fill out, sign, and have your student turn in their Permission form, as well as the green form that indicates any conflicts your student will have with required band activities. Both forms are due to Mr. Monroe.

The **MIDLAND CHEMIC ALUMNI BAND** will perform with the Chemic Marching Band at Homecoming on October 1, 2010. Please help us spread the word! Tell you friends, neighbors, relatives – any alumni you know! Information about Alumni Band and a registration form are available on Facebook at 'Midland Chemic Alumni Band 2010', and at the website: www.mhsmusicparents.com.

DID YOU KNOW? Band Update emails are now archived at www.mhsmusicparents.com, in case you'd like to go back and look for any important information.

We are still building our email list for the upcoming year; please share this email with other families, especially families of freshmen. New families can send us their contact information via the Volunteer form at www.mhsmusicparents.com. Also, please let us know if your student will no longer be in band so that we can remove you from the list.

August 16, 2010

Please help us update our email list! If you are receiving this email in error – because your student has graduated, or will not be in band this year, or other circumstances - please just let us know and we'll be happy to remove your email address from our list. And, if you know a band family that is not yet on our list, please forward this email to them!

The **2nd Band letter** started arriving in mailboxes last week; if you did not receive a letter, please call MHS main office and request a copy or download it from the Band page on the [website](#)

The first meeting of the Midland High School Music Parents Association is Sunday, August 29, at 7:00pm in the Band room. All parents of MHS music students are members of MHSMPA, so please join us for the meeting!

IMPORTANT DATES – see details in your Band letter or in the Calendar at the [website](#):

- August 19-20, Leadership and Percussion Camp
- August 22, 7:00pm Open House/Student Registration for all Band members and families. Meet your section leader, pick up music, get locker assignments and locks, check out instruments (for larger instruments). Band t-shirts, royal blue hoodies, window decals and yard signs will be available for sale or order.
- August 23-27, Band Camp. Sessions generally run 9am-12pm, 1:30-4:30pm, and 6-9pm, but check your Band letter for specifics for each day.
- August 27, volunteer Pep Band for the first Home Football game vs. Mt. Pleasant. Students will meet in band room at 6:00pm, wear blue and gold!
- August 30-September 1, Band rehearsals, 6:00-9:00 each evening.
- August 30-31, Uniform check out. Each grade is assigned a specific check out time, see details in your letter or in the online calendar (or below). Students will need to wear their marching shoes and shorts for uniform fitting. **HELP NEEDED** for uniform distribution, see below.
- August 31, 7:00pm Parent Night. Band reps will share important information for parents (not covered at the Open House), and the band will have a dress rehearsal in the stadium following the Parent meeting. Be sure your student brings their uniform to rehearsal that night (brings, not wears; they'll have time to dress during rehearsal).
- September 2, volunteer Pep Band for the second Home Football game vs. Saginaw High. Students will meet in the band room at 6:00pm, wear blue and gold!
- Starting September 7, evening Band rehearsals, 6:30-9:00pm each Tuesday night.
- Starting September 9, Concert Band sectionals, 6:45-7:30am each Thursday morning until October 7th.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE for uniform distribution, see message below from Shannon Krueger:

Dear Midland High Band Parents,

Calling out to all band parents. Here's a great opportunity to volunteer for the Midland High marching band.

It's time to schedule band uniform distribution! Many helping hands, good dispositions and smiling faces are always appreciated during this time. If you are interested in helping the Midland High Marching Band look fantastic for the upcoming marching season then this is the job for you. Two days have been set aside for uniform fitting and distribution.

The first uniform fitting is Monday, August 30 for leadership camp participants, seniors, juniors and sophomores. Seniors and leadership camp participants will be fitted 10:30AM - 12PM; juniors will be fitted noon - 1:30PM; sophomores will be fitted 1:30-3:00PM. Volunteers are needed beginning 15 minutes before the start of fittings until 15 minutes after the close. If you are willing and able to volunteer the entire 5 hours or for one or more of these three fitting sessions - please let me know.

The second uniform fitting session will occur August 31 (Tues.). Freshmen and any others will be fitted from 10:30AM until 1:00PM. The freshmen need a bit more help during fitting. We will have to take measurements so if you have experience with fitting freshmen or would like to learn how to take measurements - then we would love for you to volunteer for this session.

If you are available for any of these fitting sessions, let me hear from you. We would need to have you arrive 15 minutes before the start of your session. Those volunteers working the last session would need to stay to assist with clean up; which only takes a few minutes.

Finally, two or three days before uniform distribution, those of you who have replied to this email or called me to volunteer for this task, will receive an email from me containing a schedule of volunteers for that fitting date. If you don't hear from me, then please give me a call. I don't want to miss anyone due to email disappearing into cyberspace (or ending up in spam)!!!

Have patience with me as I will be out of town until August 28 (I'm taking Annie out to college) but SHOULD have email access.

Please forward this email to any band parents that might not be on the email list (parents of freshman, etc.).

Thanks so much for your willingness to help make the Midland High Marching Band the **PRIDE of the CHEMICS!**

Best Regards,
Shannon Krueger
835-5540 (Home)
205-8954 (Cell)

July 26, 2010

Belated CONGRATULATIONS to our graduating Seniors and families. We wish you the very best as you take your next steps in life, and hope that you'll stay in touch and come back to visit and support the MHS Band.

Last Band Update?? We are starting to clean up the email list for next year, and will remove families of Seniors from the list, however, if you have an incoming Freshman, please let us know to keep you on the list. Likewise, let us know if you'd like to opt out of the email updates. If you know another family that would like to be added to the list, please have them send me an email (natpeeler@sbcglobal.net).

All Band Alumni are invited to perform with the Midland Chemic Alumni Band at Homecoming on October 1, 2010. Please help us spread the word! Information about Alumni Band will be posted on Facebook at Midland Chemic Alumni Band 2010, and at www.mhsmusicparents.com.

The first Band letter for school year 2010-2011 started arriving in mailboxes last week. If you didn't get a letter (or know someone who didn't get one), please call the MHS office and ask to have one sent out. The letter is also posted on our website at www.mhsmusicparents.com, under the Band section. A correction for the website address in the letter; it is 'mhsmusicparents' (not boosters).

Incoming Band representatives and Music Parents Board –

- The following individuals were elected to represent Band parents for a one-year term beginning August 1, 2010: Shannon Krueger, Anne Beery, Karen Welser, Lorrie Spencer.
- Board officers are:
 - President, Mark Marinan
 - Vice President, Mick Barber
 - Secretary, Nancy Peeler
 - Treasurer, Steve/Julie Stanley

Contact information will be posted at the Music Parents website starting late summer.

You are invited to attend a free concert by the 2010 Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, July 29 at 7:00pm at the Midland Center for the Arts. More than 80 high school musicians from across the U.S. (including several from our area) toured France and Germany in June & July. They will be performing post-tour concerns in Ann Arbor and Midland. Please help us welcome Mr. Fritz Stansell and his 42nd touring orchestra to Midland!

Finally, THANK YOU to everyone for all your support for the Band this past year. The success of the MHS music programs is due to great students, great Directors, and great parent support and involvement.

Remember to check our [website](#) over the summer. We will be posting additional band information as it becomes available and may sneak in a few more updates to keep you posted regarding next season.