

August 3, 2010

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. PLEASE PUT THIS PACKET IN A SAFE PLACE, SO YOU MAY REFER TO IT AS NEEDED.

In the past, we have included a full band schedule for the entire year at this time. Unfortunately, our teacher's union and school administration cannot yet agree on a complete school year calendar. Because of this, we have included as much of the band schedule as possible, based on past years. As soon as the powers that be finish their work, we will publish our full band schedule.

You will be receiving information about our Disney World trip in a separate mailing this fall. This trip will be with Dow High and it is a great time. All current MHS band students are invited to participate.

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

- The correct website for all MHS Music information is <mhsmusicparents.com>, NOT the one that was given in our first letter. We apologize for the error.
- Marching Band FULL Rehearsal nights are on Tuesday evenings after school starts -- Adjust Your schedule now. Work is not an acceptable excuse to miss rehearsal.
- 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. 19 and 20th, 9 AM-Noon.
- Leadership Camp Thursday and Friday, Aug. 19th and 20th, 9 AM-4:30 PM (Lunch provided)
- Band Student Registration/Open House for all band members (and interested parents) Sunday August 22nd, 7 PM, band room.
- Concert Band Sectional will be on THURSDAY mornings this year through October 7.
- Uniform Checkout during the day, August 30 and 31st. See attached schedule.
- August 30, 31 and September 1. - Evening Rehearsals. Parent night on August 31.

-- **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 30, 2011) 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 Chemich Marching Band

PRE-SEASON DRILL INFORMATION

WHERE ARE THE PRE-SEASON DRILLS?

Our pre-season drills take place at Midland High School. Report to the music wing at BAND STUDENT REGISTRATION on Sunday, August 22 at 7 PM. 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

Instrument, instrument accessories, flip folder, lyre to hold music (unless you are a tuba, baritone, or percussionist), pencil, rubber bands, sunscreen, water bottle with your name on it (for those hot days), meals if you are not going home between rehearsals, 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 want 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 (This company had the best prices when last checked)

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.

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

Thursday August 19, 2010 - Band Room

LEADERSHIP CAMP/PERCUSSION CAMP

(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.

Noon - 1 PM - Lunch (provided to participants)

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM - Chemic Band Leadership Training (including percussion captain and section leaders)

Friday, August 20, 2010 - Band Room

9 AM - Noon - Preparation of the facilities and music with the winds. Full percussion section rehearsal.

Noon - 1 PM - Lunch (provided to participants)

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM - Chemic Band Leadership Training (including percussion captain and section leaders)

Sunday Evening, August 22, 2010 - Band Room

7 PM - BAND STUDENT REGISTRATION
(for all students and interested parents)

Monday, August 23, 2010

9 AM - Noon - FULL BAND Rehearsal - Winds report to music rooms. Percussionists on practice field.

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 24, 2010

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)
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 25, 2010

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

Thursday, August 26, 2010

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

Friday, August 27, 2010

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.

6 PM - MEET IN BAND ROOM

VOLUNTEER PEP BAND FOR HOME FOOTBALL GAME

WEAR BLUE AND GOLD!

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE AND HAVE SOME FUN!!!!!!

Monday, August 30, 2010

- 8 AM - volunteer pep band (veteran band members only) for freshman orientation.
- 10:30 AM - Noon - Seniors and leadership camp participants uniform fittings. Wear your marching shoes and shorts for uniform fittings. No exceptions.
- Noon- 1:30 PM - Juniors Uniform fittings. Wear your marching shoes and shorts for uniform fittings. No exceptions.
- 1:30- PM - 3 PM - Sophomore Uniform fittings. Wear your marching shoes and shorts for uniform fittings. No exceptions.
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Full Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

- 10:30 AM - 1 PM - Freshmen and all others Uniform Checkout. Wear your marching shoes and shorts for uniform fittings.No exceptions.
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Full Band Rehearsal on practice field. BRING UNIFORM.
- 7:00 PM - PARENT NIGHT - Veteran parents meeting in Band Room. New band Parents in Orchestra Room. Performance to follow in stadium.

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 - MEET IN BAND ROOM ---- 6 PM

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WEAR BLUE AND GOLD!

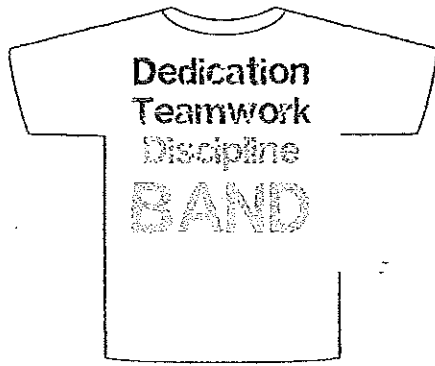
LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE AND HAVE SOME FUN --- AGAIN!!!!!!

Midland High School Bands Calendar -- 2010-2011

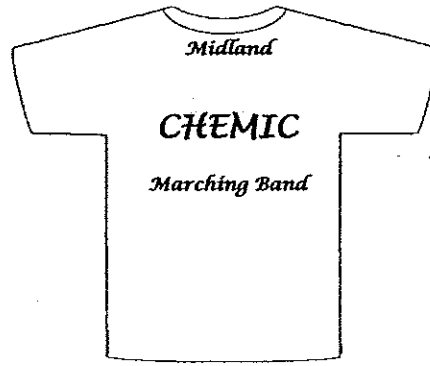
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Status</u>
August 19-20, 2010	Leadership Camp, percussion camp	See Pre-Ssn Schdle	MHS	Band Leadership and percussion /Required
August 22, 2010	Marching Band Open House	7 PM	MHS Bandroom	Opening meeting
August 23-27, 2010	Pre Season Drills	See Pre-Ssn Schedule	MHS	Rehearsals/Required
August 27, 2010	Home Football Game - PEP BAND	6 PM	MHS Stadium	Volunteer
August 30, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6 :00 PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
August 31, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal Parent Night	6:00PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field / Stadium	Rehearsal/Required
September 1, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:00PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 2, 2010 (Thursday)	Home Football Game - PEP BAND	6 PM	MHS Stadium	Volunteer
September 7, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
Starting Sept 9 until Oct. 7	<u>SECTIONALS - Concert Bands</u> (Thursdays)	6:45- 7:30AM	Band room	Rehearsals/Required
September 14, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 21, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
September 23, 2010	MHS Blue and Gold Card Blitz Night	TBA	MHS and all over town	Volunteer fund raiser
September 24, 2010	Home Football Game (Middle School Game)	5:30 PM Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
September 28, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 1, 2010	Home Football Game <i>Homecoming/AlumniBa</i>	5:30 PM Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
October 5, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM -9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 12, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 13, 2010	Midland Marching Festival	Evening - TBA	Football Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
October 19, 2010	Marching Band Rehearsal	6:30PM - 9:00 PM	Practice Field	Rehearsal/Required
October 22, 2010	Home Football Game (MIDLAND vs. DOW)	<u>5:00PM</u> Call Time	Practice Field	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
Oct. 29 or 30, 2010	Football Game (PLAYOFF)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required*</u>
November 5 or 6, 2010	Football Game (PLAYOFF)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required*</u>
November 12 or13, 2010	Football Game (playoff)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
November 15, 2010	Rhapsody Rehearsal - JAZZ BAND and solo/emsemble	6:30 PM	Center for the Arts	JAZZ BAND/Required
November 18, 2010	Rhapsody Rehearsal - FULL BAND	5:30 PM	Center for the Arts	Rehearsal/Required

Midland High School Bands Calendar -- 2010-2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Status</u>
November 19, 2010	Rhapsody Rendezvous	6:30 PM Time	Call Center for the Arts	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
November 20, 2010	Football Game (playoff)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
November 20, 2010	Santa Parade	9:30 AM call time	Circle for parade. Game TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
November 26 or 27, 2010	Football Game (FINALS)	TBA	Ford Field, Detroit	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
TBA	Basketball Pep Band	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	<u>Performance</u> - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
TBA	Concert Bands Winter Concert	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
TBA	Sym. Band Winter Concert (with MHS Orch)	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
Starting Week of January 12, 2011	<u>SECTIONALS - Symphonic Band Only</u>	6:45- 7:30 AM	Band room	Rehearsals/Required - WW Wednesday, Brass-Thursday
TBA	Basketball Pep Bands	6:45 PM	Meet in Band room	<u>Performance</u> - Must attend minimum 4 BB pep bands
TBA	Senior High S/E Festival (all bands)	TBA	Owosso	Extra Credit
TBA	Concert Bands Pre-Fest. Concert	7:30 PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE / Required</u>
TBA	Sym. Band Pre-Fest. Concert with Dow	7:30PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
TBA	H.S. Band Festival (All Bands)	TBA	TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
March 26, 2011	State Solo/Ensemble Festival (all bands)	TBA	TBA	Extra Credit
TBA	Symphonic Band Spring Concert	8:00PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
TBA	Concert Bands Spring Concert	8:00 PM	Central Auditorium	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day Parade (All Bands)	9:30 AM Time	Call TBA	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required</u>
TBA	Senior Dinner (tentative)	7 PM	TBA	not required, but fun!!!
TBA	Graduation -Sym Band	6:20 PM	MHS Gym	<u>PERFORMANCE/Required for Symphonic Band</u>



STUDENT BACK
(Gold on Navy Blue)



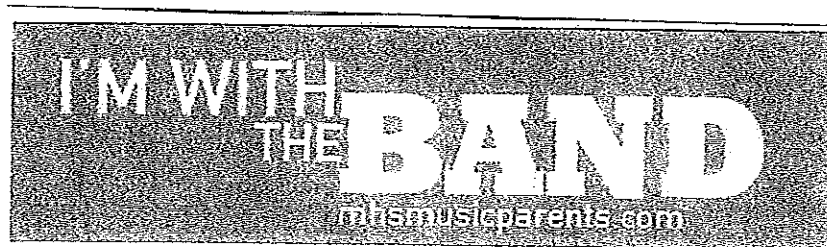
FRONT OF BOTH Tee's
(White and Gold on Navy Blue)



PARENT/ALUMNI BACK
(White and Gold on Navy Blue)

We will have this year's T-shirts available to purchase beginning August 22nd and selling them before and after the evening rehearsals during the week of band camp. We are also selling Parent/Alumni Band T-shirts that will be available at the same times. All T-shirts will sell for \$12 each.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



ZIP- UP HOODIES \$25.00

Cobalt Blue zip-up Hoodie. Chemic logo front "I'M WITH THE BAND"
On the lower back

No ordering necessary! Will be available at the open house and during
Evening band camp sessions!