

Dear Midland High School Band Students,

July 15, 2010

Welcome to the Chemic Band Family. This letter is intended to give everyone some information for our upcoming fall season. Unfortunately, a full school calendar has not been decided upon yet, so we are unable to give you a complete band schedule at this time. Hopefully, that will be provided in our second letter, which you should receive within the next month.

This year looks to be another exciting time to be in the band at Midland High School. Our numbers have held up well, with enrollment in band being around two hundred students. Much of the music has already been selected for our performances throughout the year. Our school board and administration have been able to spare us from the cuts which would have devastated our program. Please thank all administrators and school board members when you get a chance for finding a way to keep our music program as one of the finest in the state.

One of our highlights of the year will be our Disney World trip, which is scheduled for June 15 - June 20, 2011. All students will be invited to participate, but it is not required. More information will be given at a later time this fall.

There are some uniform requirements for the Midland High School Band Program. Students need to have a navy blue band t-shirt and black dress shoes with a raised heel (information included), black socks, and white gloves. Students will have an opportunity to purchase gloves during preseason drills. If you have this equipment from last year and it is in good shape, you are fine. If purchasing any of these uniform items is a problem, please let the directors know.

The following information will help you with scheduling:

- Leadership Camp is for drum majors, section leaders, squad leaders and other veteran band members available to assist with Freshmen Camp. Percussionists will have camp during those two days also.
- Evening rehearsals during the school year are on Tuesdays - 6:30 PM until 9 PM.
- Once school starts, Concert Band will have sectionals once a week until after our marching band showcase.
- Call time for our football performances will again be at 5:30 PM, except for the Dow game, which will be at 5 PM.

We have included a tentative list of squad leaders and section leaders. This list will be modified several times throughout the summer. We will notify students as changes are made to the squad leader list. We thank you for your patience in this matter, as this list is adjusted to the changing numbers in the band.

Our music booster web site is a great place to get additional information about our schedules, forms, members, boosters, and other valuable information. Feel free to log on to **<[www.mhsmusicparents.com](http://www.mhsmusicparents.com)>** and learn more.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year. If you have any questions, please e-mail us at the address below.

Sincerely,

Mr. Monroe and Mrs. Peretz

Note- E-mail is your best bet to get in touch with us. You may also leave a note at Midland High School in our main office mailbox. Voice mail is not regularly answered.

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# **MHS BAND 2010-2011 FALL SCHEDULE**

## **PRE-SEASON BAND**

August 19 and 20-----Section and Squad Leader, Percussion Camp.  
August 22 (7 PM) ----Registration/Music pickup/Locker assignments/  
Instrument Checkout in band room for all students .  
August 23-27 -----Full Band Camp (Percussion camp will run  
simultaneously with full band camp  
August 27 (6:15 PM)-Pep Band (volunteer) **performance at football game**  
August 30, 31-----Uniform checkout during the day. Detailed schedule TBA  
August 30 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM  
August 31-----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM  
September 1 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM  
September 2 --(Thursday)(6:15 PM)- Pep Band (volunteer) **performance at  
football game**

## **AFTER SCHOOL STARTS**

Full Marching Band Rehearsals begin on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 (beginning September 7 to October 19)

Sept. 24-- Home Football Game (Middle School Visits)  
October 1 - Home Football Game (Homecoming)  
October 13-- Marching Band Festival  
October 22 -- Home Football Game (Dow)  
All Football Playoff Games - TBA  
November 15,18 - Rhapsody Rehearsals  
November 19 -- Rhapsody Rendezvous  
November 20 -- Santa Parade  
December TBA - Chemic Blue Band/Gold Band Winter Concert December TBA- Symphonic Band  
/Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert

## **NOTE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONAL TIMES**

### **CONCERT BAND SECTIONALS - 6:45 AM**

Woodwinds - beginning Tuesday, September 7, then Mondays through October 11.  
Brass - Tuesdays beginning September 7 through October 12

### **SYMPHONIC BAND SECTIONALS**

6:45 AM

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

## **PLEASE NOTE ----**

**The full MHS Band Schedule will be finalized as soon as the MPS master calendar is decided upon.**

**2010 MHS MARCHING BAND**  
**TENTATIVE SQUAD AND SECTION LEADER ASSIGNMENTS**

This list may change due to fluctuating numbers in the band or inability to attend leadership camp.  
 Concert Band Section Leaders yet to be determined. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT LEADERSHIP CAMP.**

Name	Instrument	Assignment
Carpenter Ali	02Flute	SQ
Fritsch Laura	02Flute	SL,SQ
Meyers Emily	02Flute	SQ
Schloemann Camie	02Flute	SQ
Slykhouse Laura	02Flute	SQ
Warner Lisa	02Flute	SQ
Welser Rebekah	02Flute	SQ
Beck Sarah	05Clar	SQ
Brabaw Nicole	05Clar	SL,SQ
Erkkila Karen	05Clar	SQ
Millar Taylor	05Clar	SQ
Murphy Shannon	05Clar	SQ
Ritter Rachel	05Clar	SQ
Robb Dana	05Clar	SQ
Servis Ashley	05Clar	SQ
Walko David	05Clar	SQ
Rugenstein Lindsey	05Clar	SQ
Koontz Deanna	05Clar	SQ
Adams Matthew	11ASax	SQ
Billovits Christopher	11ASax	SL,SQ
Bommakanti Avinash	11ASax	SQ
Kerlin Victoria	11ASax	SQ
Qualls Bonnie	12TSax	SQ
Bentley Sarah	14Trpt	SQ
Hufford Ian	14Trpt	SQ
O'Neal Melody	14Trpt	SL,SQ
Ortiz Audrey	14Trpt	SQ
Waters David	14Trpt	SQ
Faught Garrett	17Mell	SQ
Crabtree Kathryn	17Mell	SL,SQ
Krueger Marshall	19Bone	SQ
McLeod Tyler	19Bone	SL,SQ
Gandy Alexandra	21BarBC	SL,SQ
Legge Evan	21BarTC	SQ
Graham Jacob	21BarTC	SQ
Looby Josh	22Tuba	SL, Odd side
Straub Jacob	22Tuba	SL, Even side
Damocles Corey	23Perc	BD4, SL
Eddy Emory	23Perc	KB, SL
Gaul Quinlan	23Perc	Cym, SL
Naffie David	23Perc	Quint, DC,SL
Storrs Laura	23Perc	SD, SL
Fridstrom Joshua	DM	DM
Sandow Manny	DM	DM
MacDonald Maggie	DM	DM
Monroe Christopher	DM	DM

DM - Drum Major    SQ-Squad Leader    SL- Section Leader    SD - Snare Drum  
 KB-Keyboards    Quint - Quint Drums    BD --- Bass Drum    Cym --- Cymbals    DC - Drum Captain

## **MARCHING SHOES**

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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](http://www.drillcomp.com) (This company had the best prices when last checked)

The Bandman's Company 1-800-323-3770 <[www.bandmans.com](http://www.bandmans.com)>

Orefice Ltd. 1-800-968-2007 <[www.oreficeltd.com](http://www.oreficeltd.com)>

Smith Walbridge Band Products 1-800-285-1487 <[www.swbandproducts.com](http://www.swbandproducts.com)>

# **Percussion Equipment Requirements**

## **Midland High School Band Program**

Please see your directors if you feel you cannot afford to purchase the items below.

### CONCERT SEASON:

Percussionists -- In your first year in the MHS Band, you will be required to furnish the following sticks and mallets for your use in Concert Season from a music/percussion dealer:

Concert Snare sticks:	Vic Firth SD1 General or SD2 Bolero
Bell mallets:	Vic Firth M143 (hard mallets)
Xylophone mallets:	Vic Firth Innovative Percussion IP 902 (red)
Marimba mallets:	Vic Firth 183 (medium) and 184 (medium hard)
Vibraphone mallets:	Vic Firth 187 (medium)
Stick Bag	Any stick bag large enough for your mallets

For the second year in the MHS Band, percussionists should add the following to their equipment:

Timpani mallets:	Vic Firth general purpose mallets.
Marimba mallets:	Vic Firth 171 (medium soft)
Xylophone mallets:	Vic Firth 188 (medium hard) and Vic Firth M133 (medium)

NOTE: THIS LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED AS OF JULY 2009. IF YOU ALREADY HAVE MALLETS FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR'S LIST, YOU MAY CONTINUE TO USE THOSE MALLETS THIS YEAR.

For the third and fourth years: Replace any mallets that are fraying or in need of repair. You may wish to duplicate some of your mallets so you can begin work on four mallet technique. Ask the percussion instructors for information about additional and/or specialized mallets that might interest you.

### MARCHING SEASON:

You will be required to furnish the following for your instrument. You may purchase these from us at camp. Ask your percussion instructor for details.

**ALL PERCUSSION STUDENTS MUST HAVE EARPLUGS FOR YOUR HEARING SAFETY DURING MARCHING REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

KEYBOARD-----	Mallets will be issued and collected
BASS DRUMS-----	Flip Folder (Mallets will be issued and collected)
QUINTS (Tenor Drum)-----	Tenor Sticks (Vic Firth Vega), Flip Folder, and Lyre
SNARE DRUMS-----	Sticks (as specified by percussion director) Flip Folder, Lyre
CYMBAL PLAYERS-----	Gloves, Flip Folder, and Carabiner Clip for music.

If you should have further questions about percussion equipment, you should get in touch with either Judy Peterson or Roger Stevens, our percussion instructors. If you wish, you may email Mr. Monroe and or Mrs. Peretz and we will get the message to themNOTE: Students will not be allowed to perform without all of their required equipment.

Note: Students will not be allowed to perform without the correct equipment.



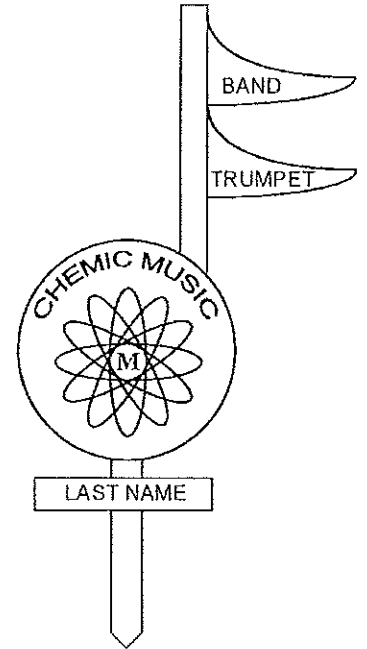
# 2010 Chemic Music Yard Sign Order Form

Deadline: October 1, 2010

The cost of this spirited Chemic Music Yard Sign is \$43, which includes tax. It is in the shape of a musical note and painted bright blue with gold vinyl letters.

The price includes:

- The wooden sign
- The vinyl lettering "Chemic Music"
- The MHS logo
- The student's last name
- The word "Band", "Orchestra", "Chorus", or "Meisters" on the top flag
- Additional lettering for the second flag (for example, "Trumpet", "Tenor", "Cello") can be purchased for \$3.75.



Make checks payable to MHS Music Parents and mail the completed form and check to: Dave Hufford, 4106 Arlington St., Midland MI 48642. Due to the custom nature of the signs, please allow 3-4 weeks from date of order to date of completion. You will receive a phone call to make arrangements for pick up or delivery.

For more information or to volunteer to help assemble and/or paint signs call Dave at (989) 430-9537.

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## ORDER FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGN INFORMATION

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

Word on top flag:      Band                      Orchestra                      Chorus                      Meisters                      (circle one)

Word on second flag (optional, \$3.75 extra): \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make check payable to MHS Music Parents)