

Dear Midland High School Band Students,

June 21, 2017

Welcome to the 2017/2018 Chemic Band Family. This letter is intended to give everyone some information for our upcoming fall season.

It's going to be another great year for the Chemic Band. We continue to set new standards in excellence in the Midland High Band. Exciting music, the "band family," and a lot of fun will highlight our year.

This year, we will be having two Rhapsody Rendezvous performances on December 2. The demand for tickets is so high that we needed a second performance. There will be a matinee and an evening performance on December 2nd.

You will receive a second letter with more detailed information about band camp in early August. Until then, get in physical shape and practice your instrument. Coming into the fall season unprepared will not work.

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 our marching band showcase.
- Call time for our football performances will again be at 5:30 PM, except for Homecoming (September 29) and Dow game (October 20). Call time for those games will be 5 PM.

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.

Section leaders and squad leader list is included in this letter. This list may change depending on the changes in enrollment. Please remember that the Leadership Camp is available to ALL students who would like to participate not just squad leaders and section leaders.. It is a great learning experience, and a wonderful chance to meet everyone again.

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 <mhsmusicparents.com> and learn more.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Monroe, Mr. O'Connell, Mrs. Welser, and Ms. Peterson

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.

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MHS BAND 2017-2018 FALL SCHEDULE SUMMARY

PRE-SEASON BAND

August 17 and 18-----Section and Squad Leader, Percussion Camp.
August 20 (6 PM) ----Registration/Music pickup/Locker assignments/
Instrument Checkout in band room for all students
and **PARENT INFORMATION MEETING.**
August 21-25-----Full Band Camp (Percussion camp will run simultaneously with full band camp).
August 24 -----Home Football Game - Volunteer Pep Band
August 28-----Freshman uniform checkout during the day. Detailed schedule TBA
August 28 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM
August 29 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM (Performance for parents in the stadium-8 PM)
August 30 -----Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM
August 31 ----- Full Rehearsal (evening) 6-9 PM

AFTER SCHOOL BEGINS

Full Marching Band Rehearsals Tuesdays beginning on SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 (September 5 to October 17)
September 8 -- Home Football Game – Senior night
September 29 ---Home Football Game - Homecoming.
October 11 ----- Marching Band Festival
October 13 ----- Home Football Game-Middle School
October 20 ----- Home Football Game (Dow)
All Football Playoff Games - TBA
November 18 -- Santa Parade (or playoff game)
November 28, November 30 - Rhapsody Rehearsals
December 2 ---- Rhapsody Rendezvous (two performances)
December 12 – All MHS Bands Holiday Concert – New Central Auditorium

NOTE THE FOLLOWING SECTIONAL TIMES FOR ALL CONCERT BANDS

CONCERT BAND SECTIONALS - 6:45 AM

Brass - beginning Wednesday, September 7, Then Mondays through October 10.
Woodwinds – Thursday's beginning September 8 through October 6.

SYMPHONIC BAND SECTIONALS

Beginning in January through early March—Each section will sign up for their own times.

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Brass - beginning Wednesday, September 6, Then Mondays through October 9.
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MARCHING SHOES

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.

Any brand that meets our band's specifications will work, but we would recommend one of the following two brands. They both have traction on the bottom and are more comfortable than a traditional dress shoe.

MTX marching shoe (from Director's Showcase brand)

or

Super DrillMasters marching shoe.

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

DrillComp 1-866-374-5526 www.drillcomp.com

The Bandman's Company 1-800-527-2214 <www.bandmans.com>

Orefice Ltd. 1-800-968-2007 <www.oreficeltd.com>

Smith Walbridge Band Products 1-800-286-9925 <www.swbandproducts.com>