



NEWS FROM THE BAND ROOM

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- Colin Powell

December 2, 2019

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who attended last night's marching band banquet. It was our last official event as a marching band so I wanted to say one last time thank you to everyone for your support of this program and all of these wonderful kids. It was truly a wonderful season.



Calendar

12/6 - MIAA Championship Game at Gillette Stadium
12/6 - MIAA Super Bowl
12/10 - Winter Concert
12/16 - Caroling at Home (during the school day)

Daily Band Schedule

Monday: 6th Period
Tuesday: Drop
Wednesday: 1st Period
Thursday: 2nd Period
Friday: 3rd Period

Coming Up!

Here are some updates:

- A winter meeting for percussion members is scheduled for Monday December 2nd at 6:30pm in the MHS auditorium. It is mandatory that every potential percussion student participating and at least 1 parent attend. We will review all policies, competitions, costs, etc.
- A winter meeting for color guard members is scheduled for Tuesday December 3rd at 6:00pm in the MHS auditorium. It is mandatory that every guard student participating and at least 1 parent attend. We will review all policies, competitions, costs, etc. This 6pm time is a change from the previous newsletter.
- MIAA Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium on Friday December 6 at 7:30pm
- Our annual winter concert will be held on Tuesday December 10th at 7pm in the MHS Auditorium. Admission is \$5 per person and \$15 for a family pack of 4 or more people. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Concert attire is all black.
- Our annual caroling at home event will take place on Monday December 16th during the school day. We will perform 5 concerts for elementary school students. The final concert will take us past the end of the school day, so students will have to plan to take the late bus or get picked up (we are usually done by 2:45). Students will be provided with pizza (prepared by the MHS cafe) during the lunch break. If anyone has a food allergy or needs a special diet, let me know and we can try and accommodate that. You are also welcome to send your child with a lunch that day. Students will be excused from class as they would a regular field trip. We ask that students are proactive in speaking with their teachers about any work they may miss. If a student needs to be in class for a part of the day then they will be excused from the performances.

Continue to keep an eye on the google calendar and have your kids check the google classroom for the most up to date information.

Concert Band

12/10 - Our annual holiday concert - 7pm start time.

Concert Attire

Students will wear all black for the concert. No hats.

Featured Event Thanksgiving Day Game @Foxboro.



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Thinking Ahead: Please take a look at the google calendar regarding future dates. That is the best place to find information that is up to date and accurate. Also, Mansfield Band Parents continue to need workers to help at Gillette with fundraising. Visit www.mansfieldbandparents.org to sign up!

Specifically the band parents could still use some help filling the booth at Gillette for the MIAA championship games. We are still in need of some people to fill those time slots. Please consider volunteering as this is a great fundraising opportunity that we don't want to miss out on.

Finally - for anyone planning on participating in Marching Band (or considering it) - our marching band camp dates have been announced. We will have marching band camp from August 17th through August 22nd from 1pm - 9pm. Take a look at the google calendar as all of the August marching band dates have been updated.

Band camp is vital for all marching band members as it provides a chance for students to learn the marching band show with the rest of their peers. Often times when a student misses marching band camp, they feel like they have to work twice as hard through the first part of the season to get caught up. I wanted to get these dates to everyone as soon as possible so that you can try and keep them in mind when making plans for the summer.

I will be sending home a letter soon outlining summer dates and a meeting that will take place in February so that everyone can fully understand the requirements and expectations of the band program before signing up for classes for the 20/21 school year.
