

# **The 2021/2022 Mansfield High School Band Program**

Matthew McGuire - Band Director

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# How We're Moving Forward

- Best case scenario plans
  - Be prepared to adjust....frequently
  - What you hear today could change - please be patient
  - Today's plans are based on a more "normal" band year
  - Communication is key
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# Band - CP and Honors

## CP Band -

- Concert band only
  - MICCA festival
  - Concerts
  - Possibly a few after school rehearsals throughout the year
  - No longer required to attend parades and football games
  - Less after-school requirement
  - Ideal for athletes who still want to participate in band but can't manage both commitments
  - Schedule depends on COVID restrictions - TBD
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# Band - CP and Honors

## Honors Band

- Full participation in Marching band - night and weekend rehearsals/Marching band competitions
  - Participation in parades and home football games
  - Meet all criteria for CP level as well
  - Schedule depends on COVID restrictions - will never ask more of you because of COVID
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# Percussion Class

- Split percussion and winds - started last school year
  - More opportunity to provide specific instruction to both groups of students
  - Regardless of how you sign up, I'll make sure you get in the right place
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# Why Marching Band?

- Lifelong memories and friendships
  - Work Ethic, Accountability, Teamwork, Dedication - Important skills outside of the normal classroom
  - Improved musicianship (on your instrument and overall)
  - Time management
  - Exercise
  - Discipline
  - Self Confidence/Improved Self Image
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# The Ideal Marching Band Balance

- 8 Flutes
- 8 Clarinets
- 10 Alto Saxes
- 4 Tenor Saxes
- 2 Baritone saxophones
- 6 Mellophones
- 12 Trumpets
- 4 Baritones
- 6 Trombones
- 4 Tubas
- 12 Front Ensemble
- 4 Snares
- 3 Tenors
- 5 Bass Drums
- 3 Single Toms
- 24 Color Guard
- 3 Drum Majors
- 118 Total Members

# Instrument/Section Switches

- All instrument or section switches are approved by Mr. McGuire
- Please have a conversation with Mr. McGuire if you would like to be put in a different section of the band than last year .
- Mr. McGuire may ask you to play something in marching band that you don't normally play, depending on the students comfort level.



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# Why Marching Band?

- There is no bench, everyone plays - everyone is important
  - Mostly a non-digital world - regardless of how much technology we use in marching band, personal connection is key
  - We develop leaders
  - Resiliency
  - Become self-sufficient
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# Marching Band - Spring Training

- May and June Rehearsals starting on Tuesday May 11th.
  - Spring Training rehearsals run from 6:30pm - 9:00pm
  - Mandatory rehearsals
  - End June 29th - then we are off for the summer!
  - SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE - FIRM SCHEDULE AVAILABLE SOON
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# Marching Band - Band Camp

- Pre-Camp - August 15 - 11am - 4pm
  - Band Camp - August 16 - August 21 - 1pm - 9pm
  - Regular schedule through the end of the season
  - Labor Day weekend off
  - Dates are subject to change, will have a firm calendar soon
  - COVID restrictions may impact these dates
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# The Marching Band Schedule

- All marching band members attend Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday rehearsals in the fall
- Tuesday/Thursday nights run from 6pm - 9pm (report time is 6pm)
- Saturdays rehearsals run from 9:45am - 4pm - Saturday competition schedules will be released early during the week of the competition
- Rehearsals are mandatory
- Conflicts worked out with Mr. M on a case by case basis
- Likely to add 3 Wednesday rehearsals during the year



# Marching Band Attendance:

- Mandatory evening and weekend rehearsals, performances, and competitions for Honors level students
- Absences are excused in the event of illness, family emergency, religious observances
- In all of the above instances a student must email Mr. McGuire and then bring in a note from a parent
- Standardized Testing - come to practice/performance as soon as you are able
- Do your best to schedule doctors appointments around rehearsals
- A note is required
- An unexcused absences could be grounds to pull a student from a performance
- After two unexcused absences a meeting with Mr. McGuire, the student, and a parent/guardian will be arranged to discuss the student's eligibility for the remainder of the season.

# Performances

- Football games - Marching Band
- Town parades (Veterans Day, Halloween, Holiday, Memorial Day) - Marching Band
- Concerts - Concert Band
- Class day, graduation, caroling at home - Concert Band
- Fall Competitions - Marching Band
- MICCA - Concert Band



## Circuits

NESBA - New England  
Scholastic Band  
Association

USBands

MICCA - Massachusetts  
Instrumental and Choral  
Conductors Association

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# COVID Protocols

- Likely to evolve over the spring and summer
  - We will follow all mandated protocols
  - Constantly monitoring the situation
  - We will adjust as needed
  - Safety is our top priority
  - Communication will be critical
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## Why rehearse so much?

**Marching Band is Difficult:** In order to be prepared to tackle all of our performance responsibilities, we must spend a lot of time perfecting our craft.

→ **Survey**

Students felt that this schedule prepared them for performances

→ **Many Performances**

Games, Parades, Competitions

→ **Pride**

Band members want something to be proud of - rehearsal time helps get us there



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# Scheduling Conflicts

- I will survey all members early spring for conflicts
- Communicate conflicts early!
- **Email** - [matthew.mcguire@mansfieldschools.com](mailto:matthew.mcguire@mansfieldschools.com)
- **Remind.com**
- **School phone** - 508-261-7540 X33128



## Tip

Communicate conflicts early!

# Communication with Mr. McGuire

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# Grading

Grading Includes:

→ **Attendance**

All after school rehearsals and performances count toward their grade  
- performances are graded more heavily than rehearsals.

→ **Instrumental Proficiency**

Personal levels of excellence are expected.

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### **Communication**

Advance communication is the only way to make this work. It is preferred that students communicate with Mr. McGuire in person instead of parents emailing.

# **Members in Good Standing with the Program**

All students must be in good standing with the program in order to participate in the “fun” stuff.

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# Calendar

We have an online google calendar that is regularly updated - please visit [www.mansfieldbandparents.org](http://www.mansfieldbandparents.org) and click on the calendar page. You can access the calendar here and download it on to your phone or subscribe to it to stay up to date. This is the most accurate way to stay in the loop for the entire school year!

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# Concussion Testing (Impact Testing)

- All members must complete a concussion test (Impact Test) in the spring
- If you were impact tested last year, you will not need to be this year
- Must be completed every two years
- Any student who does not complete this test will not be allowed to participate in any way until this is complete
- Testing dates will be released soon.

# Student and Parent Information

- Students will be provided with a link prior to spring training to provide information regarding emergency contacts, health information, and contact information. The link will be emailed home and posted on the MBPA website.
- Student and Parent information must be received by the start of Spring training.
- All performing members must provide this information.

# Parents

- Need parent volunteers
- Fundraising
- Support/Logistics
- Gillette
- Need parents at shows and events
- Please join us for the MBPA meeting right after this one



## Parents

We need parent help and support regardless of what your child tells you.





# Band Parents

Fundraising and support organization. You are all band parents!

→ **Fundraising**

Usually raise over \$50K per year to support the band programs

→ **Logistics and Support**

Plans fundraisers, chaperones trips, provides support for events

→ **We Need You!**

We need all parents to get involved.

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# Contact Mr. McGuire

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# Thank You

I'll take questions -  
if you have a  
question that is  
more personal in  
nature, please send  
me an email!

Thank you for  
coming  
tonight!

Please give us  
your contact  
information!