

WEEKLY NOTES

September 13, 2020

Thank you so much to all the parents that have donated PPE materials for our program! You guys are amazing!

Sonny's BBQ Spirit Night: Monday, September 28

Please take your family and tell your friends about our Sonny's BBQ Spirit Night on Monday, September 28. The MIHS Band will receive a portion of the bill for all drive-through, curbside, and takeout orders (no inside dining) from 4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Band supports MUST tell the Sonny's employees that they are there for our spirit night!



2020 – 2021 Band & Color Guard Registration

Please fill out the below form to complete your registration for the 2020 – 21 edition of the MIHS Band & Color Guard. All parents/guardians of students, including E-learners and Color Guard, must fill out this contract so we have accurate information and know that you understand the commitment to our program. If you already filled out the previous registration form, please fill out this updated form as the old one is no longer valid. This was due by September 4, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.

<https://www.merrittislandband.org/20202021registration>

The link to pay fees online is: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/mihsbbo>

If you filled out the medical forms on the prior registration form, you do not need to fill out the following form. If you have not, here are the medical forms for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

<https://www.merrittislandband.org/20202021registration>

2020 – 2021 Marching Band Schedule

Schedule

- Rehearsal:
 - Wednesday, September 16: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Wednesday, September 23: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Wednesday, September 30: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Wednesday, October 7: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Wednesday, October 14: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
 - Wednesday, October 21: 4:00 - 6:30 P.M.
- Performances:
 - JV Football Game vs. Titusville: October 1
 - Varsity Football Game vs. Space Coast: October 9

- Varsity Football Game vs. Cocoa Beach: October 16
- Varsity Football Game vs. Satellite: October 23

All students that want to participate in marching band must have the COVID-19 waiver signed by their parent/guardian before coming to any rehearsal or performance.

2020 – 2021 Marching Band Winds and Percussion Roster

Hanah N.	Madi C.	Christopher S.	George G.
Gabriele L.	Lacie C.	Christian H.	Jacob T.
Jordan C.	Dillon A.	Cameron C.	Sadie N.
Cole C.	Brandi S.	Zachary S.	Olivia T.
Aimee N.	Selena S.	Tyler S.	Jake N.
Amanda U.	Aaron W.	Megan D.	James B.
Caitlin M.	Esther N.	Bridgette S.	Lea J.
Hannah D.	Kacy B.	Zachary C.	Stephen P.
Savannah R.	Morgan V.	Angel L.	Dylan F.
Makenzie K.	Evan W.	Travis M.	Talon E.
Sofia A.	Domanic B.	Brock T.	Kai M.
Zoey B.	Colin M.	Michael M.	Madalyn D.
Addison B.	Max W.	Solomon J.	

Guard members, you should have received an email from Ms. Volz regarding color guard participation. Color guard students are supposed to attend all marching band rehearsals and performances, as notated above. If you have a conflict, please email Ms. Volz at merrittislandcolorguard@gmail.com. Wind and percussion students, if you do not see your name and you wanted to be in marching band, please send me an email at gerrard.benjamin@brevardschools.org.

Percussion Assignments for Marching Band:

Snare: James, Hanah

Tenors: Jake, Stephen

Bass 1: Talon

Bass 2: Dylan

Bass 3: Madalyn

Bass 4: Kai

Cymbals: Lea

Monday, September 14

MIHS Band Booster Organization, Inc. Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held virtually via this link:

<https://brevardschools-org.zoom.us/j/82723222327>

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

Marching Mustangs Rehearsal: 4:00 – 6:30 P.M.

- Students must have the COVID Release document on file to participate in rehearsal. If you have not yet filled it out, please complete it via this link:
- [COVID Release Document](#)
- Students report to the band room at 3:40 P.M. for temperature screening and COVID monitoring questions. After being screened, students should report to the practice field by Wells Fargo.
- Items needed for rehearsal:
 - White T-shirt
 - Shorts
 - Socks
 - Tennis Shoes
 - Flip Folder (returning students ONLY)
 - Cell phone with Drillbook Next App downloaded <http://www.drillbooknext.com/> (student version)
 - 1 gallon water cooler filled with water
 - Mouthpiece
 - Marching instrument (marching instruments will be rented this week)
- Masks must be worn at all times when not socially distanced. Please bring water from home. Students will have their temperature checked upon arrival and will be asked the COVID monitoring questions.

Thursday, September 17

Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal:

- Mason: 4:00 – 5:15 P.M. | Rehearsal G – Rehearsal J
- Burritt: 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. | Rehearsal D – Rehearsal F

Masks must be worn at all times. Please bring water from home. Students will have their temperature checked upon arrival and will be asked the COVID monitoring questions. If you have a schedule conflict or are unable to attend, please contact Mr. Martin at cmpercussion93@gmail.com.

Friday, September 18

BAND App Join Links

Here are the join links for each class:

- General Band Announcements (MIHS Marching Mustangs): <https://band.us/n/a4ac35ycV7scr>
- Jazz I (0-Block): <https://band.us/n/afa13by9V8n74>
- Symphonic Band (2nd Block): <https://band.us/n/a8a538y1V1P6l>
- Wind Ensemble (3rd Block): <https://band.us/n/a0af3by5V4q2v>
- Color Guard: <https://band.us/n/a2ab3aycV9tcm>
- Percussion: <https://band.us/n/afa335yfV7t3D>

All-State Auditions

All-State Auditions will be held virtually this year. There will be no timpani component for the percussion auditions, and there will be no sight-reading component for any of the auditions. The HeartOut app will be used to record (more information will be distributed by FBA at a later date). Students will be allowed three opportunities to record their audition and then will pick their best take for consideration.

- Sept 18: All-State Paperwork Due
- Fri, Sept 25 - Sat, Sept. 26: 11/12 Symphonic Band Auditions
- Sun, Sept 27 - Mon, Sept. 28: 9/10 Concert Band Auditions
- Fri, Oct 2 - Sat, Oct 3: MS & Jazz Auditions
- Nov 6: List posted to directors on MPA online
- Dec 1: The latest that music will be emailed to students/directors

Donations

We are looking for donations of the following items as we are not being provided much from the District:

- Hand Sanitizer (70% isopropanol)
- 70% Alcohol Wipes
- Pantyhose (both small and large sizes)
- Black binders (1")
- Sheet Protectors

If you are able or willing to donate any of these materials, please send them in with your student.

Pay Fees Online:

Parents/Guardians are able to pay their child's band fees online via PayPal. If you want to get ahead on payments or pay your fees in full, you can do so at any time. If you have any questions about which fees you are supposed to pay, please email Mr. Gerrard. The link to pay is: <https://www.paypal.me/mihsbbo>

Amazon Smile

Are you an Amazon shopper? Have you heard of AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



Simply log on to smile.amazon.com (not amazon.com) when making your purchases. Be sure to choose "Merritt Island High School Band Booster Organization Incorporated" as your supporting organization. It's a simple way to help support the program!

On-going Reminders:

- Join our **Private Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165516356092/>
- Like our **Public Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/merrittislandband/>
- Join our **Instagram Page:** <https://www.instagram.com/merrittislandbands/>

Checkout our webpage and Google Calendar at merrittislandband.org

All payments must include student name, reason for payment, and placed in the white box in Mr. Gerrard's office. Make checks payable to MIHSBBO. Fee payments are only accepted via check or PayPal online.

The 2020-2021 "Merritt Island High School Band" Calendar is updated for the whole school year! Please check dates now to avoid interference with vacation plans, etc.

Instructions on how to add the Google Calendar:

If you have a Google account – from your home computer:

- Open the Google Calendar
- To the right of Other Calendars, click the drop down arrow – Add by URL
- Past the ICAL Link below and then – add Calendar
- <https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/54dqd67ogl283pi8mt8bfe7phk%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

If you don't have an account or want to add it to your Outlook Calendar, just Google "How to add a Google Calendar to Outlook."

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The following "Merritt Island High School Band Safety Procedures for COVID-19" and "Band PPE" comply with the University of Colorado's International Performing Arts Aerosol Study. This study has been adopted by the Brevard Music Leadership Team, Florida Bandmasters Association, and the Florida Music Educators Association.

Merritt Island High School Band Safety Procedures For COVID-19

1. Masks are **required** to be properly worn **at all times** in the band room.
2. Instrument specific nylon coverings/bags are required to be properly fitted on every instrument at all times.
3. For social distancing purposes, students are seated as far apart as space allows and chairs are placed in "windows", so no student is playing into the back of another student.
4. Each student has his/her own music stand. Music stands are not to be shared.
5. Each chair and stand will be sanitized with a cleansing solution between every class.
6. Students will empty water (condensation), which is accumulated by playing wind instruments, onto puppy pads or outside on the grass outside the band room. Each student is responsible for disposing his/her own puppy pad at the end of each class in the dedicated trash bin.
7. Students who play flute, oboe, clarinet and percussion will NOT be issued lockers in the band room. These students must carry their instrument or equipment with them throughout the school day. By implementing this procedure, we will limit the amount of foot traffic in our small storage rooms.
8. Students who play saxophone, bassoon, bass clarinet, trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, and tuba will use the storage lockers provided in the band room. Students who play these larger instruments may stop by the band room in the morning between 8:35 and 8:45 A.M. before school to drop off their instrument, and then stop by the band room at dismissal to take it home for practice.

9. All students will use a 1" black binder with sheet protectors which will be kept in their backpack at all times. Students will not be allowed to store binders in the band room.
10. Traffic into the band room will be "one-way." Students will enter through the back double-doors by the restrooms and exit through the double doors at the front of the band room (where the dedicated puppy pad disposal bin will be located). This will help students avoid as much face-to-face contact as possible when entering and exiting the band room.
11. We will not be using breathing tubes this year. Any dedicated breathing exercises or mouthpiece playing will be done outside.
12. There will be a maximum of 30 minutes of continuous playing inside the classroom followed by 20 minutes of going outside and working on music theory and rhythm literacy. 20 minutes is the amount of time it takes our HVAC to exchange the air in the room with fresh air. Playing will resume in the band room after the air exchange is complete.
13. No students will be sharing mouthpieces or instruments. All mouthpieces will be sanitized in Mi-T-Mist (brass and flute) or Sterisol (oboe, clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon) after each use.
14. I will keep a box of disposable gloves on my podium at all times. I will use these gloves any time I have to touch a student's instrument (repair, adjustment, etc.).

NON-COMPLIANCE: If a student does not comply with the established safety procedures herein, or any new procedures due to the changing nature of this pandemic, the student will not be allowed to participate in class that day and will lose participation points. If this becomes a pattern, the student risks referral to administration, which includes removal from the band program.