



January 10, 2021

Concert Week! We have our rescheduled Winter Concert on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 P.M. If anyone is not going to be using their tickets, please send me an email at gerrard.benjamin@brevardschools.org so I can reassign them other patrons.

All-County Excerpts

The All-County excerpts can be found at this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/112APLGyGqjS_oZpbgUCbiYkaMdHrYEDy?usp=sharing

The auditions will be held virtually the first week of February. **Wind Ensemble students must play their instrument specific excerpt(s) as their final exam on January 14, 2021.** If you are interested in auditioning for the All-County Band, please start preparing!

Solo and Ensemble

It is time to start picking out Solo and Ensemble repertoire! You can sign up on the website via this link: <https://forms.gle/mXHHz4qDiyw9tgwQA>. All submissions are due by January 11, 2021. Soloists, please call your accompanist early (that means now) to make sure they are available.

You can peruse the list at this link: <https://flmusiced.org/MPAOnline/MusicList/SEMUSICList.aspx>

Monday, January 11

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://brevardschools-org.zoom.us/j/87321390552>

Meeting ID: 873 2139 0552

One tap mobile

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Meeting ID: 873 2139 0552

Find your local number: <https://brevardschools-org.zoom.us/u/kzsSv0tV>

Tuesday, January 12

Winter Concert: 7:00 P.M., MIHS Auditorium

Livestream Link: <https://youtu.be/3L7u-KLuCiM>

Report time: 5:45 P.M. (Symphonic Band), 6:15 P.M. (Jazz I), 6:45 P.M. (Wind Ensemble)

Attire:

- Symphonic Band: Concert Black
 - Gentlemen: long sleeve black dress shirt, black tie, black slacks, long black socks, black dress shoes or dinkles
 - Ladies: black blouse, black pants or skirt, black shoes)
- Wind Ensemble
 - Gentlemen: long sleeve white dress shirt, black tie, black slacks, long black socks, black dress shoes or dinkles;
 - Ladies: black blouse, black pants or skirt, black shoes)
- You can view your tickets for the concert via this link: [Winter Concert Ticket Assignments](#). Some parties were separated to accommodate social distancing, so thank you for your flexibility. The link to view the concert via livestream: <https://youtu.be/3L7u-KLuCiM>. Attached to this email is the program. It will also be available via QR code at the concert. As a reminder, the concert will be held in the MIHS Auditorium on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Doors will open at 6:30 P.M. (there is no need to arrive earlier as the tickets are preassigned). There will NOT be any tickets available at the door the day of the concert. In keeping with the mandates set forth by BPS facilities and Risk Management regarding opening for events starting in July, the auditorium will be limited to 50% capacity or less or as updated by BPS. Prior to entering the building patrons will see signage asking audience members who are experiencing any illness/symptoms not to enter. Hand sanitizer stations are available at the doors. All patrons will be required to be masked the entire time in the facility. The theatre will be sanitized after the performance by our custodians per the district mandate for facility use.

Wednesday, January 13

Thursday, January 14

Percussion Rehearsal: Please check the Percussion BAND app for specifics from Mr. Martin.

Friday, January 15

Jazz I Schedule:

Jazz Schedule:

Monday, January 11 - Knee Deep in Rio: 7:45, Dancing Nitely: 8:10

Tuesday, January 12 (in auditorium) - Knee Deep in Rio: 7:45, Dancing Nitely: 8:10

Wednesday, January 13 - No in-person jazz band; please practice Redeye or Una Vez Mas

Thursday, January 14 - Redeye

Friday, January 15 - Una Vez Mas

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/a8a538y1V1P6I>
- Wind Ensemble (3rd Block): <https://band.us/n/a0af3by5V4q2v>
- Color Guard: <https://band.us/n/a2ab3aycV9tcm>
- Percussion: <https://band.us/n/afa335yfV7t3D>

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/54dqd67ogl283pj8mt8bfe7phk%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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