

# WEEKLY NOTES

## November 15, 2020

Last Home Game on Friday!

### Winter Guard Survey

Are you interested in joining our award-winning MIHS Winter Guard? This is a GREAT way to build fundamental skills needed for marching band, DCI, and college marching band. ANYONE (guys and girls) are welcome to join, regardless of prior experience.

Here is some information from Ms. Volz and a brief survey: [Survey](#)

There are still many unknowns but we have a general time frame. FFCC plans to host a mix of virtual and in-person performances between February - March and we have the option to participate virtually unless the school district clears travel.

There are fees for participating in winter guard (different from marching band fees).

In the past these fees have ranged from \$300-\$400 and included Costume, Show Design, Equipment, and registration fees. Again, once we know how many members are committed to the season, and what the season will look like, we will be able to finalize costs. We plan to keep things minimal if our circuit stays virtual, and this will lower the cost per member.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this season is welcome, no prior skills are needed.

See Schedule Here:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=MDEwcTBvM3EyOHJzbWt1NWFscGhpZDloNGNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

## Monday, November 16

### • Mustang Mentors

- 4:15 – 5:15 P.M. at Jefferson Middle School
- Please let Mr. Gerrard know tomorrow if you are available to come help.

## Tuesday, November 17

## Wednesday, November 18

### Percussion Rehearsal:

Black Rainbow: 4:00 – 5:15 P.M.

Doomsday Machine: 5:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Stormbreak: 6:45 – 8:00 P.M.

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

<https://brevardschools-org.zoom.us/j/84346761792>

## Thursday, November 19

## Friday, November 20

### Varsity Football Game vs. Satellite High School

- *Make sure you either eat dinner before the game or bring money for the concession stand.*
- All members are welcome to attend (as long as you have the COVID-19 waiver filled out).
- Report Time: 5:30 P.M.
- March to the Stadium: 6:00 P.M.
- Star Spangled Banner: 6:55 P.M.
- Game Start: 7:00 P.M.
- Game End ~ 10:00 P.M.
- Pick Up ~ 10:15 P.M.

Attire and Items Needed: White Band Shirt, khaki shorts (any brand will do), black socks, tennis shoes, water cooler filled with water, money for concession stand.

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Block): <https://band.us/n/a8a538y1V1P6I>
- Wind Ensemble (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Upcoming Events

- **Winter Concert** (December 15, 7:00 P.M.)
  - A limited audience will be allowed and the event will be livestreamed on our private Facebook page. Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz I, and Percussion Ensemble will be performing. Attire for Wind Ensemble (black jacket, white dress shirt, black pants, black tie, black socks, dress shoes for men; concert black for ladies). Percussion Ensemble and Symphonic Band will wear concert black. Jazz I will wear their Wind Ensemble attire.
- **Mustang Mentors is Back!**
  - For students needing volunteer hours (which is EVERYONE) you can help the Jefferson Middle School students at JMS.

- Mentoring will be on Mondays and will start on October 26 from 4:15 – 5:15 P.M.
- All band PPE will need to be worn.
- You can sign up with Mr. Gerrard.

### **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](http://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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