

METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MHS Concert Band
Warrior Marching Band
Jazz Band
Winter Guard
Percussion Ensemble

Fall Newsletter - 2009

The Methacton Band program is alive and well! This year's Concert Band is a bit smaller due to some scheduling challenges. However, the students are working diligently to develop individual and ensemble skills, as well as preparing repertoire for future concerts.

I'm excited about a community performance that has been planned for this fall. We have been invited to have the MHS Concert Band perform at the **Shannondell Community's awesome auditorium on November 19th at 7:30 pm**. This is a great way to share our musical talent and expression with the senior citizens at that facility. To that end we will have a few full ensemble rehearsals in order to join the mod 2 and mod 9/10 band sections. **Please complete and return the verification slip below.**

1. Fall Calendar – Upcoming events

Concert Band

Tuesday, November 10	Concert Band Rehearsal	7:30-9:00 pm
Tuesday, November 17	Concert Band Rehearsal	8:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, November 19	Performance at Shannondell	7:30-8:30 pm
	Report to MHS at 6 pm. Return at 9 pm.	
Tuesday, December 15	Concert Band rehearsal	7:30-9:00 pm
Thursday, December 17	Concert Band rehearsal	7:30-9:00 pm
Monday, December 21	Winter Concert Performance at MHS	

Jazz Band

Tuesday, November 10	Jazz Band Orientation Meeting	6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 17	Jazz Band Auditions	6:00 pm
Tuesday, November 24	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday December 1	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday December 8	Jazz Band Rehearsal	6:30-8:30 pm

2. **Concert Uniforms.** We will be distributing concert uniforms within the next few weeks. You will be fitted for sizes during class. Young ladies - we will need to determine your dress size. Young men - we will need sizing for a vest, pair of pants, and uniform shirt. Unless you have one from last year, guys will be responsible for purchasing the specific style of shirt, with a **cost of \$20. Make checks payable to Methacton Music Boosters.** If you are a sophomore, junior, or senior, you may use the shirt you purchased last year if it is in good condition.

3. **PA Music Educators Association Auditions.** If you have not already done so, any students auditioning for the PMEA District Band should see Mr. Mascaro for information, preparation tips, and a mock audition. The instrumental auditions will be held on Saturday, December 12th at Central Bucks East HS.

4. **Warrior Marching Band – Good luck with your competitive season and final USSBA Championships in Annapolis, MD on November 6th.**

5. Winter Guard and Percussion rehearsals will begin soon. Organizational meetings are tentatively scheduled for Winter Guard on November 10th and Winter Percussion on November 17th.

Concert Band Performance Verification

Student name _____ Grade _____ will participate in the **MHS Concert Band Performance at Shannondell on Thursday, November 19 from 7:30-8:30 pm** as well as the two evening rehearsals to be held on Tuesday, November 10 and November 17. On November 19th, students should **report to MHS at 6 pm**. I expect that we will return by 9 pm.

Parent signature _____ Date _____