

Millbrook Marching Band Notes

March 2010



Note from MHS Band Board

Band activities are picking up this month. There are rehearsals for the musical, the parade, the festival, and more. Just take a look at the calendar below! Look at the calendar on the mhsbands.org site for more details on the calendar items.

Marching Band is performing at the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 13th. They will be performing The Galway Piper.

Be sure to attend the Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 23. The officers for next school year's Band Board will be elected that night. Also, all the information on the Disney World Festival will be available and discussed.

The 2010-11 Marching Band interest meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 27th. We will start with a pre-meeting hot dog dinner at 6:15, followed by the informational meeting at 7pm in the band room. Any student who is interested in Marching Band for 2010-2011 should attend this meeting.



Kid's Kudos

Recognizing our band kids for their accomplishments and activities inside and outside of school.

Bryce Johnson has been accepted into Appalachian State for the upcoming fall. And he also just got his acceptance into the Marching Band program there as well. Their big highlights for the upcoming marching season include a football game at the University of Florida Gators in November and a trip overseas to Spain in December. Bryce is also applying to the honors program at Appalcahian.

Rebecca Daniel is part of the Millbrook High Bowling Team and on February 22nd both the girls and boys bowling teams won the State Championship. During single's play, Rebecca placed 4th in the state.

James Lavoie is shaving his head again this year for St. Baldricks Day. St Baldricks raises funds for childhood cancer research. This is the third year he has participated. Please come and cheer him on Saturday March 6th at 5pm at Napper Tandy's Irish Pub on West Street.

Chelsea Neubert made the JV girl's soccer team.

Senior Spotlight

Tim Nienstedt



I have been a member of the marching band for four years. I remember the night I came to freshmen orientation and all the band members greeted me. They were excited that I was there and about what they did in Marching Band. I thought this might be something to try. It was a great summer at band camp and a tough one. It was at West Millbrook Middle School and there was a lot of lightning and thunder. I had to carry the Tympani up and down the back stairs, sometimes 6 times in one day. I knew I was going to learn about music but didn't know I would build muscles carrying equipment also. It was also great after being redistricted to Millbrook and going to a school knowing almost no one. Marching Band was like having instant friends and connections from day one.

I have been playing the mallets in the front ensemble most of my four years. I have the plans and want to build one of out of PVC pipes. It seems like I was generally the first one to practice and the last one after all gets put away. I have really enjoyed the mallets and learning new things from the clinicians each year. I really liked learning to play with multiple mallets at one time and like that sound also. This year I spent some more time with the base drum at football games. I like playing at the football games. I remember the year the band went to Broughton High School and the drum section went and played behind the spectators. It was really great for school spirit and was good for the fans too. I also like playing the cymbals but the bruise on the arms I didn't expect.

I have been section leader both Junior and Senior years. Marching Band has taught me how to be a leader and how to lead and how not to lead. I also learned when to work hard and push through tough times.

Next year I plan to go to Wake Tech. Get grounded and figure out what I want to do career wise. I am thinking about engineering careers.

I would recommend Marching Band to any one. It was a great way to get involved in High School make friends and be part of the bigger picture. Had some good times, met some great people and Millbrook rocks! Good Luck next year!

March Calendar



- March 1 Final Disney Payment Due
Musical Rehearsal--2:45-4:15 pm
- March 2 Musical Rehearsal--2:45-4:15 pm
- March 3 Parade Rehearsal--3:00-5:00 pm
- March 4 Musical Rehearsal--2:45-6:00 pm
- March 5 Concert/Symphonic Band
Rehearsal—2:45 pm
- March 6 Musical Rehearsal—9:00 am-4:00 pm
- March 8 Parade Rehearsal—3:00 pm-5:00 pm
- March 9 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-5:15 pm
Concert—7:00 pm
- March 11 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-6:00 pm
- March 12 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-6:00 pm
- March 13 St. Patrick's Day
Parade (MB)—be at school at 9:30 am
Musical Rehearsal—2:30 pm-7:00 pm
- March 15 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-6:00 pm
- March 16 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-6:00 pm
- March 17 Musical Rehearsal—2:45 pm-6:00 pm
- March 18 Jazz Band Informational
Meeting—2:35 pm-3:00 pm
Musical Performance—7:00 pm
- March 19 Musical Performance—7:00 pm
- March 20 Musical Performance—7:00 pm
- March 23 Concert Band/Symphonic
Band Rehearsal—2:45 pm-4:15 pm
Spring Trip/Boosters
Membership Meeting—6:30 pm
- March 24 Central Dist. Band Music Performance Adjudication (Festival)—TBA
Concert/Symphonic Band
Rehearsal—2:45 pm-4:15 pm
- March 25 Central Dist. Band Music Performance Adjudication (Festival)—TBA
- March 26 Central Dist. Band Music Performance Adjudication (Festival)—TBA
- March 27 Jazz Band Auditions—2:45 pm-4:00 pm

March Birthdays



Joseph House – March 14
Maddie Privette – March 27
Alise Pocta – March 28
Brandon Williams – March 29



Countdown to Disney World



Hollywood Rip Ride Rocket—Universal Studios

36 days till we leave for Disney World. Check out the countdown clock at mhsbands.org.

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