



Sundevil Beat

Director's message...



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How very proud you must be of your student's progress on their instrument! The personal discipline and commitment have paid off many times over.

It is now the time when students must schedule classes for the upcoming year. Most important, your child needs to make certain that BAND or ORCHESTRA is a part of their future. If you have any questions about the scheduling process, please feel free to call me at my office any time between 7 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. 858-484-1180 x3519. I am your partner in ensuring that your child has the opportunity of continuing their important musical development.

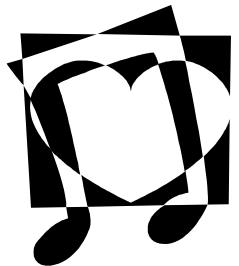
If there is any indecision concerning your child's future participation in the High School Music Program, please don't hesitate to call me so we can discuss the situation. It may seem that the required courses allow no room to schedule music, but there are an infinite number of ways to include

Band or Orchestra with some personal attention to your student's schedule. Every effort will be made to see that this is accomplished for the benefit of your child.

We want you child to enjoy all of the positive growth in terms of personal self-esteem and self worth for their educational career. Group participation is the key to making this a reality, and their is nothing that brings out the sense of personal contribution quite like the feeling of BEING IN BAND OR ORCHESTRA!

Again, I encourage your communication in this important step forward. Whatever assistance I can provide is yours for the asking.

Musically yours,
Warren Jorns



Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 9th - Don't Forget to move your clocks ahead one hour !

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Eighth Notes— News and Information for Middle School Families

March is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming four years at Mt. Carmel, and of participating in the Band, Orchestra, or Color Guard programs at MCHS. If you do not live within the boundaries of Mt. Carmel, you may still transfer into MCHS, as it is an "open enrollment" school as designated by the District. Stop by the administration office to pick up the forms needed to complete your "IDT" or intra-district transfer to Mt. Carmel. Please call the MCHS office at 484-1180 for forms, information and deadlines for submitting your intra-district transfer application right away, since decisions on spaces and classes will be made in the coming weeks.

Incoming freshmen/parents will soon be invited to come on campus to learn about MCHS life. There will be a special meeting for music students in the MCHS Band Room at that time. You'll get lots of important information about the MCHS music program and the class registration process. A link to the counseling website can be found at www.mchscounseling.com. The class planning guide from the counseling office, which you will receive, can also be accessed at: <http://www.powayusd.com/PUSDMCHS/counseling/Student%20Planning%20Guide%2010-122002.htm>. It will give a specific example of a college-prep class schedule prepared for band and guard students. Students who participate in our music program are usually college bound, and having a background in music education is helpful for gaining admission to competitive colleges.

COLOR GUARD NEWS...

How do you like the performances so far? They are great aren't they? If you have not seen a show/ tournament yet look at the schedule below and get out to one.

The coaches and students work hard and put in a lot of time and effort into these performances, please show your support to your student and the winter guard teams.

Speaking of support we are in need of chaperones and drivers for these events, please see the paragraph below and log on to the guard website for more information. At the moment we have no head chaperone for the junior varsity team, JV parents you need to come forward and be active this is one of many ways you can be, for more ways to volunteer please see Alex, Jim, or Stephen.

Winter Guard Practice Times and other Calendar Notices

JV Tues evenings 6-8pm at Adobe Bluffs Elementary & Thurs after school 2:45~4:30pm

Varsity Wed evenings 5:30-9pm & Sat 9am-5pm at Adobe Bluffs

Varsity and JV will be performing at the following shows in March

Mar. 1: San Diego Regional (Var. only)

Mar. 15: San Diego Invitational

Mar. 22: Mira Mesa

Mar. 29: RCC Regional (Var. only)

Dress Attire for rehearsals is black bottoms and a black top or warm-up suits, bring a jacket or sweatshirt for after practice.



Assessment

Prior assessments are now classified as past due, the **next assessment of \$125 is due on 1st of March for both Varsity and JV and a \$200 for Varsity Ohio Trip.** For further assessment information or schedule see members page on website or previous handouts

Assessments and travel fees must be mailed or delivered to Babette Baltazar

Chaperones

Are required for both Varsity and JV events as listed above for information on chaperoning and sign-up please see guard website. In town events we will carpool (drivers required), see website to download private vehicle transportation form. To be submitted ASAP. If interested in driving or chaperoning please contact Jim Woodward or Denise Whitener

April 6th MCHS Winter Guard Tournament

Time is quickly closing in on us, we are working our way through the planning stages to have this day be perfect and show how great our school and Band Boosters organization is. For this day to be a success it needs to be fully staffed with student and adult volunteers there are lots of opportunities to assist, when you volunteer you can earn money for your student accounts. Whether you are an Orchestra, Band or Guard family you all are invited to help make this show a success. For more details see website or contact Alex, Jim or Stephen. Thanks we REALLY need your help.

Opportunities Abound At The Spring Tournament

There is an excellent opportunity to raise funds for your student at the Spring Tournament this April. The Spring Tournament is an exciting indoor competition for winter guard teams to show their skill in movement and music using flags, rifles, sabers and other props in a choreographed floor show. Mt. Carmel is hosting the Winter Guard Association of Southern California and up to forty visiting teams from the region. The event will be held all day on Sunday April 6 at Mt. Carmel High School.

The Spring Tournament Committee is headed by Jim Woodward and Stephen Lundie. They have been working hard with the committee chairs planning this event to make it profitable. There are several shifts still available to work on the day of the tournament. **Those who work a shift will benefit directly by having funds added to their student account!** A web-based tool for signing up will be available soon on the Band Boosters website. Please check the announcements for details.

As you know, last year's Fall Tournament was canceled because of the fires in San Diego. This had several negative impacts on our organization besides lost revenue. We lost the on-the-job experience working the day of the tournament and chance for boosters to "shadow" committee chairs to eventually take over the committee in the following year. Combine this fact with parents that are graduating this year and we are further behind the curve. So I'm asking you to help James and Stephen by signing up, and consider shadowing one of the following Spring Tournament committee chairs:

Jim Woodward - jw@jameswoodwardphotography.com - Tournament, Program, Awards

Stephen Lundie - lundiemacduff@yahoo.com - Tournament, Facilities, Parking, Vendors

Alicia Avery - aliciaavery@hotmail.com - Concessions, Judge hosting

Mohoa Ha - mohoa2000@yahoo.com - check In (guard & volunteer), Program and Ticket Sales

Alex Klotzback - dklotzba@san.rr.com - Security, entry doors, (spectator and competitor) spectator and entrant management.

A Message from the President

Hello parents and other music supporters,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of the eighth grade students from Black Mountain, Meadowbrook, and Oak Valley Middle schools. Soon your student will be bringing home information about the music program at Mt. Carmel. We hope that your student will choose to participate in our program for the next four years. If you are like many parents of an eighth grader, you may have only a vague idea of what the music program encompasses. At Mt. Carmel, our program consists of the marching band (fall) colorguard (the auxiliary unit of the marching band), orchestra (full year), winterguard (similar to colorguard - performs in the spring), the Wind Ensembles and Concert Bands (brass and woodwind players), the Jazz band (spring - auditions), the pit orchestra (performs in conjunction with the spring musical), and the pep band (winter - performs at the basketball games). As you can see, there is something for everyone in our program.

Our booster organization exists to provide extracurricular benefits to the students in the program. We provide small group instruction from professional musicians, instruction for the students in the guard, specialized instruments, transportation to events, purchase of sheet music - pretty much everything that it takes to make a music program run. We ask that each family participate in the funding of these activities and specific information will be provided to you in August once the budget for the upcoming year is approved. We receive very minimal funding from the school district, so everyone's participation is vital to our continued success. In addition to the assessments, we also hold a band tournament in the fall that is used to offset our costs, and help keep our assessments the lowest in PUSD. We also run several fundraisers throughout the year and many families pay their entire assessments through fundraising. As the parent of an eighth grader, you can get a head start and begin fundraising right now. Just give us a call and let us know that you are ready!



We have a great fundraising opportunity coming up in April. On Sunday, April 6th, Mt. Carmel is hosting one of the largest winterguard tournaments of the year. It is the last Southern California tournament that will be held before the national tournament. We will potentially be hosting up to 40 guard units. It is bound to be an exciting day. This year, we have decided to try something new - having the entire tournament staffed by both guard parents as well as band/orchestra parent. Since our fall tournament was cancelled, we were unable to train our new tournament volunteers, but by combining forces to host the spring winterguard tournament, we can use this as an opportunity to train volunteers in the intricate details of hot dog preparation and ticket sales. So if you are a guard, band, or orchestra parent (that ought to cover our bases) we'd love to have your help on April 6th. Please contact Jim Woodward for more information at jwoodwar@san.rr.com. This will be a student account fundraiser.

Please check the calendar on the website for upcoming concerts and guard tournaments. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Kit Moses
MCBB President





**Its Not too Early to Ponder. .
Band Camp!**

Even though Spring is barely in the air, Summer is not far behind and then comes Band Camp! It is not too early to ponder for a moment the wonders of Band Camp and how much fun you would have joining the energetic bunch who put it all together. If you would like to help organize and be a part of your child's band experience, please think about being on the Band Camp committee. We will meet in May to get started. Feel free to email with any questions! I need about 6 people to help. Thanks!

Wendy Morris, 484-1319 or
wendymorris14@yahoo.com

ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS!!

The Instrumental Music Program at Mt. Carmel depends heavily on the collection of Assessment payments in order to pay the many expenses it takes to run the program. We operate on a very tight budget and, as such, delinquent Assessment Payments have an impact on everyone in the program.

Please be aware that students who have not paid their assessments **IN FULL** will not be able to participate in clinics and will not be allowed to attend the Band Banquet at the end of the year, as these are non-school funded activities

If you are among those who still have not paid your assessments for the 2007-08 band/orchestra season, please contact Julie Anderson ASAP @ 538-1785 to make payment arrangements.



WANTED: UNIFORM CHAIRS

Two people with a good working relationship, stellar sense of humor, and the patience of Job. Must be willing to adopt and love approximately 200

extra children from May through December. Sneakers required, as you are on your feet constantly. Must be available for fittings during the summer months. Sewing ability not necessary. We will reveal to you all the arcane knowledge required to make the Marching Sundevils look fantastic! Added bonus: you are inheriting a fantastic, experienced crew of Uni-Moms. Call Chris Haden at 484-1610 so she can talk you into it.

See's Candies Spring Holiday Sales

Be sure to check the Booster website for the Spring Holiday Sale candy pick-up day in March. An e-blast will be sent as well.

And don't forget about See's Candies yummy chocolate bars and lollypops! Selling See's is an easy way to earn money for your student's account.

For questions or to place an order, please call or email Lisa Rebboah at 484-9490 or lrebboah@san.rr.com.



Newsletter Editor Needed for 2008-2009

Here is a great opportunity to make a tremendous contribution to the Music Booster Organization while working from your home computer at the time you choose! If you enjoy creating interesting and informative projects on your computer, this job could be right for you.

Editing the newsletter involves collecting articles and information from the various Committee Chairs and entities involved in the MCHS music programs-Band, Color Guard, and Orchestra. Timely information is put together and mailed to all parents. The current newsletter is created in MS Publisher, printed at the PUSD Publications Department, and mailed through the Bulk Mailing division of the post office.

This job could easily be shared by dividing the responsibilities: One person put the newsletter together on the computer and e-mail the finalized version to PUBS and another person (or persons) pick up, label, and mail the finished products.

If you are interested, please call Lydia Schultz at 748-8004 with any questions you may have. Complete step-by-step instructions and directions on all aspects of this operation will be cheerfully given.



MUSIC BOOSTER OFFICERS 2007-2008

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2nd VP Ways & Means, Holli Helenschmidt	486-4841
Recording Secretary, Joanne Schutte	538-6222
Treasurer, Kery Kamita	679-3206
Corresponding Secy., Beth Wargo	312-1681
Auditor, Bill Findley	486-0914

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2007-2008

Assessments, Julie Anderson	538-1785
Band Camp, Wendy Morris	484-1319
Banquet, Jane Findley	538-8624
Chaperones (Band), Amy Chapman	538-5304
Color Guard Chaperone, Denise Whitener	484-3970
Color Guard Parent Rep, Alex Klotzback	538-6709
Color Guard Parent Rep, Steven Lundie	679-4875
Color Guard Finances, Babette Baltazar	312-1216
Color Guard Uniforms, Liz Schwieterman	748-8829
Concerts (Orchestra), Cyndy Macshane	538-2713
Concerts (Band), Wendy Morris	484-1319
Concerts (Band), Open	
Equipment, Art Moses	484-6241
Equipment, Kevin Warneke	672-2394
Escrip-Vons, Kevin Engfer	618-5845
Historian, Denise Eaton	679-8328
Membership, Open	
Merchandise, Margaret Morales	538-1701
Merchandise, Kathy Schmidt	484-3657
Merchandise, Darlene Mallec	484-1455
Newsletter, Lydia Schultz	748-8004
Orchestra Rep., Cyndy Macshane	538-2713
Publicity, Gayle Case	672-3682
Grocery Scrip, Daniela Ito	538-0797
Retail Scrip, Mondy Hegwood	486-7310
SAT Admin., Cindy Watson	672-1762
SAT Admin., Barb Romano	672-3825
SAT Admin., Jane Findley	538-8624
See's Candy, Lisa Rebboah	484-9490
E-Scrip, Barbara Engfer	618-5845
Student Accounts, Cathie Sandison	538-1762
Tournament, Brian Findley	538-8624
Tournament Co-Chair, Art Moses	484-6241
Tournament Merchandise, Ellen Cardoso	513-8268
Tournament Merchandise, Denise Eaton	679-8328
Uniforms, Joann Pun	583-4820
Uniforms, Chris Haden	484-1610
Webmaster (Booster website), Brian Findley	538-8624

Mt. Carmel High School Band, Orchestra and Color Guard Parents, You're Invited to Attend...

the 2008 Mt. Carmel Instrumental Music Awards Banquet
Saturday, June 7, 2008 in the Grand Ballroom
Doubletree Hotel, Mission Valley
7450 Hazard Center Dr.

Reception - 5:00 pm Dinner - 6:00 pm

*Come and enjoy an exciting evening of awards, dinner, music, dancing and silent auction!
Celebrate our award-winning students!*

Number of People attending _____
Name(s) _____
would like to sit with _____

Please indicate your entree choice:

- Grilled Marinated Flank Steak and Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables
- Cheese-Filled Tortellini with Marinara Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables

*all dinners include
Mixed greens garden salad with choice of dressing, rolls, beverage and dessert*

Price for the evening is \$43.00 per person.
This order form is for parents and other adults or family members.
Students will be provided a separate invitation in the bandroom.
Please return this reservation form and check payable to MCBB to:
Elmari Galope, 13227 Lingre Ave., Poway, CA 92064
Tickets will be held at the door of the banquet
Questions? Contact Elmari at 748-8992 or Elma@ElmariGalope.com
Reservation deadline April 25, 2008

parent form

THE SILENT AUCTION IS COMING!

We will be holding a silent auction at our upcoming banquet on June 7, 2008. This is a chance to get some great deals, and benefit the music program. So far, we have spa gift certificates, museum passes, and restaurant gift certificates.

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering to help with the Silent Auction, please contact Holli Helenschmidt (619-992-4841 or hollihelenschmidt@hotmail.com).

Retail Scrip

Buy Retail Scrip and a percentage is credited to your student's account while you enjoy shopping or dining at many locations in our area. Give Retail Scrip gift cards and certificates as gifts or use them yourself, it all adds to your student's account.

Visit <http://www.mchsband.com/fundraising/retail-scrip/> to print out the most recent order form. A new form will be available each month. Mark your calendars now with these deadlines for ordering:

March 24th

May 19th

Gift cards are generally available one week after the order deadline.

Watch the fundraising page of the Booster website or attend Booster meetings for more complete details.



GROCERY SCRIP

Scrip is available for purchase!

Here is an easy way to put money in your student's account: buy grocery scrip from **Albertsons** or **Stater Brothers**. The scrip is available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. It comes in the form of prepaid gift cards and your student receives 4% of the value of the card in his student account. Scrip will be sold at all band booster meetings and at Wednesday night rehearsals or you can call me and arrange for pickup at my house. Simply make a check out to MCBB for the amount you wish to purchase, write your students name in the memo section and contact me! **Daniela Ito, 858-538-0797**

S.A.T. Volunteers



The SAT Test Center at Mt. Carmel is run by the Band Boosters as part of the MCBB fundraising program. MCBB receives an honorarium from the testing company and those parents who volunteer receive a stipend that is credited to their student's account. The balance of the honorarium goes to the MCBB General Fund.

Parents of current Eight Grade Students:

Get a head start on fundraising by volunteering for either of these remaining tests!

Mark your calendars with the Test Dates:

May 3rd; and June 7th

For the SAT I, classroom supervisors will earn **\$52** and hall proctors will earn **\$42**. For the SAT II, classroom supervisors will earn **\$45** and hall proctors will earn **\$35**.

This is a great way to add a **large amount** of money into your child's student account as well as add to the General Fund. We need at least 35 volunteers for each test date, so many of you can take advantage of this desirable fundraiser. **Please be aware that no parent may volunteer to work at an SAT Test Center where their student is taking the test.**

Please contact Jane Findley at 538-8624 (findley@san.rr.com), Barb Romano at 672-3825 (bromano@san.rr.com), or Cindy Watson at 672-1762 (cinwatson@sbc.global.net) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



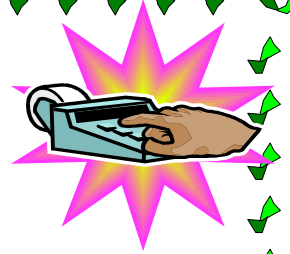
Fundraising Snapshot

Ways to build your student account



WHO AND WHAT	PHONE	WHO AND WHAT	PHONE
VONS/RALPHS ESCRIP Barbara Engfer	618-5845	SAT TEST PROCTORING Barb Romano Jane Findley	672-3825 538-8624
RETAIL SCRIP Mondy Hegwood	486-7310	GROCERY SCRIP Daniela Ito	538-0797
SEE'S CANDY Lisa Rebboah	484-9490	SEASONAL FUNDRAISING Holli Helenschmidt	486-4841

Treasurer's Corner



ALL ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS ARE NOW PAST DUE!

BAND & COLOR GUARD— 2 Payments of \$225.00/sibling \$175.00

ORCHESTRA —1 Payment of \$300.00/sibling \$200.00

PLEASE SEND ALL PAYMENTS TO OUR ASSESSMENT CHAIRMAN ASAP!

Please do NOT place your Assessment payment or any other payments in the Band Room. After the first day of Band Camp, you must MAIL your Assessment payment to Julie, as described above, and throughout the year all payments must be either mailed or delivered in person to the Booster parent in charge. This is for the security of your payments and your personal information.

All assessment payments must be mailed to our Assessment Chair, Julie Anderson at:

P.O. Box 720188

San Diego, CA 92172-0188

Please make all checks payable to "MCBB" and always write the following in the memo portion of your check:

Student's Name

Description—assessment, Band Camp, etc

Thank you in advance for helping the Booster organization run smoothly by paying your assessments on time. This helps us keep on time with the many expense that go with giving your music or Guard student an experience that will last a lifetime.

Kery Kamita, MCBB Treasurer

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS ... You can begin fundraising now! Money earned now will be placed in a Student Account for you. Once you join Band, Orchestra, or Color Guard, you may use these funds for Band, Orchestra or Color Guard-related expenses.

ATTENTION SENIORS ... May 30th is the last day seniors may submit Student Account Withdrawal forms. Remember: all unused monies revert to the General Booster Fund.

Student Account Information:

If you want to pay for current, Band-related expenses from your student's account, please print the, "Request For Payment From Student Account" form located at the following link: <http://www.mchsband.com/uploads/file/SARRequestForPayment.pdf>

Please Remember:

- The Request must be signed by the student and one of the Directors before it can be given to our Student Account Chair, Cathie Sandison. You may place this form in the Student Account envelope in the Band Room, or you can mail it to Cathie Sandison at 12189 Brickellia Street, SD 92129. DO NOT MAIL YOUR REQUEST FORM TO THE TREASURER.
- Please check your student's account on the Booster website to verify the amount funds available for transfer.
- Student Account transfers for assessments, band shoes, etc. must be submitted to Cathie Sandison at least one week before the payment is due.
- Student Account Reimbursement for music lessons, instrument purchase/repair, etc. must include a copy of the receipt and a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Request for reimbursement must be submitted within 30 days of lesson or purchase.
- **Please be patient, as it takes time for earnings to be routed to the student accounts.**

For Questions on Student Accounts, Contact Cathie Sandison at jcsandison@san.rr.com or 538-1762

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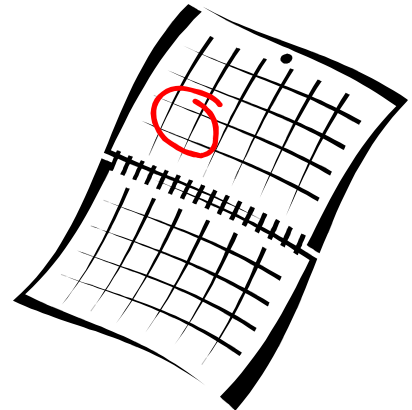


Dates to Remember...



- March 1st**—Varsity Winterguard at San Diego Regionals
- March 13th**— Concert II at El Camino Festival 4:30 p.m.
- March 14th**— Wind Ensemble II at El Camino Festival 4:30 p.m.
- March 15th**— Wind Ensemble I at El Camino Festival 8:00 p.m.
- March 15th**—Varsity & JV Winterguard at San Diego Invitational
- March 22nd**—Varsity & JV Winterguard at Mira Mesa
- March 24th**— Booster Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Booster General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- March 29th**—Varsity Winterguard at RCC Regionals

Mark Your



Calendars!

**Boosters General Meeting
Monday, March 24th, 7:30 PM**