

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING MILTON HS BAND PROGRAM

Does it cost to be in the band? What is a band fee? – Unfortunately, we have some expenses that we have to raise money for in order to provide goods and services to our band members that enhances their experience in the program. Some of these expenses include ordering music, registering for competitions, purchasing music and drill for our halftime, ordering flags, and participating in fun events such as the Festival Day Meals, Christmas Party, & Band Banquet. The students are asked to pay a band fee for the year. The band fee for the upcoming school year is **estimated** to be around **\$350** (colorguard may be more due to uniform costs). Understand that the students will have plenty of opportunities to fundraise their band fee. When our students fundraise, 100% of the profit earned is applied towards their personal account. Parents may choose to make cash or check donations, fundraise all of it, or a combination of both. New students will also need to purchase several parts of their uniform. This is a one-time purchase for their four years in band unless the student loses, damages, or outgrows those uniform parts. Our members are required to purchase their band pants (\$50) and black band shoes (\$25). The uniform parts needed for new members totals \$75 per member. There are other expenses that can be incurred but they are optional activities such as the Band trip in the Spring. This year is to be determined. If students audition and make the indoor percussion ensemble there are also fees associated with that optional performance ensemble as well. The \$350 band fee and \$75 Uniform due (for new members) covers them for both marching season & concert season. Whereas this seems like a lot of money, it is really a great investment in your child in providing them with a worthwhile activity that will pay back in many ways during their high school career. More information will be provided concerning band fees during at the PARENT MEETING on THURSDAY, MAY 25th AT 7:15 pm in the MHS Bandroom.

What is a “Step-Off” Rehearsal? This rehearsal, on Monday May 15th 6pm-8:30, is an opportunity for us to meet with the 2023-24 Band prior to the end of this school year. During this rehearsal we issue lockers, school-owned instruments if applicable, and begin inside/outside playing rehearsals. We began this event nine years ago and it turned out to be very successful and exciting evenings! If members can’t attend, please just simply shoot us an e-mail so that we know the members are still planning to participate in the band.

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What is Rookie Camp? Is it required? Rookie Camp is the required camp for all new band members of our band program. The purpose of this camp is to teach our new members how to corps-style march, introduce them to the policies & procedures of our band program, and to work on stand music/halftime show music for football season. If a member is unable to attend, they will likely be placed on the alternate line (*see below*). Rookie Camp will be May 22nd, 24th – 25th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm and May 26th 4pm-7pm.

What is Band Camp? Is it required? Band Camp is the required camp for all members of the Mighty Black & Gold Marching Band. During this two-week camp, we will be learning the drill formations for our new halftime show. It is rigorous schedule and members must make sure that they are physically prepared for the camp. Members who are unable to attend will likely be placed on the alternate line (*see below*).

What do I need for Rookie Camp & Summer Band Camp? These activities will take place outdoors, so students need to be prepared. We ask that all students wear comfortable, cool clothes for outside activities. Hats & caps are recommended to keep direct sunlight off the head. Also, sunblock is recommended. Students should bring some type of thermos, water bottle, or bottles of hydrating type drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, Water) along with them. Camel Water packs are also allowed. A towel may also be convenient as students will definitely sweat during the marching activities.

Does the school provide instruments? The school provides some of the instruments in the band. These instruments include tubas, baritones/euphoniums, mellophones/French horns, percussion, and some low reeds (bassoons, bass clarinets, tenor & bari saxes). We will issue these instruments at our Step-Off Rehearsal on May 16. Students who are issued a school-owned instrument must pay a \$50 maintenance fee used towards cleaning and maintaining these instruments. All other instruments such as flutes, clarinets, alto saxes, trumpets, & trombones should be provided by the student.

Does everybody make the band? What is an “alternate”? If a student has a hard work ethic, demonstrates dedication, audition, and has a strong desire to be a part of the MHS Band, then they can be a member. We only want students who want to be in the band! Now, not every student may have an actual spot in the halftime show. With our band program expected to exceed 140 members this upcoming year, we may utilize an alternate line. This line will consist of about 15-20 students who will be used to fill empty positions vacated because the member marching that position has not lived up to the expectations of a band student either by having unexcused or excessive absences from rehearsals, not learning their music or drill, or some type of disciplinary action is taken. Students must earn their position on the field. The students on the alternate line will be full members of the band and will be expected to be at all rehearsals & performances. These students will shadow other students around the band during rehearsals and could quickly find themselves being put into the drill prior to a performance at the discretion of the directors. More information will be given during the summer months regarding the alternate line.

What and when are the auditions? The band does have auditions in order to place our members in the appropriate chair order and in the correct concert band class. Audition music will be distributed on a specified date. The percussion will be auditioned at their auditions camp, May 17th – 19th by our percussion staff. The wind players (*all woodwind & brass instruments*) will audition ONLINE through Flipgrid. Students who fail to audition will not be able to participate in the MHS Band. Wind players will need to go to <http://www.miltonhighschoolband.com/mhs-band-audition-material.html> for all audition information. AUDITIONS ARE DUE SATURDAY, MAY 27th.

What about Jazz Band? The Blackwater Beats Jazz Band is the cool and smooth side of the Mighty Black & Gold. This class meets 4th period every day, with occasional after school rehearsals during the school year. They also perform at various venues across the region. Auditions for this ensemble will be ONLINE through Flipgrid. Further audition information for the Jazz Band can be found on our website here <http://www.miltonhighschoolband.com/blackwater-beats-jazz-band.html>. Auditions are due May 27th.

Does the band rehearse every day after school? The answer is “no”! The Marching Band rehearses two days per week (*Tuesday nights, & Thursday afternoons*) from the beginning of the school year until the end of October. The concert bands usually have one after school rehearsal per week during January through May, with an occasional brass/woodwind sectional one other day per week.

How many performances does the band give each year? The Marching Band usually gives 16-20 performances each year. We perform at all varsity football games, three marching festivals in late September through October, school pep rallies, community parades, and various other events. The Concert Bands give 3-5 performances each year including a Christmas Concert, Spring Concert, and participation at the FBA District 1 Concert MPA.

Is there a meeting for New Parents? The answer is “yes”! This meeting will take place on May 25th @ 7:30pm in the MHS Bandroom. We will be presenting a lot of information regarding the MHS Band Program, what you can expect from us, what we expect from our students, and basic orientation of the program. Please make plans to attend! We also encourage your band student to attend with you. The MHSBPA will be providing refreshments.

How can parents get involved? We are very fortunate to have a very strong Band Parent organization. They meet in the MHS Bandroom the 2nd Tuesday night of each month at 7:00 pm. The MHSBPA seem to have as much fun as the students in working together on money-making projects to help support the Mighty Black & Gold Band Program. I would encourage you to check them out!

Have more questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Michael Schultz (Director of Bands) or Noemi Ruiz (Asst Director of Bands) at the MHS Band Office (983-5611) if you have questions that need to be answered prior to our meeting on May 25th. You can also e-mail us at schultzm@santarosa.k12.fl.us or ruizn@santarosa.k12.fl.us



2023 MILTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 30	1	2	3	4	5 MHS Band Spring Concert Showcase 6pm Letter/Bar, Leadership, Scholarship, and Last Will Application Due	6
7	8	9 8 th Grade Band Day 3pm-6:30pm MHSBPA Meeting 7pm	10	11	12	13 Charles "Bud" Bell Band Banquet 6:30
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> GUARD AUDITION CAMP 6pm-8:30pm All New and Returning Colorguard </div>				
14	15 Step-Off Rehearsal 6:00-8:30 pm Full Band (New & Returning)	16	17 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	18 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	19 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	20 Leadership Camp 9am-6pm
21	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> ROOKIE CAMP (4:00pm – 7:00pm) – All New Winds, Percussion, & Guard Students! </div>	23 Milton HS Graduation 7:00 pm	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> ROOKIE CAMP (4:00pm – 7:00pm) – All New Winds, Percussion, & Guard Students! LAST DAY OF SCHOOL </div>	25 New Parent Meeting 7:30pm	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> ROOKIE CAMP (4:00pm – 8:00pm) – All New Winds, Percussion, & Guard Students! </div>	27 All Winds Auditions due using Flip Grid App

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
MAY 28	MAY 29 Memorial Day Holiday	MAY 30	May 31	1	2	3	
4	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> GUARD CAMP 5:30pm-9:00pm </div>				8	9	10
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		MHSBPA Meeting 7pm					
18	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> PERCUSSION CAMP (6:30pm – 9:30 pm) </div>				22	23	24
25	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> PERCUSSION CAMP 6:30pm-9:30pm </div>				29	30	July 1

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2	3 Full Band Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 pm	4 Independence Day	5	6 Full Band Rehearsal 6:00-9:00 pm	7 Possible Lock-in	8	
9	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> BAND CAMP 1pm-4pm (Inside/Outside) 4pm-5pm (Dinner) 5pm-9pm (outside) </div>				13	14	15 Mass Band Carwash Fundraiser Various Locations 8:30am-2:30pm
		MHSBPA Meeting- 7:00					
16	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;"> BAND CAMP 1pm-4pm (Inside/Outside) 4pm-5pm (Dinner) 5pm-9pm (outside) </div>			19 REHEARSAL 8am-Noon SNEAK PREVIEW 7:00 pm	20 9th Grade Orientation Pep-Rally 10 th -12 Graders only 10am	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Possible trip to Drum Corp Atlanta	

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 30	July 31	1 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-8:30pm	2	3 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-9pm	4	5
6	7 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-8:30pm	8 MHSBPA Meeting- 7:00	9 First Day of School	10 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	11	12
13	14	15 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-8:30pm	16	17 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	18	19
20	21	22 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-8:30pm	23	24 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	25 HOME Game vs Orange Beach HS (7:30/MHS)	26

FIND US ON THE WEB!!!

Band Website – <http://www.miltonhighschoolband.com/>

- Your One-Stop for all things MHS Band...photos, calendar, music, performances, handouts, links, etc.

MiltonHSBand YouTube Channel – <https://www.youtube.com/user/MiltonHSBand>

- Current & Past Performances...go to MiltonHSBand Channel

Facebook Page (Band) - <https://www.facebook.com/MiltonHSBand/>

- Band's Facebook page...run by Mr. Schultz & Ms. Ruiz
- Can be found on Facebook by searching "Milton High School Mighty Black & Gold Band"

Facebook Page (MHSBPA) - <https://www.facebook.com/mhsbandboosters/>

- Band Parent Association's Facebook page...run by Executive Board & Band Directors
- Can be found on Facebook by searching for "Milton High School Band Boosters"

Instagram Page - <https://instagram.com/miltonhsband?igshid=ZDdkNTZiNTM=>

- Band's Instagram page...run by Mr. Schultz & Ms. Ruiz
- Can be found on Instagram by searching "MiltonHSBand"

MiltonHSBand Twitter - <https://twitter.com/MiltonHSBand>

- Get weekly announcements and updates
- Find us by searching @MiltonHSBand

Charms Office – www.charmsoffice.com

- "ENTER/LOG-IN" to "STUDENT/PARENT/MEMBER"
- Type in school code of "MILTONHSBAND"
- To access student individual area...student last name & graduation year (sometimes add first initial)
- Find interactive calendar, personal student information, financial statements, volunteer sign-ups, etc.
- Input personal information to receive e-mail blast

REMIND TEXTING PROGRAM – We are now using a texting program created for teachers called REMIND to send out informational texts and reminders to our students and parents...along with Charms e-mail. To sign-up for text messages from us, you simply need to subscribe to the appropriate "groups" below. You should receive a confirmation text after signing-up.

BAND PARENT & STUDENT TEXT GROUPS:

Milton HS Band Parent Association
MHS Marching Band Class of 2024
MHS Marching Band Class of 2025
MHS Marching Band Class of 2026
MHS Marching Band Class of 2027

text @parentbpa to (484) 241-4261
text @mhsmarch24 to (484) 241-4261
text @mhsmarch25 to (484) 241-4261
text @mhsmarch26 to 484-241-4261
text @mhsmarch27 to 484-241-4261

PERFORMING ENSEMBLE TEXT GROUPS (Parents may sign-up as well):

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MHS Marching Band Class of 2025
MHS Marching Band Class of 2026
MHS Marching Band Class of 2027

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MHS Symphonic Band
MHS Concert Band
MHS Panther Band
MHS Band Leadership Team
MHS Percussion
MHS Colorguard
MHS Jazz Band

text @miltonsb to (484) 241-4261
text @miltoncb to (484) 241-4261
text @miltonpbto to (484) 241-4261
text @mhs-leader to (484) 241-4261
text @miltonperc to (484) 241-4261
text @miltongrd to (484) 241-4261
text @mhsbbjazz to (484) 241-4261

To drop from a group, type "unsubscribe" to the appropriate number.