

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING MILTON HS BAND PROGRAM

Does it cost to be in the band? What is a “Fair-Share Donation”? – 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 Band Lock-In, Festival Day Meals, Christmas Party, & Band Banquet. The students are asked to make a “Fair Share Donation” for the year. The “Fair Share” donation 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 fair-share. 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), gold regimental helmet (\$65), ostrich plume for helmet (\$25), band shirt (\$12) and black band shoes (\$25). The uniform parts needed for new members totals \$177 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 the cruise trip rotation. If students audition and make the indoor percussion ensemble there are also fees associated with that optional performance ensemble as well. The \$350 Fair Share and \$177 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 Fair-Share Donations during at the PARENT MEETING on MONDAY, JUNE 1 AT 7 pm in the MHS Bandroom.

What is a “Step-Off” Rehearsal & “Down Beat” Rehearsal? These two rehearsals, on Tuesday night, May 25 and Thursday, May 27, are opportunities for us to meet with the 2021-22 Band prior to the end of this school year. During these rehearsals we issue lockers, school-owned instruments if applicable, and begin inside playing rehearsals. We began these events seven years ago and they 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. E-mail address: weaverg@santarosa.k12.fl.us & schultzm@santarosa.k12.fl.us .

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 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 June 1-4 from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

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 25. 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 170 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 was distributed on Thursday, May 6th. The percussion will be auditioned at their first rehearsal on May 10th 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 29TH

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 Saturday, June 5th.

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.

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 June 1 @ 7pm 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 Gray Weaver (Director of Bands) or Michael Schultz (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 June 1. You can also e-mail us at weaverg@santarosa.k12.fl.us & schultzm@santarosa.k12.fl.us .



2021 MILTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Colorguard Interest/Audition Camp 5:30-8:30	4 Colorguard Interest/Audition Camp 5:30-8:30 Percussion Interest Meeting 6:30-7:30	5 Colorguard Interest/Audition Camp 5:30-8:30	6 Colorguard Interest/Audition Camp 5:30-8:30	7 Band Captain Speeches Due	8
9	10 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	11	12	13 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	14 MHS Band Spring Concert Showcase 6pm	15
16	17 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm	18 8 th GRADE BAND DAY 3PM-6:30PM	19 Drum Major Candidates Conducting in Classes Leadership Voting Opens	20 Percussion Audition Camp 7pm-9pm Drum Major Formal Auditions 4:30-6:30	21	22 Charles "Bud" Bell Band Banquet 6:30
23	24 Leadership Workday	25 Step-Off Rehearsal 6:00-8:30 pm Full Band (New & Returning)	26	27 Step-Off Rehearsal 6:00-8:30 pm Full Band (New & Returning)	28 ALL WIND AUDITIONS DUE USING FLIPGRID	29 Leadership Camp 10am-5pm

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
MAY 30	MAY 31 Memorial Day Holiday	1 ROOKIE CAMP (4:00pm – 7:00pm) – All New Winds, Percussion, & Color Guard Students! NEW PARENT MEETING 7:00 pm	2	3 All Winds & Percussion Uniform Fittings	4	5 Big Kahunas Trip	
6	7 BPA Monthly Meeting 7pm	8 Milton HS Graduation 7:00 pm	9	10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
		GUARD CAMP 5:30pm-9:00pm					
		PERCUSSION CAMP (7:00pm – 9:00 pm)					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		PERCUSSION CAMP 7:00pm-9:00pm					
JUNE 27	JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	
		GUARD CAMP 5:30pm-9:00pm					

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		PERCUSSION CAMP (7:00 – 9:00 pm)				BAND LOCK-IN TBD	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		BAND CAMP 1pm-4pm (Inside/Outside) 4pm-5pm (Dinner) 5pm-9pm (outside)					
18	19	20	21	22 REHEARSAL 8am-Noon SNEAK PREVIEW 7:00 pm	23 MHS Freshmen Day 10:00 am-12:00 PM	24	
		BAND CAMP 1pm-4pm (Inside/Outside) 4pm-5pm (Dinner) 5pm-9pm (outside)					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Full Band Rehearsal 5pm-9pm	4	5 Full Band Rehearsal 6pm-9pm	6	7
8	9 First Day of School	10 Full Band Rehearsal 5pm-9pm MHSBPA Meeting- 7:00	11	12 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	13	14
15	16	17 Full Band Rehearsal 5pm-9pm	18	19 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	20	21
22	23	24 Full Band Rehearsal 5pm-9pm	25	26 Full Band Rehearsal 4pm-7pm	27 <u>HOME Game vs Crestview HS</u> (7:30/MHS)	28

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. Weaver & Mr. Schultz*
- *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"*

Facebook Page (Black Gold Percussion Ensemble) -

<https://www.facebook.com/blackgold.percussionensemble>

- *Percussion section's page...run by John Whiddon...our Percussion Director*

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 TEXT GROUPS:

All Band Parents (general info)

text @bandadults to 850-637-8697

Milton HS Band Parent Association

text @parentbpa to 850-637-8697

MHS Marching Band Class of 2022

text @mhsmarch22 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2023

text @mhsmarch23 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2024

text @mhsmarch24 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2025

text @mhsmarch25 to 850-637-8697

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

MHS Marching Band Class of 2022

text @mhsmarch22 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2023

text @mhsmarch23 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2024

text @mhsmarch24 to 850-396-0116

MHS Marching Band Class of 2025

text @mhsmarch25 to 850-637-8697

MHS Symphonic Band

text @miltonsb to 850-396-0116

MHS Concert Band

text @miltoncb to 850-637-8697

MHS Panther Band

text @miltonpbto to 850-396-0116

MHS Band Leadership Team

text @mhs-leader to 850-637-8697

MHS Percussion

text @miltonperc to 850-396-0116

MHS Colorguard

text @miltongrd to 850-396-0116

MHS Jazz Band

text @mhsjazzb to 850-637-8697

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