**MHS MUSIC Info – Choir/Band/Communication**

**MHS Choir 2019-20**

See the communication document attached - ***Please join the facebook pages, remind, fill out the contact form and check the website often!***

Here are the first few things to be aware of!

**\*Tentaive Music Department Carwash**Sunday, August 18th – Details TBD

**Full Department BBQ**All Band and Choir Students  
Thursday, August 22nd – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**Full Department Parent Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 11th  
7:00pm to 8:00pm

**WWU SA/TB Festival**  
(all choir students attend)  
Friday, November 1st – All Day – TBD

***Questions? Email: mdegrace@meridian.wednet.edu***

**MHS Band! 2019-20**

See the communication document attached - ***Please join the facebook pages, remind, fill out the contact form and check the website often!*** – here’s why:

1. This summer, music from UW will be delivered to me – then I will deliver it to you electronically. The UW performance is early, students will need to practice over the summer
2. Parade music will be ordered and delivered this summer
3. Section leaders may want to contact you for summer social gatherings
4. If you are renting an instrument from the school district and would like to check it out over the summer, communicate with me – as soon as repairs are done, you may do that

**Fall Sports and other conflicts:** Communicate early about what conflicts you have. Mr. DeGrace communicates with each of the coaches to work out schedules. Students who will be late because of fall sports, are willing to communicate and put in the effort, Mr. DeGrace is willing to work with them. No call, no shows are not tolerated. Remember, **music is a team effort**, when you are not at rehearsal, you effect your section and the entire band negatively.

**Students who wish to learn a new instrument!** – you must talk to Mr. DeGrace to 1) see if an instrument is available or 2) there is a need in the band for that instrument. If you are approved by Mr. DeGrace, you need to take lessons over the summer and you will be tested for proficiency in the fall. Do not expect to change instruments on day one of band rehearsals without gaining experience. There might be help available from current high school students.

**Required Items to bring to Marching Band**

1. **Tennis shoes** – Students won’t march in flip flops, boots, or anything other than athletic shoes
2. **Comfortable clothes** – Jeans are not the best marching attire.
3. **Personal water bottle** – Students will need their own water bottles for all rehearsals
4. **Sunscreen**
5. **Primary Instrument/Music**
6. **Willingness to Learn “Coachability” – Positive Attitude!**

**Summer/Fall Dates – Band**

**Please make THIS a priority – Summer rehearsals are not optional.** Schedule your vacations around these dates – **solve any conflicts now.** We only get better when **EVERYONE** is here! Our time is short! We need everyone present for every rehearsal. RELIABILTY, CONSISTANCY, DEPENDABILITY. It’s going to be a great season! Other events may be added – stay tuned!

***At rehearsals, What will we learn*?** Details Marching Fundamentals (foot timing, leg shape, posture) Parade Theory and execution. Marching music, Instrumental skill development, Pep band music, Ice breakers and team building.

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**Drumline Audition Week**Monday, August 19th – 4:30pm to 8:30pm  
Tuesday, August 20th – 4:30pm to 8:30pm  
Wednesday, August 21st – 4:30pm to 8:30pm

**Full Band Summer Rehearsals**Monday, August 19th – 6:00pm to 8:30pm  
Tuesday, August 20th – 6:00pm to 8:30pm  
Wednesday, August 21st – 6:00pm to 8:30pm

**Full Department BBQ**All Band and Choir Students  
Thursday, August 22nd – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**Husky Day of Marching Percussion**Saturday, August 24th – All Day

**Full Department Parent Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 11th  
7:00pm to 8:00pm

**Fall Rehearsals – 6:30pm to 8:30pm**Monday, August 26thMonday, September 9th   
Monday, September 16th   
Monday, September 23rd

**Fall Performances**Tuesday, August 27th – 7am Drumline  
Teacher LID performance at MHSSaturday, September 7th – Husky Band Day  
UW vs California Kickoff is 7:30pm  
stay tuned for ScheduleSaturday, September 28th  
Leavenworth Parade – All Day  
*(other opportunities may arise – stay flexible)*

**Football & Fall Pep Band**Friday, September 27th vs NVHS  
Friday, October 11th vs LCHS  
Friday, October 25th vs MBHS  
*(Playoffs – Early November – December)*  
Possible volleyball game – stay tuned!

If you have questions – feel free to email me! [mdegrace@meridian.wednet.edu](mailto:mdegrace@meridian.wednet.edu)

**MHS Music Communication**

Parents, join ALL forms of communication  
An email newsletter is sent out periodically.  Please check your 'junk' folder often.    
Make sure I have your contact info in the form below

**Remind (text based communication)**

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| **MHS Music Parents** Join Remind Follow this web address [**remind.com/join/kk28g9**](file:///C:\Users\mdegrace\Dropbox\Meridian%20documents\syllabus\2018-19%20Syllabus\remind.com\join\kk28g9) | **MHS Band Students** Join Remind Follow this web address [**remind.com/join/mrdegrac**](file:///C:\Users\mdegrace\Dropbox\Meridian%20documents\syllabus\2018-19%20Syllabus\remind.com\join\mrdegrac) |
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**Facebook**

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| **ALL MHS music students (parents too) – Join** [**MHS music department facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/300996709940122/) | **ALL MHS music parents – Join** [**Meridian Music Boosters facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/535064166514214/) |

**Website/Contact Form**

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| All New Band and Choir Parents,  fill out this contact form **NO LATER THAN July 1st**  [**http://meridianhsmusic.weebly.com/contact.html**](http://meridianhsmusic.weebly.com/contact.html) |
| MHS Music Website[**http://meridianhsmusic.weebly.com/**](http://meridianhsmusic.weebly.com/) |
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