

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG BAND

SUMMER BAND 2024

As we close out the 2023-2024 school year, let me begin by thanking you for all of your hard work this past year. I hope that you have an enjoyable summer vacation. Please take a moment to study the Summer Band schedule and arrange your activities so that you can attend all of the rehearsals.

SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE

Monday, July 22 – Thursday, July 25 – PERCUSSION CAMP* and COLOR GUARD CAMP

8:00–11:00 a.m. and 12:30–4:00 p.m. Bring your equipment and dress appropriately.

Percussion will meet in the Band Hall before splitting up into sections. Color Guard will meet in the Auditorium Foyer. Lunch is on your own.

*Percussion Camp Fee: \$150/person – checks made payable to MHS Band Booster Club, Inc.

This fee will help supplement the cost of hiring additional instructors from N8RHYTHM. Please bring payment on the first day of Percussion Camp.

Tuesday, July 23 – Leadership Team Training and Workday – 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Orchestra Room)

Friday, July 26 – TBA Student Day and Strategic Booster Institute – 8:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (San Antonio)

The 2024-25 Band Leadership Team and Mustang Band Booster Club Officers will attend these events held in conjunction with the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention

Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2 – ALL MUSTANG BAND MEMBERS

8:00–11:00 a.m. (Marching – church parking lot; Front Ensemble – MHS Band Hall)

12:30–4:00 p.m. (Memorial HS PAC) – Bring your instrument and dress appropriately. Please wear light colored clothing, **athletic** tennis shoes (running or cross training shoes required), sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Also, you must bring a small igloo-type water jug (half gallon or larger) filled with ice water every day. **Students are required to provide their own water for rehearsals.** We will be outside during the morning rehearsal. Lunch is on your own.

Monday, August 5 – Thursday, August 8 *Teacher Staff Development during the day*

FULL BAND – 5:00–7:30 p.m. (These times are subject to change due to extreme heat)

Friday, August 9 – UNIFORM FITTING & REGISTRATION DAY– 12:00-5:30 p.m.

12:00pm – Set-up (Uniform Parents and Leadership Team)

1:00pm – Leadership Team (stay to help)

3:00pm – Sophomores

1:30pm – Seniors

4:00pm – Freshmen

2:00pm – Juniors

5:30pm – Clean-up

Saturday, August 10 – MEET THE MUSTANGS Pep Rally – The entire band will perform.

Monday, August 12 – Tuesday, April 138 *Teacher Staff Development during the day*

FULL BAND – 5:00–7:30 p.m. (These times are subject to change due to extreme heat)

Wednesday, August 14 (*tentative*) – FRESHMAN STAMPEDE – The entire Mustang Band will perform.

Wednesday, August 14 – Band POOL PARTY – Location and Times TBD

Thursday, August 15 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – NO BAND REHEARSAL

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Friday, August 16 – “MEET THE BAND” PERFORMANCE and BAND PICNIC

4:00-7:00 p.m. FULL BAND Marching Rehearsal and “Meet the Band” Performance

6:30 p.m. – Parents and families meet at the MHS Track Field to watch the end of our rehearsal and see what we have been working on during Summer Band.

7:00 p.m. – After the marching demonstration, we will move to the cafeteria for our annual “Band Picnic” and Band Booster Club meeting for new and returning parents. Bring a picnic-style dinner for your family to eat during the meeting. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

Monday, August 19 – Begin Fall Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, August 24 – Band CAR WASH – 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (MHS Front Parking Lot)

If you know of any conflicts that you have with the Summer Band schedule, please notify Ms. Scott by email at Suzanne.Scott@springbranchisd.com **as soon as possible**. Students must attend Summer Band to be considered for a drill position in the UIL marching contest show.

FALL SCHEDULE

The Fall 2024 Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule is now available on the Band Calendar page on the Band Website. Please realize that the rehearsal schedule is subject to change and may be updated when the teachers and staff return to campus in August. We have also included our Fall Performance Calendar with this letter. Please schedule all appointments at a time when we do not have rehearsals or performances to minimize the interruptions.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Please make special note of the dates for the Rehearsal at Tully Stadium, the Battle at the Berry Marching Festival, the UIL Region 27 Marching Contest, and the UIL Area I Marching Contest. Please do not register for the ACT Test on Oct 26 or the SAT Test on Nov 2 as these conflict with the UIL Marching Contests. **NOTE:** Please do not register for the SAT or ACT in December as there are conflicts with the Region Band auditions on December 7 and the Region Band Clinic and Concert on December 14.

Marching spots in the UIL contest drill are earned and kept by attending rehearsals, displaying competency in marching fundamentals, and by “passing off” (playing by memory) the songs that we will perform on the field. These songs include the MHS Fight Song, MHS Alma Mater, and the competition show music. There will be a group of students who will have “shadows” or be “shadowing” other students. These students will alternate with another member in a drill position at rehearsals and some football game performances. The best player/marshcer in a drill position will march that position for the marching contests. All marching band members, whether in the drill or not, will receive the physical education credit for their participation in after-school marching band.

Please refer to the Band website regularly for calendar information. We look forward to another successful year for the Memorial HS Mustang Band!

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FALL CALENDAR 2024

JULY

- 22-25 Percussion Camp and Color Guard Camp – 8:00am-4:00pm
23 Band Student Leadership Team Training and Workday – 9:00am-4:00pm
26 Texas Bandmasters Association Student Day (San Antonio) – Leadership Team only
Jul-29–Aug-2 Summer Band for ALL Mustang Band members – 8:00am-4:00pm

AUGUST

- 5-8, 12-13 Summer Band for ALL Mustang Band members – 5:00-7:30pm
9 Uniform Fitting and Registration Day – 12:00-5:30pm
10 Meet the Mustangs – 6:00pm Pep Rally
14 Freshman Stampede Performance – time TBD
14 Band Pool Party – location and time TBD
15 First Day of School – NO Marching Band Rehearsal
16 Meet the Band Performance – Band Picnic and Booster Club meeting to follow
24 Band Booster Club Car Wash (MHS Front Parking Lot) – 9:00am-12:00pm
30 Seven Lakes vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 7:00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 6 MHS vs. Pearland (“The Rig” Stadium) – 7:00pm
14 MHS vs. Cypress Ranch (Pidgeon Stadium) – 6:00pm
20 Open week (no football game)
23 Region Jazz Ensemble Auditions (Cypress Ranch)
27 Cypress Falls vs. MHS (Tully) – 7:00pm – *Homecoming / Marching with the Mustangs*

OCTOBER

- 5 MHS vs. Cypress Ridge (Pidgeon Stadium) – 6:00pm
11 Rehearsal at Tully Stadium (Student Holiday) – 8:30am-11:00am
11 Cy-Fair vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 7:00pm
14 Area Jazz Audition Recording (CFISD VPAC) – *for students that advance*
19 The Battle at the Berry Marching Festival (CF-FCU Stadium) – time TBD
19 Cypress Creek vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 6:00pm
24 MHS vs. Northbrook (Tully Stadium – visitors) – 6:30pm
26 UIL Region 27 Marching Contest (CF-FCU Stadium) – time TBD
31 Jersey Village vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 6:30pm – *Senior Recognition*

NOVEMBER

- 2 UIL Area I Marching Contest (CF-FCU Stadium) – time TBA (if we advance)**
8 MHS vs. Stratford (Tully Stadium – visitors) – 7:00pm
18 Region Orchestra Auditions for Winds/Percussion (Cypress Ridge HS)
20 Region Orchestra Sectional for Winds/Percussion (Jersey Village HS)
22-23 Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert (CFISD Visual and Performing Arts Center)

DECEMBER

- 6-7, 9 Region Band Auditions (Site TBD)
10 Winter Concert (MHS Auditorium) – 7:00pm
13-14 Region Band Clinic and Concert (CFISD Visual and Performing Arts Center)

JANUARY

- 11 Area F Band Auditions for placement in the Texas All-State Band (Dekaney HS)