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Welcome to "Keeping the Beat," a newsletter put out by the Memorial High School Band Parent Organization each summer to kick off another musical school year. All the information in this newsletter can also be found on the Memorial Band Website: [www.oldabebands.com](http://www.oldabebands.com). You can find it by going to the MHS home page ([www.ecasd.us/Memorial-High-School](http://www.ecasd.us/Memorial-High-School)) and clicking on Academics, then Fine Arts, then Band. We encourage you to bookmark the band website and visit often for the most current information. The website is also a place where you can find a current calendar of events (dates sometimes change!), contact board members, and get volunteer information for upcoming fundraisers and events.

Another resource for information is Skyward, the school district's e-mail information system, which the band directors use to share details of upcoming events and volunteer needs and opportunities. Please make sure your information with the school is accurate and up-to-date. There is even a free Skyward app available for smart phones.

Finally, both band directors use Remind, a texting service for last minute updates and reminders. Ask your student this fall to make sure s/he is signed up.

Welcome back to another year of great music!

*The Memorial Band Directors & the Band Parent Organization Board*

## The purpose of the Band Parent Organization:



- Provide financial assistance and support services for the band program
- Aid in the development of students' interests in music
- Support the music curriculum and activities
- Promote student leadership and responsibility

## Band President's Corner

Hello! My name is Ann Brand, and I am the Band Parent Organization President. A big welcome to new and returning band parents as we prepare to kick off another great year of MHS Band. While this year is a little bittersweet for me, as my youngest is a senior, this time of year is always exciting as we anticipate all that MHS Bands have in store for the year. MHS has one of the strongest band programs in the state, and the music and events they share with us throughout the year show the dedication and hard work of our directors and students. So much to be proud of!

The mission of Band Parent Organization is to provide financial assistance and support services to the band program. Our goal is to aid in the development of student interests in music, to support the music curriculum and activities, and to promote student leadership and responsibilities. The money that we raise goes to support the band program through purchasing instruments and equipment, hiring clinicians, and offering scholarships just to name a few things we support.

Volunteer support is critical to the mission of our organization. Your time and talents go a long way in making our fundraisers successful and supporting the directors so they can focus their attention on our students. There are many ways to get involved from taking a shift at one of our fundraisers, donating a pie, or taking a position on the Band Parent Board. Volunteering is also a great way to meet people and get your finger on the pulse of the band program. All are welcome and needed! Stay tuned throughout the year as we share opportunities to give your time to support MHS bands.

If you are interested in learning more about the Band Parent Organization or would like to get involved, please join our quarterly meetings (dates and times will be sent out through Skyward). If you are interested in filling one of our open positions (listed on page 8), contact me at [abrand1@charter.net](mailto:abrand1@charter.net).

**Ann Brand**  
MHS Band Parent Organization President



### How do we spend the money we raise?

*The Band Parent Organization makes a huge difference in the Memorial Band Program.*

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of parents, and the generous donations of Friends of Memorial, these are just some of the things the Band Parent Organization purchased for the band program in the past year:

- ⇒ Xylophone
- ⇒ Percussion cabinets
- ⇒ Four bass drum carriers
- ⇒ Music stands
- ⇒ Concert venue rentals
- ⇒ Awards and letters
- ⇒ Scholarships
- ⇒ Senior party

## Meet Our Band Directors!

### Mr. Eric Dasher

Old Abe Wind Ensemble  
Concert Band  
Eagle and Freshman Bands



Eric Dasher is the director of the Freshman, Eagle, Old Abe, and Concert bands, as well as the pep and marching bands at Memorial High School. Mr. Dasher began his teaching career at Duluth East High School in Duluth, MN, where he taught for two years. He has been the director at Memorial since 2000.

Mr. Dasher has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a Master's of Educational Professional Development from the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

His principal instrument is the French Horn, and he previously served as the principal French Horn of the Chippewa Valley Symphony and played with Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra, Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra, and the Twin Ports Wind Ensemble. Mr. Dasher lives in Eau Claire with his wife, Becky, and their three children, Emily, Katelyn, and Joseph.

### Mr. Dominic Domeyer

Jazz Ensembles  
Eagle and Freshman Bands

Dominic Domeyer directs the jazz bands and co-teaches the freshmen and Eagle concert bands with Mr. Dasher.

Mr. Domeyer grew up in River Falls, Wisconsin and recently graduated from UW-Eau Claire, after student teaching at Memorial High School in the Fall of 2017. While at UW-Eau Claire, Mr. Domeyer performed in the university jazz ensembles, jazz combos, and concert bands. In addition to teaching, Mr. Domeyer serves on the board of Eau Claire Jazz Inc, assisting with the annual Eau Claire Jazz Festival, 52nd Street, and Gatsby's Gala. Mr. Domeyer is very excited to continue working with the great students at Memorial High school!



## Concert Band 101!



If you are new to Memorial, one thing you may have noticed is that there are a lot of students and many bands! MHS has six concert bands divided into four levels. You will enjoy two freshman bands, two Eagle bands, and two audition bands: the Concert Band and the Old Abe Wind Ensemble. Mr. Dasher directs the Old Abe Wind Ensemble, the Concert Band, and co-teaches the Eagle and freshman bands. Mr. Domeyer co-teaches the Eagle and freshmen bands (and all of the jazz bands). Each of these bands performs at the main concerts throughout the school year and are a part of a great tradition set by past bands at Memorial.

**Freshman Bands:** All freshmen are assigned to these bands to help get acclimated to Memorial High School. They are divided strictly by instruments and not ability. In addition to performing at concerts, they march at the Homecoming and Memorial Day parades and take part in many other activities.

**Eagle Bands:** Consisting primarily of sophomores, juniors, and some seniors, students do not have to audition to be in the Eagle bands. They participate in the two parades and winter pep band in addition to concerts. The Eagle bands do not march on the field for football games.

### Concert Band:

This is an auditioned group made up mostly of juniors and seniors. They will be part of all concerts, the marching band at home football games and parades, and take part in pep band activities.

**Old Abe Wind Ensemble:** This is an auditioned ensemble and the top band at Memorial High School. The Old Abe Wind Ensemble performs in formal dress for concerts. This band also marches at both parades and football games and plays for pep band.

## All About Jazz Band



Jazz Band is one part of a comprehensive music program at Memorial High School. The Eau Claire Memorial Jazz Program began as a stage band in the late 60's. The Memorial Jazz Program has grown over the years to including three big bands and various jazz combos. The Memorial jazz program performs regular concerts, community events, and jazz festivals in Eau Claire and beyond. The jazz program focuses on developing an authentic style, improvisation, and appreciation for jazz music. The Memorial jazz program seeks to inspire students through student performances, attending numerous jazz festivals, and hosting clinicians throughout the school year. Mr. Domeyer directs all jazz ensembles at Memorial High School.

### It's not too late to join jazz band for this year!

Spots in jazz band are still available for saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and rhythm section instruments. If you play a non-traditional jazz instrument such as flute, clarinet, french horn, etc. there is a spot for you too! If you are interested, email your guidance counselor to add "Jazz III" to your schedule. Follow-up with Mr. Domeyer ([ddomeyer@ecasd.us](mailto:ddomeyer@ecasd.us)) to make sure you are on the right track for this coming Fall Semester!

### Jazz III

This band is made up of freshman and sophomores. The students meet every other morning at 6:30 for Early Bird. Jazz III participates in the UW-EC Jazz Festival and sometimes travels with the entire Jazz program.

### Jazz II

This audition band consists of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students in Jazz II are invited to participate at the UW-EC Jazz Festival and other jazz competitions. This is also an Early Bird class, meeting opposite Jazz III.

### Jazz I

Becoming a member of this audition band is a top honor in the MHS jazz band program. Jazz I, consisting of mostly juniors and seniors, meets every day and participates in the UWEC Jazz Festival and other jazz competitions in Wisconsin and neighboring states.

# Back to School, continued...

## Band Parent Welcome Night!

**6:30 September 16 - Little Theater, MHS**

All band parents/guardians are invited to attend the Band Parent Welcome Night hosted by the Band Parent Organization each fall. Meet the band directors and Band Parent Organization board members and learn about the upcoming year in band and how you can help and support our students.

We hope to see you there!



## Upcoming Fall Performance Dates

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Who:</b>
Sept. 6	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 9	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 13	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 16	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 23	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 26	Varsity Show*	MHS Aud	7 pm	Jazz I/Jazz II
Sept. 27	Homecoming Parade	Mayo Hospital	4:30	All Bands
Sept. 27	Homecoming	Carson Park	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 7	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 11	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 13	Indoor Marching Band Rehearsal	MHS Aud	3-5	All Bands
Oct. 14	Indoor Marching Concert	MHS Aud	7 pm	All Bands
Oct. 19	Monster Bash	MHS Gym	Evening	All Jazz

\*A fun event for the whole family! All proceeds benefit the Band Parent Organization.

# Summer Marching Band Camp

## for Concert and Old Abe Wind Ensemble

It is very important for Concert and Old Abe band students to be present for these two weeks of rehearsal. The majority of marching rehearsal takes place during this time. Please make every effort to attend! Those unable to attend must let Mr. Dasher know in order to be excused: please call, 715-852-6360, or email, edasher@ecasd.us.

Dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes—sandals are not recommended. And don't forget your water bottle!

### August 5, 6, 7, 8

#### Sectional Times

*Woodwind and brass choose one*

8:00am	Woodwinds #1
9:00am	Brass #1
10:00am	Percussion
11:00am	Full Band
12:00pm	Lunch
12:30pm	Woodwind #2
1:30pm	Brass #2
2:30pm	Make-ups

### August 12, 13, 14, 15

#### Marching Camp

8:00am	Brass at MHS
9:00am	Woodwinds at MHS
10:30am	Drumline at Carson Park
12-2:00pm	Everyone at Carson Park



## Back to School!

### Freshman Information

#### Materials needed for band classes:

- Pencil!
- *Essential Technique Book 2000* for your instrument
- Flip folder for marching / pep band
- **Flutes:** get a "flutist friend" flip folder
- **Percussionists:** get a snare flip folder, MHS approved
- **Brass:** own valve and slide oil
- **Reeds:** at least three working reeds
- **Trumpets:** straight mute for concert band; plunger mute for jazz (small rubber plunger with no stick handle—purchase from any hardware store)

### Attention Percussionists!

#### Got your stick bag?

If you participated in summer band, you should have already purchased a stick bag. If you haven't, you need to purchase one at Schmitt or Morgan. Due to budget constraints, we are not able to supply mallets.

Jazz students: please consider purchasing the jazz stick bag.



# Uniforms: What to Wear and When to Wear It

Band	Concert Dress	Marching Dress
Freshman	A	MHS band t-shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes
Eagle	A	Marching uniform, black socks, black marching shoes
Concert	B	Marching uniform, black socks, black marching shoes
Old Abe	C	Marching uniform, black socks, black marching shoes
Jazz I	C = girls D = boys	
Jazz II	B	
Jazz III	A	
Pep Band	MHS band t-shirt	

- A Boys – shirt, tie, and dress pants.  
Girls – dress, skirt and blouse, or dress pants and blouse.
- B Boys – white dress shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes.  
Girls – white blouse, black dress pants, black socks or hose, and black shoes.
- C Boys – tuxedo/white shirt purchased at Muldoon's (approximately \$150), black socks, and black shoes.  
Girls – full-length black gowns (purchased anywhere) and black shoes.
- D Boys – tuxedos from Muldoon's (approximately \$150) with black shirt and purple tie from Muldoon's (approximately \$40), black socks, and black shoes.

\*\*\*If you need financial assistance, please contact the band directors.\*\*\*

## Uniform Fitting

Uniform fitting for sophomores, juniors and seniors who do not have the required marching uniform will be held in the band hallway **Aug. 5-8 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm**. The required marching shoes, which cost \$35, also will be sized; payment for the shoes will be collected when the shoes are distributed in September. There are a few used shoes available for \$10 (paid immediately), first come, first served. For questions regarding uniforms, please contact Becky Wood at [biowood2@hotmail.com](mailto:biowood2@hotmail.com).

## Uniform Care

The marching uniforms are only two years old, and each one costs more than \$500. Please protect our investment by taking proper care of the uniform:

- After wearing, allow it to dry in well-ventilated area.
- Once dry, hang uniform neatly.
- If it gets dirty before your student is done with band, professionally dry clean it (at your expense) at Gilbertson's Cleaners & Tailors at 2128 Sherwin Ave.

# About Our Band Parent Organization

## Main Band Parent Organization Board Contacts

President	Ann Brand	715-579-9453	abrand1@charter.net
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Secretary	Jayne Woodburn		jaynewoodburn@gmail.com
Treasurer	Michelle Beimborn		jmbeimborn@yahoo.com

## 2019-2020

## Board and Committee Openings

The Band Parent Organization needs YOU. As a group, we provide crucial financial assistance and support services to benefit all of the bands at Memorial High School. We have a fifteen-member board, as well as other committee chairs. Please, consider taking on a role!



The following is a preliminary list of board positions and committee chair openings for the 2019-20 school year. Many of these positions are ongoing, so there is information provided to make a smooth transition. All of them receive support from the other board members, volunteers, and band directors. And, we use Sign Up Genius (see page 9) to recruit volunteers, so no phone calling is necessary!

### Join us!

**Our Band Parent Organization meets 4 times per year.**

**You do not need to be on the board to attend. All are welcome!**

The first fall meeting is at the end of August in the band room—watch for a Skyward email with the date and time. Stop in and see what our group is like.

### Vice President

Coordinate with the president and band directors to assist in the coordination of efforts of the Band Parent Organization. Serve on the Nominating Committee and be willing to step into the duties of the president if necessary. Attend all board meetings.

### Thrift Sale Co-Chairs (3 open)

Organize and run the thrift sale fundraiser as a team with three committee chairs. This is our biggest fundraiser. A board position; attend four board meetings throughout the year.

### Evening of Jazz Raffle Coordinator

Coordinate donations for the raffle and prepare them for display. Work with the other co-chair(s) of Evening of Jazz to gather volunteers to run the raffle the night of the event.

### 2020-2021 Openings . . .

We will have a number of positions open for the 2020-21 school year, so if you are interested in shadowing someone for the position of BPO President, Scholarships Coordinator, Evening of Jazz, or at-large member, please contact Ann Brand.

# Other Ways to Volunteer

## Be a part of the team!

If you are not ready to commit to being on the band organization's board, there are plenty of other, smaller ways to help out! Below is a brief description of the many areas in which you can volunteer in a non-leadership position. Please contact check the specific chairperson on the following pages, the band website, sign up at the Band Parent Welcome Night, or when the Sign-Up Genius requests go out. You can also contact Ann Brand for more information or to answers to questions about these opportunities (715-579-9453 or [abrand1@charter.net](mailto:abrand1@charter.net)).

## Fundraisers

Each year we have four major fundraising events that can only be successful with your help. Please consider pitching in with any/all of the fundraisers listed below.

### Concessions

*Fall Football Games*

We need around 25 volunteers for each game shift to cook hot dogs/brats/hamburgers, staff the service windows, prep food inside, set-up, and clean up. Shifts are short but busy. See page 12 for more information.

### Thrift Sale

*April 17-18, 2020*

This is one of our largest fundraisers! Please consider joining as a committee member to plan the details of this event. In addition, we need lots of parents to help set up before the sale on Friday and/or to aid during the sale. See page 13 for more information.

### Pops Concert

*May 4, 2020*

This is our last big concert of the year and includes all the bands at Memorial. We serve pie and beverages, celebrate a great year, and use this time as an opportunity to recognize and say farewell to our seniors. People who help with this event might be asked to cut pie, serve pie, or clean up. A fun and quick way to volunteer. See page 14 for more information.

### Evening of Jazz

*May 15, 2020*

This is a fun, multi-generational evening of dancing to the big band sound. We transform our space into a big band venue and all of our jazz bands entertain us. The evening includes a raffle. Parents help is need to decorate, take admissions, serve food, organize the raffle and clean up. See page 14 for more information.

## Other Opportunities

### Ushers

We generally need four ushers at each concert (more for the indoor marching band concert). Ushers hand out programs and then, when the concert begins, they enjoy the show.

### Uniforms

*August / September / May*

Help fit and distribute uniforms in August and September. Assist with inventory of returned uniforms and/or preparation for dry cleaning in May.

### Nominating Committee

Be part of the nominating committee and help us find parents who might be interested in various positions within our organization, whether it's the board, a chair position, or general volunteering.

### Advocacy Group Members

There are times when our band program needs a community voice to advocate for our concerns and needs.



While you can always contact a board member or committee chair with your interests, often requests for volunteers come via email and a link to Sign Up Genius ([www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)).

To respond, all you need to do is click on the link within the email, select your time slot, click the "Submit and Sign Up" button, and enter your contact information.

## 2-Hour Power



## Pledge:

The MHS band program has more than 300 students in it. If 600 parents volunteered just 2 hours each, that would equal over 1,200 hours—or 50 DAYS—of volunteer work. It is the "many hands make light work" theory. Please consider donating 2 hours of your time.

# Raise Funds for Our Bands by Shopping!

“Scrip” is a nationally recognized gift card program featuring local and national retailers. A wide variety of retailers participate in the program including grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, clothing stores, and hotels. These are the same gift cards that you’d buy at a store - but when they are bought through our band program, 3-15% goes to our bands and students. Significant funds can be raised just by buying the groceries, clothes, and gas you’d purchase anyway!



The funds earned are divided 50-50 between the band and your band student. Your student’s earnings can be used on band trips, band clothing, shoes, tux, etc., and can be carried over year-to-year.

How can you participate? To buy physical gift cards, eGift cards, and reloadable gift cards at face value and pay SECURELY online, go to ShopWithScrip.com or the mobile website, MyScripWallet.com, using the MHS Band Scrip Code, 1FB13B5E61385. Or, complete an MHS Band Order Form and drop it with your check in the Scrip drop box in the Band Room. Physical gift card orders are placed monthly, but reloadable cards and eGift cards can be purchased anytime.

Learn more (or volunteer to help) on the band website or from Jenny Matysik (mmgb030405@gmail.com) or Liz Weichert (ewdynamo@yahoo.com).

## One More Way to Contribute: Become a “Friend of Memorial”

### No time to volunteer?

#### How about supporting the bands with a financial gift and becoming a “Friend of Memorial?”

“Friends of Memorial” support the band program by donating money to the Band Parent Organization. These funds go toward the purchase of instruments and equipment and in providing music-oriented learning opportunities that our current school district budget doesn’t allow.

All contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. Those that contribute have their names acknowledged in the concert programs throughout the school year and receive a receipt for tax purposes. The MHS Band Parent Organization is a 501(c)3 organization.

If you would like your contribution earmarked for something in particular, please make that known when you make your donation. Looking for ideas? A wish list is posted on the band website.

If you make a donation, keep in mind that many employers will make matching donations. If your company will do this, please make sure the matching donation is made out to “MHS Band Parent Organization”. If you would like to contribute a tax deductible donation and becoming a Friend of Memorial, please make your checks payable to: **Memorial High School Band Parent Organization** and mail the enclosed envelope to:

**MHS Band Parent Organization**  
2225 Keith Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

# Keep in Touch: Communications

As with many organizations, communicating with members is often our biggest hurdle. So, how do the Band Parent Organization and the band directors communicate with the students and their families? Well, in many ways...

- **Skyward**—Band directors send messages to parents and students via Skyward, the school's information system. Please make sure all of your information is current at the beginning of the year so you get these email updates.
- **Band Website and Newsletter**—Our "Keeping the Beat" summer newsletter is mailed as a hard copy. The information it contains (and any updates throughout the year) can be found on the MHS Band website: [www.oldabebands.com](http://www.oldabebands.com). If you have questions about something, please check the website!
- **Remind texts**—Have your student (or you) sign up for text message reminders. The band directors will share this information at the beginning of the year with students.
- **Partnership Coordinator**—The MHS Partnership Coordinator informs families of our larger events in her e-mail newsletters, so make sure you are also on her mailing list through the Memorial website.
- **Band Parent Welcome Night**—In early September, we will have our annual meeting. You will meet the band directors, the Band Parent Organization board members, and learn more about the band program.
- **Board Meetings**—The Band Parent Organization board meets four times a year. Our first meeting is in late August. The remaining meetings will be scheduled at our first meeting. All band parents are welcome to attend.
- **Facebook**—"Like" the "Memorial High School Band Program" page on Facebook for information and pictures.



## More About: The Concessions Team

Want to have some fun and help the band program make money? Join the Concessions Team for this year's home football games. An hour or two of your time gets you free admission into the football game and the chance to work alongside fellow band parents. We'll hear the band play as we work together to prepare, cook, and serve concessions.

Concessions sales are one of the biggest moneymakers of the year for the entire band program. The funds raised enable our musicians to have new equipment, instruments, trips, and other educational opportunities. It's easy and fun work - we'll train you on the job - and it's a great way to meet other parents. All games are held at Carson Park, and parents from all bands are enthusiastically encouraged to pitch in.

We will need volunteers to grill hot dogs, hamburgers and brats, prepare foods like popcorn, pizza and pretzels, fill orders at the service windows, set up and clean up. Shifts are short but busy, and we need about 25 volunteers for each game. Please consider helping with as many games as you can!

Volunteer signup will be done through SignUpGenius. Watch for an email at the end of August that will include more details about concessions and a link to sign up.

### Concession Dates:

**Friday, Sept. 6 vs. Rice Lake**

**Friday, Sept. 13 vs. Superior**

**Friday, Sept. 27 vs. River Falls HOMECOMING**

**WE NEED EXTRA HELPERS!**

This shift starts early with food after the parade and before the game.

**Friday, Oct. 11 vs. Hudson**



Email or call with questions:

**Lesley Frederikson**

715-829-8291

Lesley@lesleysauls.com

or

**Jenny Matysik**

715-563-0249

mmgb030405@gmail.com

## Macy's 2019 Thanksgiving Day Parade



Make sure to watch the upcoming Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year as Memorial High School Bands will again be represented in the Great American Marching Band. Congratulations to Maria Cruciani, Julia Nick, Cole Pecor, Joe Dasher, and Sophia Konzen for auditioning and making the band. While this is a tremendous honor, it is not without a cost to these students. You can help them get there by checking the "Memorial High School Bands" Facebook page for links to Go Fund Me Accounts. Or, you can send a check written out the Memorial High School Band Parents, and we will see that that the individual gets their funds.

## More About: The Thrift Sale

<b>Set-up:</b>	<b>Friday, April 17, 2020</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>The sale:</b>	<b>Saturday, April 18, 2020</b>	<b>8:00am—1:00pm</b>

We need your time—and your stuff! This will be the 22th annual thrift sale for the Memorial High School Band Parent Organization. We need everyone's help, both by donating items to the sale, and by volunteering hours to set up and run the sale! Donate items for us to sell and de-clutter your home at the same time! And then, don't miss this opportunity to pick up some bargains!

## Thrift Sale Donation Guidelines

- Clothing should be clean, folded, and in good condition.
- Please sort the clothes and put them in separate labeled bags. (ex: men's, women's, infant, toddler, etc.)
- We also ask that any two-piece items (pajamas - swimsuits - sheets) be pinned or taped together.
- Shoes in good condition should have the laces tied together or be attached with rubber bands.
- Tapes (video & music) and books should be placed in a box with the titles up.
- Blankets and sheets should be clean, sized, and labeled. Wrap masking tape around the item and write the size.
- Puzzles and game boxes should be taped on all four sides so pieces don't slip out.
- Dishes should be clean and boxed with the contents clearly written on the box.
- **Sorry, NO underwear, broken items, TVs, exercise machines, socks, magazines, appliances, grills, beds, baby cribs, car seats, or car tires.**



This is a great way to get involved with your child's music program and meet other parents in the Band Parent Organization. You'll be amazed at what we can accomplish when we *band* together! We usually make around \$6,000! Thank you in advance!

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, please contact Ann Brand.

715-579-9453

abrand1@charter.net

## More About: Evening of Jazz

**Mark your calendars for Memorial High School's Evening of Jazz on Saturday, May 15, 2020!**

This is a fun-filled, multi-generational evening of dancing to the big band sound. We transform our space into a big band venue and are entertained by all three MHS jazz bands.

To pull off this amazing event, we need help from all band parents. Volunteer opportunities include setting up/cleaning up the venue, welcoming guests and collecting admissions, serving food, and monitoring student rooms.

This major fundraiser supports ALL MHS bands, not just the jazz ensembles! Please contribute to its success by volunteering your time and by attending the event. And invite family and friends!

**Contact Amy Lysy at [amylysy@yahoo.com](mailto:amylysy@yahoo.com) to help out.**



## Pops Concert Successful Again This Year!



Band after band playing excellent music. Tasty pie, hot coffee, and water. A celebration of band accomplishments and a recognition of graduation band seniors and retiring band parent organization board members. What a great way to spend an evening!

Many thank yous to all the parents who donated pies, supplies, time, or money for our 2018 event. Also, many thanks to the MHS custodial staff who helped with set up and clean up and to the kitchen staff for allowing us to use their space. It could not be done without all of your help.

Many people made our evening festive and fruitful! We raised over \$1,300.00 which will help to purchase band instruments and other band department supplies. Thank you all!

### One night, one hour of your time. Easy peasy!

**Parents: want to be involved with your child's band program?**

**Help at the Pops Concert—May 4, 2020!**

Contact chairs: Val Logan ([vlogan0179@gmail.com](mailto:vlogan0179@gmail.com))  
Erica Maas  
Liz Mosher



## 2019-20 Memorial Band Dates

*Events are subject to change; please consult your email  
or the band website for the most current information.*



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Who</u>
Aug. 5-8	Uniform Fitting	MHS Band Rooms	Drop in, 8:00-2:00pm	
Sept. 6	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 9	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 13	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 16	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 23	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Sept. 26	Varsity Show	MHS Aud	7:00pm	Jazz I/Jazz II
Sept. 27	Homecoming Parade	Luther/Mayo Hospital	4:30pm	All Bands
Sept. 27	Homecoming Game	Carson Park	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 7	Marching Band Practice	MHS Fields	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 11	Football Game	Carson Park	6:00pm	Old Abe/Concert
Oct. 13	Indoor Marching Band Rehearsal	MHS Aud	3:00-5:00pm	All Bands
Oct. 14	Indoor Marching Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Bands
Oct. 19	Monster Bash	MHS Gym	Evening	All Jazz
Oct. 21	Musical Pit Rehearsals Begin			Select Students
Oct 27	Clearwater Review	Pablo	Noon	Old Abe/Concert
Nov. 2-3	Lawrence Jazz Festival	Lawrence University	All Day	Jazz I
Nov. 2	UWEC Honors Band	UWEC	All Day	Select Students
Nov. 4	Fall Jazz Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Jazz
Nov. 5-7	Musical Dress Rehearsal			Select Students
Nov. 8-10	Musical			Select Students
Dec. 5	Eagle/Band 9 rehearsal	MHS Aud	2:50-3:45pm	Eagle/Band 9
Dec. 9	Band Holiday Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Bands
Dec. 20	School Holiday Assembly	MHS Aud	In-school	MHS Music Groups
Jan. 3	Elementary School Tour	Elem. Schools	Day	Jazz I/II/Choir
Feb. 10	Winter Jazz Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Jazz Bands
Feb. 13	Eagle/Band 9 rehearsal	MHS Aud	2:50-3:45pm	Eagle/Band 9
Feb. 17	Winter Band Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Concert Bands
Feb. 29-Mar. 1	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival			Jazz I and II
April 4	Solo and Ensemble	Chippewa Falls HS	8:00-4:00pm	All Bands
April 14	Large Group Contest	MHS Aud	In-School	Old Abe/Concert
April 26, 27	Eau Claire Jazz Fest	UWEC	All day	All Jazz
May 2	State Music Contest	UWEC	All Day	Select Students
May 4	Band Pops Concert	MHS Aud	7:00pm	All Bands
May 15	Evening of Jazz	TBD	7:00pm	All Jazz
May 25	Memorial Day Parade	Wilson Park	9:00am	All Bands



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