

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

PARENT INFORMATION PACKET



2021 MARCHING BAND SEASON

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SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040

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COVID-19: This information is based on proceeding 'as normal' - everything is subject to change.

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the 2021 Spartan Marching Band! We'd like to tell you about several exciting events coming up before school starts:

New Marcher Clinic: Monday, August 2nd, 9:00am-Noon

We will hold a marching clinic designed for new Marching Band members at Mountain View High School outside Packard Hall. This clinic is a great opportunity for new members to meet other new students and members of our staff. You'll also get a head start on learning basic marching skills. Lunch will be provided.

New Parent Orientation: Monday, August 2nd, 5:00pm

Please join us in Packard Hall (the Band Room) on the MVHS Campus for an overview of the MVHS music program, information on 2021-2022 plans, and get your questions answered. *This will not be the only opportunity to meet other parents and get info.*

Band Camp 2021: Monday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 7th

Our 2021 Band Camp will be a week-long home camp. We encourage all Marching Band students to attend the annual kick-off to each new Marching Band season - an opportunity for new Marching Band members to make friends and become part of our "band family". Everyone learns or reviews skills required for success in Marching Band, and we begin learning the music and the show. Activities include marching, music and color guard rehearsals, team building, and games.

Student Orientation: Stay tuned for more information regarding MVHS Orientation and how Band students will participate.

Complete the Registration Packet by Friday, June 11th and email to ricky.alegria@mvla.net

We have a large enrollment for Marching Band, and a lot of paperwork to complete to get ready for the season. To help things run smoothly, please respect this deadline.

Step 1: To streamline info collection, PARENTS - please fill out one Online Registration Form per child: <https://forms.gle/81BBPqD6a6CTCkL5A>

Step 2: The Registration Packet has been attached to this email. To download another copy, go to myspartanmusic.net/marching-band-forms

Please fill out the following forms through Adobe Acrobat (not through a browser) and digitally sign where appropriate

***Form 1** - Marching Band Registration - *To be completed for all Marching Band students*

***Form 2** - MVHS Emergency/Health - *To be completed for all Marching Band students*

***Permission Slips (x2)** - *To be completed for ALL Marching Band students (includes MVLA Code of Conduct for your records)*

Step 3: Email is our primary way of communicating - Please sign up for the appropriate eLists at <http://mvhs.elists.mvla.net>

Make your payments: All interested students may participate in Marching Band, regardless of their family's ability to contribute financially. However, without generous contributions from most of our families, we wouldn't be able to continue this program with the success we now enjoy. Please review the requested contributions to cover expenses of your student's participation in Band Camp and marching band, and your family's "Fair Share" contribution to Music Council to help cover the instrumental music program's operating expenses. You can make these contributions by check made out to "MVHS Music".

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Why Join Band?

...Imagine going to a new school and not knowing anything about where to go, or who to talk to. The transition from middle school to high school is easier for band students because you will have many friends to help you through this process. Incoming band freshmen have immediate contact with upperclassmen, in a big brother/big sister kind of way. High school band is very healthy for students in a multitude of ways.

In The Arts

...Music has a profound effect on the academic success of the student. Band is a group effort. Members are required to shift from an *I/Me* reasoning to a *We/Us* concept. This means extending oneself beyond the normal considerations of much of our day-to-day living. Instead of the logic being “What's in it for me?” it becomes, “What's in it for us?” The values of cooperation, communication, concentration, correlation and completion come into play each rehearsal and performance.

Music is one of the few academic disciplines that require the student to master skills and apply them in performance. In other words, music involves multiple forms of learning. Band builds positive self-worth. Although we share many similarities with our athletic counterparts, band is a place for everyone. Rarely is a person serving as an alternate or substitute. Everyone in the band plays a starting role.

Some Additional FAQs

Q: Will Marching Band fit in a rigorous academic/athletic schedule?

A: Yes! We have students who are planning to enter all fields in college. The class schedule at Mountain View High School is made to allow these students to take a full schedule of classes (including AP) and play in one of the bands during all four years. We work together with Fall Sports and have made everything work (except Football).

Q: How good do I have to be?

A: All students are welcome to join the band program. Yes, even beginners!

Q: Will band and time commitment adversely affect my grades?

A: Whether you are in activities or not, at Mountain View High School, good grades are dependent upon having a good work ethic and good time management skills. If you are conscientious and organized, band, or any other activity, will not adversely affect your grades. If you are not conscientious and organized, grades will be a problem at Mountain View HS, even with no additional activities! The bands' schedules have been carefully developed to work with the school's academic demands. In fact, many of the school's top scholars are in band.

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2021 Fall Rehearsal & Performance Schedules

NEW MARCHER TRAINING

Monday, August 2nd from 8:00am-Noon @MVHS, Lunch Provided During Rehearsal

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

Monday, August 2nd at 5:00pm @MVHS

2021 BAND CAMP

***August 2nd- August 7th from 8:00am-5:00pm** @ MVHS

**returning members will join our new marchers on Monday, August 2nd at 12:00pm for lunch followed by afternoon rehearsal*

UNIFORM FITTING

August 21/22 @MVHS

Weekly Rehearsals:

The Spartan Marching Band meets for rehearsal three days a week through the competitive season:

Monday, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday, 5:00-8:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Makeup Rehearsal (*due to holidays*): Tuesday, September 8rd

Performance Schedule:

September 25th, Community Thank You, 4:00pm

October 8th, MVHS Homecoming (Details TBD)

October 9th, Gilroy Garlic City Classic, ALL DAY

October 16th, Dublin HS Band Review, ALL DAY

October 19th, **Middle School Tour**, 7:00am-3:30pm (*Tentative*)

October 23rd, Foothill Band Review, ALL DAY

November 6th, Independence High School Band Review, ALL DAY

November 28th, **Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade**, 3:00-8:00pm

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