



Spring 2025 HANDBOOK

NYSFBC CHAMPIONS

1982, 1989, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,
2019 & 2021

MUSTANG BAND SEASONS

Fall Marching Band – Field Band

Brass, Woodwinds, Pit, Drum Line & Color guard (Grades 7-12)

Practices (All Seasons): 2 nights per week from 6:15-9pm (Tues, Wed or Thurs), Band Camp is MANDATORY! If there are any conflicts with these dates, please contact Mr. Jaeger when the schedule come out. Absences will be dealt with on an individual basis. If you are going to be absent you need to communicate that. If you are absent without communication to a staff member, that is considered an unexcused absence and may warrant a conversation about your involvement in the program.

Performances: Saturday Competitions, Friday Night Football Games & Sunday Championships.

Winter Color Guard – Winter Guard

Junior Varsity Color Guard (Grades 5-9)

Varsity Color Guard (Grades 7-12)

Performances: Evening Saturday Competitions, Championships on Sunday

Spring Marching Band – Street Band

Brass, Woodwinds, Drum Line, & Color Guard (Grades 6-12)

Performances: Sherburne Pageant, Memorial Day Parade, and Band Trip

MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR CONTACTS

Mr. Matthew Jaeger (585-590-0441)

Ms. Kyla Leno, Assistant Director (585-590-4660)

Ms. Andrea Busch, Assistant Director (347-992-0263)

*Only parent/guardians may use these numbers.

Please see the attendance policy regarding missing a practice/rehearsal. Thank you!
Students may use the Parent Square App, their school email, or see Mr. Jaeger at school during the day if they need to contact an instructor about an absence.

BAND BOOSTERS

The Medina Mustang Band Boosters is a non-for-profit organization that is the backbone of the Mustang Band Program. Once your child/children sign-up to be a member of the marching band (includes color guard) program the parents/guardians automatically become a band booster. The boosters work hard to assure that the band has what it needs and also to raise funds to make it more than affordable for every member of the band to go on our annual trip (usually in the spring). They are the guiding force in running all of the fundraising efforts listed above. Most of our fundraisers need workers to make these events successful. We will not ask of any family to work every fundraiser, but if you would be willing to help for a few hours, at at-least 2 events throughout the year, we would greatly appreciate it. When we are organizing each event we will be calling to see if you can help out. Remember all money raised goes to benefit the program and your child. Our fundraisers are done for this Marching Band year, but they will resume in the Fall.

Please contact the Booster President with any questions regarding the booster organization.
Booster President – Crystal Elliott – crystallynn51785@gmail.com – 585-205-1444

2024-2025 Regular Booster Meetings **(We have two meetings remaining this school year)**

~~Monday September 9th, 2024~~
~~Monday, October 7th, 2024~~
~~Monday, November 4th, 2024~~
~~Monday, December 2nd, 2024~~
~~Monday, January 6th, 2025~~
~~Monday, February 3rd, 2025~~
~~Monday, March 3rd, 2025~~
Monday, April 7th, 2025
Monday, May 5th, 2025

All meetings are at 7pm in the High School Auditorium unless otherwise noted. A Parent Square message will always be sent out before the meeting with the exact location of the meeting. All marching band parents are encouraged to attend. We encourage you to get involved. The boosters have a great time and we need chaperones as well as help throughout the year. Call Crystal Elliott if you have questions.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Spring rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-9pm at the High School. We understand that many students participate in a sport, dance, or may have another conflict. All we ask is that you try and make as many rehearsals as you possibly can. After you have arrived back from your game, you should grab something to eat, change into appropriate Marching Band attire, and join us for the rest of rehearsal. Communication is extremely important, so please make sure to communicate with Mr. Jaeger in advance.

All Mustang Band participants (this includes color guard) are required to attend all scheduled rehearsals and performances! Excused absences include: absent from school the day of the rehearsal, late due to a sporting event, or a family emergency. Work is not an acceptable reason to miss a rehearsal. Schedules are available well in advance, and extras are available for you to give to your boss. Please communicate with your job early on so that you are not scheduled during a rehearsal.

Unexcused absence: absent from Marching Band, but attended school. Student did not communicate with **Mr. Jaeger or Ms. Leno regarding their absence ahead of time.*

2 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN MEETING WITH THE BAND DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS YOUR ABSENCES AND TO SEE IF YOU WILL REMAIN IN THE BAND PROGRAM.

The Spring Season is a short season, so it is important that students attempt to make it to as many rehearsals as possible, even if it's the end of a rehearsal after a game. We understand that you are busy, but you have made a commitment to the band and we ask that you try and honor that commitment to the best of your ability, not for the staff, but for your teammates.

PERFORMANCES

All performances are mandatory. We work hard to make sure that all conflicts dealing with school and sports are taken care of, although this may not always work out. Please clear all of the following dates on your family and social calendars. If there are concerns, please talk with Mr. Jaeger ASAP.

Thursday, May 22nd – Sunday May 25th – Band Trip to the Chicago Area

Monday, May 26th – Time TBD – Memorial Day Parade

Friday, June 6th – Sherburne Pageant of Bands – Jazz Band and Small Ensemble only (overnight)

Saturday, June 7th – Sherburne Pageant of Bands – Wind Ensemble and Marching Band

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- Make sure your uniform is **clean** for **ALL performances**.
- UNIFORM PANTS - Can be washed. MUST be hung to dry. DO NOT PUT INTO DRYER!
- SASHES - Do not wash!
- JACKETS -Take a wet wash cloth to it if needed. They can be DRY CLEANED ONLY!
**Each uniform is dry-cleaned twice a year, paid for by the band boosters.*
- INSIDE MATERIALS - The neck guard should be unsnapped and washed in your washing machine. Hang it up to dry.
- GLOVES - The booster uniform chairperson will take and wash after every performance.
- SHOES - Your drill masters should be clean for every show.
- UNDERGARMENTS - Students performing **MUST** wear white undergarments. Colored undergarments will show thru the white uniform pants!!
- All band members need to wear a WHITE T-SHIRT under their uniform.
- Please wear white tube socks or knee high white socks. No ankle or colored socks please!!
JUDGES watch and look for this!

If you have any questions regarding the band uniforms, feel free to call
Ms. Lenhart (Booster Uniform Chair) at 585-729-2433

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

All Color Guard and Band Members - Guard or Marching Shoes = \$40 - If you are brand new you will be fitted for your shoes at uniform fittings in April and August. If you are a current member and your shoes are yellowing, are overly scuffed up with black marks or the toe or heel are not fully attached, it is time for a new pair. Please inform Ms. Lenhart at uniform fittings.