



FALL 2024
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 and Memorial Day Parade

MARCHING BAND INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF CONTACTS

Mr. Matthew Jaeger (585-590-0441)

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

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

Mr. Tim Moshier, Visual Designer

Mr. Joe Organisciak, Music Arranger and Instructor

Mr. Michael Denise, Percussion Instructor

Mr. Ray Jones, Drill Instructor

Mrs. Tiffany Organisciak, Front Ensemble Instructor

Ms. Melissa Jaeger, Color Guard Instructor

Ms. Kara Brown, Color Guard Instructor

Ms. Katie Crooks, Color Guard Instructor

Ms. Molly Jaeger, Color Guard Instructor

*Only parent/guardians may use these numbers.

Please see the attendance policy regarding missing a practice/rehearsal. Thank you!
Students may use the Remind App if they need to contact an instructor about an absence.

MUSTANG BAND FALL FUNDRAISERS

All fundraisers are mandatory!

All fundraising money must be paid with a check or money order (cash will be accepted if you need to pay with cash) made payable to "Medina Mustang Band Boosters".

The boosters will set due dates for all fundraisers. All money dealing with those fundraisers are expected on or before the due date. Please make every attempt to adhere to these dates. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

For some fundraisers (Pizza Sales and Fall Festival of Bands) we ask for your participation to help with making those events run smoothly. For others (Fall Money Raffle and Fall Candy Sale) we ask that you sell the minimum amount to go to the general fund and then any additional sales goes into your child's individual account. This account can be used for the annual spring trip, shoes, guard equipment etc.

***Upon graduating or no longer participating in the marching band program, any excess money in a student's personal account will be forfeited unless there is a sibling to transfer the money to.**

September 21st – Fall Festival of Bands

This fundraiser is the Medina Fall Home Show (competition) where the band boosters host anywhere from 8-15 bands. In addition, it brings in close to 1,200 spectators to the Medina community! This is our opportunity to make Medina shine! We need all the parent volunteers we can get.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Set-up, CONCESSIONS (Vets Park), ticket sellers, 50/50 raffle sellers, traffic assistance and much more!

Fall Money Raffle – Tickets distributed at a date to be determined

This fall we are going to run a money raffle again. Dates will be given as a later time. Each family will be expected to sell 10 raffle tickets. All tickets are \$5 so you will be responsible to turn in \$50 (by check – payable to the Mustang Band Boosters). The prizes for the raffle will be given at the time the tickets are handed out! If after you sell your initial 10 tickets for the organization and you would like to sell more tickets please see or contact Ms. Elliott or Mr. Jaeger.

November 2nd – Pizza Sale 9:30am until Sold Out -

Each pizza sale fundraiser requires every student in the marching band program and their parents to get involved and help. Pizza supplies are delivered on the Friday before each sale. High school band students should report to the band room during any free time on those Fridays to fold boxes. The Saturday morning of the sale, parent volunteers should report to the HS cafeteria at 6:15am to make the pizzas. We will continue to use the pick-up locations as in the past and will add approximately 10 in-town routes for door-to-door sales. Sign-ups will be in the band room 2 weeks prior to the sale.

Parent Volunteers NEEDED for: Making pizzas, drivers to drive students to sell the pizzas, parent and student workers to sell at pick-up sites, and cafeteria clean-up.

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

(This is a tentative schedule at this time and is subject to change)

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 Remind 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

Fall rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-9pm at either the High School or Vet's Park. 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.

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 sports game or a family emergency.

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 Fall Season has many moving pieces, and we are constantly tweaking and adding to our show to make it the best it can be. Because of this, we need students to be at as many rehearsals as possible. 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. (In addition to what is listed below, there will be 2 football games added as well. You will get those dates next week)

Saturday August 24th – Newfane Bicentennial Parade – Time TBD
Saturday September 14th – NYSFBC Show – Hilton, NY
Saturday September 21st – NYSFBC Show - Medina – FALL FESTIVAL OF BANDS
Saturday September 28th – NYSFBC Show – Oswego, NY
Saturday October 5th – NYSFBC Show - Webster, NY
Saturday October 12th – NYSFBC Show - Victor, NY
Saturday October 19th – NYSFBC Show – Orchard Park, NY
Sunday October 27th – NYSFBC Championships – Carrier Dome – Syracuse, NY
Thursday, November 8th – Time TBD – Veterans Day Dinner
Saturday November 30th – Parade Of Lights Parade in Medina, NY

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.

Fall Band Registration Fee (Fall season only) = \$30 This fee covers events at band camp and also your child's show t-shirt for the fall season. **THIS YEAR, THIS WILL BE DUE BEFORE THE START OF BAND CAMP. WHEN YOUR CHILD TURNS IN THEIR PERMISSION SLIP, PLEASE INCLUDE A CHECK FOR \$30 MADE PAYABLE TO THE MUSTANG BAND BOOSTERS.**

If there are any financial issues, please reach out to Mr. Jaeger.

2024 FALL MEDINA MUSTANG MARCHING BAND CONTRACT

I (student), _____ (print your name) have read through the entire Medina Mustang Marching Band Handbook, and I understand what is required of my participation in the marching band program.

Student Grade: _____ (Current)

Instrument: _____

Student Name: _____

Students Cell #: Used for remind app only! _____

Parent/Guardian Information: (First and Last Names and cell phone numbers – VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE ARE CORRECT FOR OUR RECORDS)

Guardian Name and Relation: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Guardian Name and Relation: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Your Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

PLEASE LIST WHO YOU LIVE WITH FROM THE ABOVE INFORMATION:

Student Signature: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

***This Permission Form is due on or before TUESDAY AUGUST 6th to Mr. Jaeger or Ms. Leno! Please hand directly to them, do not set on their desks on the stage.**