

Monday Music Notes Week 6

9/25/17

Hey Mustangs – Thanks for a great week of Band. It was a tall order to come back from IRMA; we had to and you did it! Strong rehearsals and classes and the MMB's first performance in uniform for 2017!!! We will take another step this week as we REALLY work to clean and add to our production. Please see the special schedule below and BE READY!

Special REVISED Schedule this week!

I am so sorry about the short notice for our changing schedule. You know I like to give everyone plenty of notice for everything. IRMA and our unpredictable weather have dealt us a few blows, but we have handled them maturely. We will handle this next change just as well.....

THE FOOTBALL GAME HAS BEEN MOVED FROM FRIDAY TO THURSDAY.

Yes, that means that Middle school night is Thursday. The MS band directors have been notified (I told them even before I had confirmation so they could get the word out). This is due to a Sarasota County request that our county honored. **Be Prepared! 100% attendance and 100% FOCUS on the details.**

THIS WILL ALTER OUR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE. Please read and post the revised schedule below. Our first competition is NEXT SATURDAY, and we want to be the very best that we can be. This is the stretch of the season when we really dig in and improve. It is WHO WE ARE!!! Please forgive any inconvenience.

No Check-Offs this week.

We will rehearse a LOT this week. Spend the rest of your time enjoying your academic and social lives.

MMB will be in FULL Uniform for the Middle School Night game!

We will perform part 1 and 2 at halftime

Band – Black LONG socks, SHOW shirt, Black Plume, Black Gloves. Gauntlets, White Cap, Shako/Plume

Guard – FIRE Uniform, tights, gloves, shoes - **Friday Nights until halftime!**

ALL MMB members – Show Hair (band - single French Braid for girls, neat cut for boys) and Makeup.

Special Details for Middle School Band Night:

1. We will NOT rehearse after school Thursday.....**Report time for everyone is 4:30pm.** Dress, set-up (for you and MS kids) and be ready for a 5:30 rehearsal with the MS band kids. This will be a good time to study if you have any important tests on Friday! You are welcome to stay in the band room for QUIET study hall/social time **2-4pm on Thursday** if you can't go home. Please **EAT** during the 2-4:30 break. The next time you will eat is during the 3rd Quarter Dinner Break/Drum Show!!!
2. Pre-game on the field w/MS kids: Fight, Alma, SSB, ShutUp/Dance, The Horse. **FLIP FOLDERS!**
3. **MS Kids** are in the stands during the first half, watch our halftime, then are free to dismiss or stay.

Weekly Schedule - 9/25/17

MONDAY - School Resumes with an **EVEN** Schedule

TUESDAY - **Guard and Percussion only**; 2-Block Rehearsal 3-5 and 6-9. Plan for food – ok to leave.

WEDNESDAY - **Woodwinds and Brass only**; 2-Block Rehearsal 3-5 and 6-9. Plan for food – ok to leave.

THURSDAY - Football Game – Report time 4:30pm, **Inspection 6:30**, Dismissal 10:30pm

FRIDAY - FULL BAND/Guard Rehearsal 3-5:30, PIZZA party ON CAMPUS cannot leave, 6:30-9 block.

SATURDAY - FULL BAND/Guard Rehearsal 1-4pm, 5-9pm. Plan for food – ok to leave.

ALL-STATE Candidate Auditions at Sarasota Middle School – Prepare and Perform!!!

THE 2017 MUSTANG MARCHING BAND

Our rehearsals are very important; they set us up to perform the many things that performances require. **Members are expected to attend EVERY MMB rehearsal.** They are not “optional”. If there is an unavoidable conflict, PARENTS ONLY notify Mr. Lambert at lambertr@manateeschools.net or 941-727-6100 x 2029.

SYSTEM + SPIRIT = SUCCESS!!

We want to be sure to have our SYSTEMS in place now. That involves how and when we do things. Everything from arriving early, signing in, wearing proper attire, rehearsal etiquette, attitude and preparation and paying attention make up the Mustang Marching Band (MMB) Systems. Your participation and SPIRIT are the ingredient that make it all FUN and worthwhile.

YOUR SAFETY IS A PRIORITY!

Prepare for the Florida climate. Wear light clothing and a hat! We might get a little wet so an extra tee shirt might be a good idea. HYDRATE! Begin your water intake the evening before so that you are ready for the elements. **Have your Coleman water jug with you at all times** so that you don't have to take yourself out of our productive rehearsals to stay fresh. **Eat well before you arrive. Pack a nutritious meal for dinner, eat when you leave.**

ALL Brass and WW players must have their black towels for rehearsals. It is NOT good for your instrument to lay on Concrete/Asphalt at any time. Have your tuner and oils, greases and reeds.

100% compliance from 100% of the band is a great formula for success! That's all I accept.

LEADERSHIP:

1. Let's continue this great start. Be Early, Set an Example, Be There for YOUR band!
2. Officers & Section Leader Meetings are EVERY Thursday, 5:30pm

Marching Band Flip-Folders

ALL MMB members with music in the stands = 100% clean notes, rhythms and phrases!

Additional Flip Folders and Lyres are in!!! See your section leader to get one.

Make sure you have the following in your flip folder: Alma Mater, National Anthem, Fight Song, Let's Go Mustangs, Charge, Shut Up and Dance, Iron Man, Mortal Combat, Troy, Lakewood Ranch, 1000 Dances, John Cena

See your section leader and/or band librarians for help, RETURN ALL FLIPS at the END of the SEASON

Marching Mustang Home Game Expectations.....

The Mustang Trailers

Loading

With cased instrument in hand, form a single line in reverse score order (brass then woodwinds), away from the back of the trailer. Tuba and Drum line load at the side door. Tubas and drum line will be asked to come to the back of the trailer first. Once tubas and drum line are loaded, ranch hands will call for everybody else. Bring the line to the back of the trailer and become an assembly line handing each case, one at a time, until all cases are loaded. Demerits CAN be issued by ranch hands for horseplay or disrespect.

Unloading

Form a single line in reverse score order (brass then woodwinds), away from the back of the trailer with the tubas and drum line at the side door. When you are handed your case, place it on the ground in front of you and continue passing cases until all cases are unloaded. At that time drum majors, will dismiss the line to unpack or put instruments away. At performances, leave cases on the ground and report to arcs. Ranch Hands will help load the cases on the trailers. If there is prop trailer, stay clear of the back of the trailer while Ranch Hands unload.

In The Stands

Mr. Lambert's policy for stands tunes is **Everybody, All the Time.**

Let's max that standard out! **We** are the example for other students to follow. If we are lively the Student section will be too! Remember **WE** are there to support the **TEAM** and cheer them on. **SPIRIT** means Awesomeness and Excellence, *not* chaos. Have your music ready at a moment's notice. You are responsible for your instrument at all times. Stand in front of the seats. When it is time to play, stand on the seats with equal spacing between you. When the Drum Line plays a cadence, **DANCE!**

Third Quarter Break

It is our tradition (home and away) to allow you to take a break during the third quarter to get a drink and something to eat, so bring money. You must return to our stands ASAP after visiting the concession, rest rooms and supporting the Drumline show. Drum-Offs **STOP** before there are 4-minutes remaining in the 3rd Quarter so that we can be **SET** to play *The Horse* on the **downbeat** of the 4th Quarter. No ifs, ands or buts.

Anyone not ready to play on time will lose next week's 3rd Quarter privilege.

After The Game

When the clock goes to zero signaling the end of the game, we play our Fight Song w/great spirit and precision, win or lose. Once the football team is ready, they come over to us and we play the Alma Mater to/for them. Afterwards, we form the tunnel back then march **in 2 files** back to the flagpoles. There shall be **NO** horse-play here! Once I am done with final announcements you will be dismissed.

There is a 30-minute pick-up window for rides after the band is dismissed. Please have your rides coordinated so that you are not the only one left late into the night. Parents can plan to pick you up at approximately **10:30pm**. Band members are never released early (unless there is bad weather and the game is called).

Drill Shirts, Jugs, Towels and Dot Books are required for **ALL** rehearsals this week!

1. RESPECT yourself, RESPECT your teammates, RESPECT the Bandroom.
 2. WORK hard, have FUN!
 3. Mustang Band kids are AWESOME!
 4. You CAN Do It!
 5. You are NEVER ALONE. You have friends, staff and parents all around that CARE!
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The details listed above are there for you so that your band experience can be POSITIVE and ORGANIZED. YOU are responsible for **everything** outlined in the MMN. Help us ALL have a great year by taking care of YOUR personal needs and by being ACCOUNTABLE for the guidelines of the LRHS Band Program. Your director and staff work hard for you because we BELIEVE in YOU!

THE BANDS of LAKEWOOD RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

*WE BELIEVE and ACHIEVE
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