

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Marching Band Season!

On behalf of the Mars Area Band Boosters Officers and Executive Board, I would like to welcome all new and returning marching band members and their families to another exciting marching band season. I would also like to extend a thank you to last year's board and parent volunteers who helped to make the 2020-2021 band season so successful.

The main purpose of the Boosters organization is to promote and support all activities of the marching band. Members chaperone football games and competitions, carry props, provide fundraisers, distribute uniforms, serve and provide snacks and meals, band banquets, work at the concession stand, craft show, race, and provide assistance in any other areas when needed. Any parent/guardian showing a sincere interest in the music program is a member of the Mars Area Music Boosters.

I encourage every parent/guardian to become involved in the marching band. There are numerous opportunities for which you can volunteer from serving on a committee, assisting with fundraising efforts, to seeking donations. Volunteering any amount of time you have available not only helps toward making a successful band season, but we guarantee you will find it to be a rewarding and fun experience. Another way you can support the band is to attend football games, competitions, parades and other performances held throughout the year.

I ask each of you to volunteer and get involved – somehow, some way, and sometime. I am well aware of everyone's busy schedule, and it's quite difficult at times to make things fit into the schedule and to be able to commit when asked. With so many opportunities to get involved, there is absolutely something for everyone.

Our general memberships meetings are held once a each month at 7pm. Meetings are held in the high school faculty room and last approximately one hour. **We must stress how important it is to visit our website, www.marsband.com, and register with the Remind Me app. Because changes can and will occur throughout the season, the website, Remind Me App, and emails are our way of contacting you as quickly as possible. The band Facebook page is another source of featuring the accomplishments of our students, so be sure to like us at Mars Area High School Band.**

Thank you for your support! I am looking forward to an exciting 2020-2021 marching band season! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Ruth O'Donnell, President
Mars Area Marching Band Boosters
president@marsband.com

Personnel

2020-2021 “Mars Planets” Marching Band Staff

Mr. Dave Soose – Marching Band Director

Mr. Aaron Wagner, Assistant Director

Ms. Kara Lamantia, Assistant Director

Angelica Miller, Woodwind Staff

Zack Morgan, Percussion Staff/Audio Designer

Trey Mason, Percussion Staff

Lindsey Nath, Percussion Staff

Ms. Courtney Kovick - Colorguard Director

Klancie Dauer, Guard Staff

Faith Kemmler, Guard Staff

Devin Lucas, Guard Staff

2020-2021 Music Booster Officers

Ruth O’Donnell – President.....president@marsband.com
Danielle Mannella – Vice President I (Fundraising).....vp-one@marsband.com
Lisa Kumpfmiller – Vice President II (Uniforms)..... vp-two@marsband.com
Lori MacDonaldl – Treasurer.....treasurer@marsband.com
TBD – Secretary.....secretary@marsband.com

Communication

- Check your email
- Remind:
http://pdfs.remind.com/invite?alternate_phone_number=%28650%29+250-0687&class_code=4ge798&class_name=Marching+Band+2020-2021&phone_number=81010&sms_supported=true&user_signature=+R.+ODonnell&locale=en
** Please sign up for this; reminders will be sent for last minute changes to schedules and to inform parents when leaving football games/competitions
- Facebook
- Website - takes a few days to upload information

Uniforms

Summer uniforms:

- Mars Band T-shirt; be sure returning students DO NOT wear PIMBA champs shirts
- Khaki shorts
- White socks
- Tennis Shoes

Official Uniforms - the uniform your student will receive as a replacement cost of \$663.47

Uniforms are less than one year old- they will need to stay in excellent condition, and you and your student are responsible for keeping them in that condition.

- All wind and percussion members will receive a full uniform for the season.
- Uniforms are stored and transported in the uniform garment bag.
- All guard members will be issued a football and competition uniform.
- Backpacks - raincoats are to be stored in these bags and brought to every game/competition
- Gloves (if required)
- Black band shoes

When students report to games and/or competitions, they are responsible for all parts of the uniforms. In addition, they are to wear the following under their uniforms:

- Show shirt
- Black socks that go above the ankle
- Pants/shorts with no zippers

Things to do after each event:

- Air out the uniform every time it is worn; as soon as you get home from an event, take the uniform out of the garment bag and hang the jacket and pants separately. Only put them back into the bag when you are ready to take it for the next event.
- Clean shoes
- Do not place shoes, socks, gloves, shako, or shako box in the garment bag.
- Do not wash or place the uniform in the dryer.
- A snack will be provided to the students during each game - do not bring students food or drinks; they will not be permitted to eat it.

If students do not have these items at competitions students can purchase them:

- Shirt - \$12
- Socks - \$3
- Gloves - \$5

These items will NOT be available at football games; students not having all items will be sidelined.

Fundraisers

Mandatory Fundraisers:

- Varsity Football Concession Stand: Each band family is required to sign up to work one concession night; you can sign up for more than one spot. You do NOT pay an entrance fee if working in the concession stand.
- Fall Craft Show

Profits:

General Account Fundraisers: the following profits go directly into the general fund to generate revenue for the budgeted items:

- Concessions
- Craft Show - food concessions
- Restaurant Nights

Individual Profits (Student Accounts)

Throughout the year the band will sell a variety of items. The profits will be split between the general fund and the individual account - specific profits will be announced with each fundraiser. The money in the student accounts can be used toward any trips and/or booster fees.

Tentative Fundraisers:

- Pittsburgh Popcorn (September)
 - Pies (October/November)
 - Cookie Dough (November/December)
 - Pepperoni Rolls (January)
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- All fundraisers order forms must be turned in to the band box at either the Middle School or High School. Please have everything in an envelope. If possible please pay with one check made payable to the Mars Area Marching Band Boosters. Email orders will not be accepted. Certain fundraisers will be sent out through a Google doc that will be emailed,
 - Fundraisers with perishable foods (hoagies, pies, cookie dough, pepperoni rolls, etc) need to be picked up on the scheduled day of delivery. There is no place to store these items at the High School. The pickup time and date will be communicated in advance. Also, reminders will be sent via email and the Remind App.
 - If there are fundraisers you would like to suggest, please contact Danielle at vp-one@marsband.com. We are happy to look into other fundraising opportunities to see if they will work for our group.

Payments:

Use the memo line on checks: include student's name and purpose of check - please use an envelope

Checks are greatly appreciated over cash

Cash payments - please place in an envelope; include student name and the purpose

Disney Trip

- December 15-19
- Specialty Travel and Tours
- Approximate cost of the trip - \$1300
- First non-refundable deposit due: June 30 - \$600
- Deposits are for students and chaperones
- This is an all-inclusive trip: air, hotel, park tickets, meals, transportation to and from the HS included. Students and chaperones can purchase travel insurance at an additional cost.
- This is a marching band and chorus trip; band will march in a parade in Magic Kingdom

Volunteers Needed:

Please visit: <https://4.files.edl.io/be43/08/26/19/154614-e0a2e6b0-7660-47e7-afb0-2406945eacb2.pdf> this will provide you with all the information needed to become a volunteer. Chaperones must complete clearances for Act 34, Act 151, and Act 114. You will need to submit copies of the clearances (please keep the originals) and the volunteer application found in the site above. If you want to volunteer in July you must be board approved in June, July or August.

- Concession Stand - - each family must sign up for one game
- Chaperones - - for each football game we need 8 chaperones to supervise and help push equipment. For competitions we need 15 chaperones.

Chick-fil-A Receipts:

Please collect receipts from the Rt. 228 and Wexford locations - they can be turned in during summer rehearsals to the band box at the high school. We will use that towards offsetting the cost of a meal for the students.

Meals/Snacks for this Season

Football Games - bag of pretzels and gluten free option; snacks will be very simple due to the new uniforms - **students are not to bring their own snacks or have parents purchase things from the concession stand.**

Pizza Dinner - ONE day during band camp

Cheese Pizza

Pepperoni Pizza

Gluten free pizza

Chips

Desserts provided by section leaders

Students bring their own drinks

Competition Date TBD

Chick Fil A Sandwiches

Gluten Free Meal - grilled nuggets

Chips

Bottle Water

Dessert

October 24 - Championship Day

Cheese Pizza

Pepperoni Pizza

Salad

Gluten Free Meal - gluten free pizza

Bottle Water

Dessert

** Please note that these are subject to change; the other competitions, students will need to pack a lunch

2020 Uniform Sign Out

Student's Name

You student will receive a complete marching band uniforms including the following items:

Shako \$50.55

Coats - \$223.43

Jumpsuits - \$86.00

Gauntlets - \$48.96

Raincoats - \$87.95

Garment Bags - \$14.00

Standard Hat Boxes - \$12.75

These are given out and collected at each competition:

Shako Wraps \$32.77

Side Capes - \$55.86

Detachable Sashes - \$51.20

TOTAL COST: \$663.47

The Boosters will announce dates that the uniforms must be returned to the District. If item(s) are missing or destroyed students will be responsible for the cost. If money is not paid the student's name, items missing/destroyed, will be turned over to the District.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Uniform Information - Will be completed by Boosters

	Item #	Returned
Shako		
Coat		
Jumpsuit		
Gauntlets		
Raincoat		
Garment Bag		
Hat Box		
Shako Wrap		
Side Cape		
Detachable Sashes		