



## Myers Park Bands News November/December 2019

# Celebrate the Season!

Dear Band Families:

Season's Greetings from the Band Office!

A lot has happened in the life of our band since the last newsletter. We held our first concert of the school year, which was strong showing by all the bands. We wrapped up our competitive marching season, finishing the year on a 4-show winning streak. By all measures, it has been a very productive and successful fall for the MPHS Bands.

As we enter the holiday season, the Marching Mustangs are preparing for their performance in the Novant Charlotte Thanksgiving Day Parade. I always look at this as a fantastic opportunity to give back to our city. As you march down Tryon Street on Thanksgiving morning, you bring warmth and cheer to thousands of your fellow Charlotteans.

All the bands are working hard to prepare for the Winter concert, which will take place on December 19 at 7. It will be an eclectic mix of orchestral classics, landmark band pieces, holiday fluff, and (of course) Star Wars music. Hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays!  
Mr. Blount

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Rehearsals

- Thu 11/21 Parade Rehearsal 3 to 5
- Mon 11/25 Parade Rehearsal 3 to 5
- Wed 11/7 Parade Rehearsal 9-11

#### MPHS Football – Playoffs

We are in playoff season – specific dates and locations to be communicated through the Team Tracky app. First game: 10/22

#### And mark your calendars for:

- Thanksgiving day parade - 11/28
- Fruit sale unloading – 12/6
- Fruit sale pickup and delivery – 12/7
- Winter Band Concert – 12/19 7pm
- Mid-Season Parent Social: 1/11
- Our annual Mattress Sale: 2/9



Drawings: Sarah K

## CELEBRATE OUR BAND

**Look at all that gold.** The marching band completed a successful season across all competitions!

Competition	Overall (Class)	Color Guard	Percussion	Visual	General Effect	Music	Drum Major
The Roundtable (10/5)	3	-	2	-	-	-	-
Carolina Classic (10/12)	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Blue Devil Classic (10/19)	1	2	-	1	2	1	-
Providence Cup (10/26)	1	2	2	1	1	1	-
Highland Celebration (11/2)	1	1	1	1	1	1	-

**Holy cow, he stole the bass.** Congratulate Band senior Andrew Kuntz who represented Myers Park at All State Honors Orchestra 11/10 playing bass trombone.

**Recognizing our Marchers.** Our annual marching band awards banquet is famous for many things, among them the Pit Crew skit, student awards (“Peas in a pod award”?) and the year-end slideshow. Famous this year also are our awards recipients:

*Core Value Awards:*

Personal Growth – Eymiah Lynch  
 Esprit De Corps – Leah Jarrell  
 Respect – Christina Georgiou  
 Commitment – Conner White  
 Artistry – Grace Serdula  
 Responsibility – Sophie Mueller  
 Longevity Award – Mackenzie Stanley

Rookies of the Year – Whit Dabbs, Caroline Byrne  
 Distinguished Service Award – Soren Lawrie, Caleb Abernethy, Kate Dunlevy  
 Outstanding Leadership Award – Mariana Gonzalez  
 National School Marching Award – Jennifer Judd  
 National School Color Guard Award – Emma Lueders  
 Unsung Hero Award – Sean Robinson  
 Spirit of the Band Award – Alessandro Dal Pra

## GET INVOLVED

**Un.de.feated.** PLAYOFF SEASON IS HERE!!!! And Mustang football is a hot ticket. Please email or text Allison ([allison.hicks07@gmail.com](mailto:allison.hicks07@gmail.com) / [917 501 4451](tel:9175014451)) if you can chaperone a playoff game. The first will be [November 22nd](#). A great big THANK YOU to everyone who chaperoned a game or competition this season! We had a great time!

### STAY INFORMED

There are many ways to keep up with the Band program, including:

- Website: [www.myersparkbands.org](http://www.myersparkbands.org)
- Facebook: Myers Park Bands
- Instagram: myersparkbands

**Make those fruit loops.** Fruit sale distribution happens on December 6/7! We need parent volunteers for setup, pizza and unloading/sorting on 12/6 starting at 4pm. Pickup of sorted boxes will happen between 8am and 11am on Saturday, December 7 and we will also need volunteers to help with loading cars ... and maybe a coffee-and-donut run or two.

**Mustang merch!** It’s all they want for the holidays. Get your band gear and show your band spirit with merch from our website: <https://myersparkbands.org/store/>

**Munch-two-three-four.** Marching Band Parents - Our Winter Social Is [on Saturday January 11th](#) at the home of Ken and Gina. Invitations to follow.

**We are photo fanatics.** For Facebook, Instagram, our slideshows and for senior recognition (see below). Send your candid and selfies to: [sararoselli@yahoo.com](mailto:sararoselli@yahoo.com)

PARENTS OF SENIORS: By 3/31: mail [sararoselli@yahoo.com](mailto:sararoselli@yahoo.com) with at least one baby/toddler picture, one Senior Portrait or nice photo, and what college your Senior will be attending.

## SUPPORT THE BANDS

**Fruit Sale Results:** Way to close!! 90 band members participated in our fruit sale fundraiser; 53 of those students sold 8 boxes or more. Our total sales were 889 boxes which goes a long way in supporting the Bands program!!! Congratulations and a HUGE thank you to the kids and parents putting in the effort. Weekly volume sales winners will be announced during parade rehearsals. The three top overall sales winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Sean Robinson (53 boxes)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sullivan Dill (35)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Evan Schmidt (33)

### LINKS

Support the Band program on Black Friday and beyond. Remember to link your loyalty program to MP Bands:

- Harris Teeter: **5118**
- Amazon Smile: Designate us as your charity using:  
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2170874>.

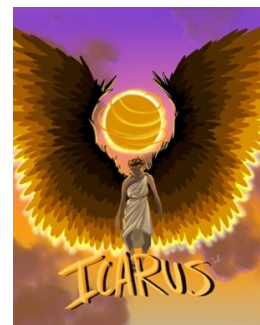
**So the date wasn't firm...** Our mattress sale date changed to Sunday, February 9, from 11am to 6pm. There will be a parent meeting for the sale in late January. If each band family can find one person in the market for a mattress who buys at our sale, we will reach our fundraising goal.



*Checks for fundraising award winners*

**Ring those bells ...** Our holiday round for Auto Bell gift card sales will be Dec. 2 – 16 for all band members. Every student who sells five cards during the round will have their name entered five times in a drawing for \$100.25. If you need additional cards, contact Leigh Robinson directly ([lrobinson.rp@gmail.com](mailto:lrobinson.rp@gmail.com)). Cards can also be ordered from the website ... use the Notes area to credit your Band member of choice.

Farewell, Icarus!  
The sun set on our  
successful  
marching season!



***Thank you for your support of  
the Myers Park High School  
Bands Program!***

