

## MP Bands News - September 2019 - Here Comes the Sun

Greetings from the Band Office!

Band Camp was a very productive and meaningful time for our staff and students. We were able to perform parts 1 and 2 of our 3-part show by the end of camp - a great place to be at this point in our season! We also spent some time each day unpacking our Core Values, discussing high school life, and considering what it means to be a Marching Mustang. I always feel a great deal of anxiety the weeks leading up to camp, but always find that camp itself is something that I still very much enjoy. It is single-minded and simple, and it's as familiar as home.

As I write this letter, I am officially "back at work" with the REST of my job - teaching "sit-down band" and AP Music Theory. I look forward to seeing most of you in at least one of my classes! As we all get ready for the inevitably-stressful first few weeks of school, please take a minute to consider how you will balance MPMM with the rest of your school life. Remember the wisdom that was shared at our Thursday afternoon meeting: be a meticulous planner, block out your time for specific purposes, have a plan for the time between school and rehearsal, and remember that you have friends and advocates in the MPMM family that will HELP you with anything you need!

I'm looking forward to continued success of MPMM, and to starting up a new academic year! Thank you for your steadfast dedication to the Mustang Bands!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Blount



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 8/23 MPMM First home Football Game - 5pm call time, Summer Uniform (Band polo, khaki shorts, white shoes).
- Sat 8/24 MPMM Rehearsal 8 AM - Noon

### 2019 MPHS Football – Band Performance Schedule

- Friday, August 23rd vs. Olympic (@ home)
- Friday, September 6th vs. Providence (@ home)
- Friday, September 20th vs. Hough (@ [Hough High School](#))
- Friday, October 11th vs. Butler (@ home)
- Friday, October 18th vs. Hickory Ridge (Homecoming)
- Friday, November 1st vs. Porter Ridge (Senior Night)

### 2019 Marching Band Competition Dates (subject to change - times TBD)

- Saturday, October 5th
- Saturday, October 12th
- Saturday, October 19th
- Saturday, October 26th
- Saturday, November 2nd

### And mark your calendars early for:

- Band Parent Meet and Greet - 9/12
- MP Bands Fall Concert - 10/24
- Senior night - 11/1
- Marching Band Awards Banquet - 11/14
- Thanksgiving day parade - 11/28

## GET INVOLVED

Have you SEEN our new logo??? Get your band gear, parent polos and show your band spirit with merch from our website:

<https://myersparkbands.org/store/>



**Almost gone ...** We need only a few more Chaperone volunteers for the regular season games and competitions. Find your spot at our signup genius. We also need a few more volunteers to help with the sun setup at the competitions: 2 to 5 people on standby at the competitions to help if needed. Remember, Chaperones and Pit get free entry to events.

Chaperones: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0e4aa4a722aaf49-2019>.

Pit: Contact Butch Stanley: [stanley\\_butch@yahoo.com](mailto:stanley_butch@yahoo.com)

**You kept our Marchers on their feet!** THANK YOU to everyone who fed our hungry marchers during the sweltering days of band camp, and to all the parents who donated water and desserts. And

**THANK YOU** to Erica, Bonnie, William, James, Fred, Danielle, Mary, Matt, Kelly and others who signed up as MPM Home Game Meals volunteers! (Especially William Lin who volunteered for ALL games)! We could not get this done without our volunteers. Stay tuned for additional meal sign-up opportunities as we head into the Playoff games and ...Go Mustangs!

**Band Parent Meet and Greet.** Join us! All Band parents are welcome at our meet and greet on Thursday, September 12, from 6-8pm at the Village Tavern, 4201 Congress Street #190 (behind Southpark Mall). The social committee will purchase appetizers, and attendees can buy their drinks of choice.

**Mark your calendars early** ... for our marchers' appearance in Charlotte's Thanksgiving Day Parade (11/28)

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

**Senior corner:** Congratulations Senior Parents! It's time to celebrate your Senior Marcher/Senior Color Guard. Please plan to join us on Friday, November 1st to recognize all Seniors with a Recognition Ceremony, with Parents, at Halftime. Invitation to follow.

SENIOR PHOTOS: We are also looking for parents to provide photos of your senior for our End of Year Slide Show and Memory Book. Take lots of pictures at games, events, etc. Candid photos are welcome, but please email [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. These should all be sent in by March 31st if at all possible.

## **SUPPORT THE BANDS**

**Our Auto Bell fundraiser is underway.** If you are new to the Band, take note: each card costs \$20 and gets you \$20 worth of Auto Bell services - you pick. AND the Band gets \$10 for every card we sell!! Clearly, there is no reason to EVER go to Auto Bell without one.

10-Card Goal: Each marcher is responsible for selling 10 cards. They received the cards, envelopes, a pencil and a sheet to track sales. Folks can purchase them by cash, check or our new band website, <http://www.myersparkbands.org/store> Web buyers will need to identify the marcher who should get credit for the sale (there's a field for that).

Prizes! We have several contests running until 8am on 8/24.

1. Prize money will be given to the top three individual sellers, with a top prize of \$250. 99 cards won in 2018 ... what will it be this year??
2. Sections are also competing for \$100 in merch money. This will come in very handy for pricey sweatshirts.
3. Drum majors and their groups are competing. Each young lady picked three groups at random, plus their group. Bragging rights will probably be enough but who knows what we will think of for them....the rumor has to do with pies in the face of the loser???

And the frontrunners are ... As of 8/16, six groups have at least one person that has asked for extra cards. Two groups have two+ marchers that have requested additional cards. The ones to beat right now are teams **9**, **3** (the saxes), and **4** (the disciples of Lucas).

**Support the Band program while you shop.** Remember to link your loyalty program to MP Bands. It's super-easy: you buy what you normally buy, and our partner programs send us a small percent of eligible purchases. Harris Teeter linking for the 2019-20 year is now live! See partner programs below or use the link to complete a form that we can use to do that for you.

- Harris Teeter "Together in Education:" **5118** Link: <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>
- Amazon Smile: Designate Myers Park Band Boosters as your Smile charity. Set up by logging into Amazon using this link, and it should confirm our organization as your donation choice: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2170874>. Then when you shop at Amazon, use smile.amazon.com and the proceeds are applied automatically.
- Link to the MP Band Boosters form, if you prefer: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFTtPTTf77zH2WadJJ\\_8wbORR0nWnHKv1qLqs2XtuFGYsSw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFTtPTTf77zH2WadJJ_8wbORR0nWnHKv1qLqs2XtuFGYsSw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

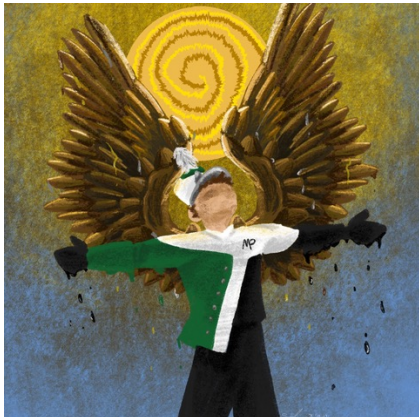
## STAY INFORMED

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

- Website: [www.myersparkbands.org](http://www.myersparkbands.org)
- Facebook: Myers Park Bands
- Instagram: myersparkbands
- Team Tracky: Parents, if you have NOT SIGNED UP YET, please do so. This is our primary means of communication. Your marcher has completed the initial sign up. Now it's your turn.
- Email: Marchers and marchers' parents should be receiving occasional emails from Mr. Blount based on the information you submitted during registration. If you are not, please reach out to Summer Sneed at myersparkbands@gmail.com.

## ABOUT THE 2019 PROGRAM

The Marching Bands' 2019 show follows the legend of Icarus, son of Labyrinth creator Daedalus.



Daedalus and Icarus attempt to escape Crete by using wings of wax and feathers. Despite his father's warning to fly neither too low nor too high, Icarus flies joyfully up toward the sun, which melts the wax and causes Icarus to fall into the sea. (Artwork cred to Sarah Kuntz)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Icarus>

Be on the lookout for more information in the near future. It's going to be an AWESOME SHOW!