

MP Bands News – October 2019 – It’s the Fall of ICARUS

Dear Band Families:

Happy October! I know you are as grateful as I am for the improved weather. The Mustang Bands had a very productive September: All concert and Jazz Bands have gotten back in shape after the summer recess, MPMM has completed the field show ("ICARUS") and has improved exponentially over the month. We already have one competition under our belt, with 4 more coming on each of the next 4 Saturdays. We are looking forward to continued growth as we enter our last month of the competitive season.

Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble members, please remember that our concert dress rehearsal will take place from 2:30-4:30 on October 22 - your attendance is required and really important! And everyone, I'm excited to see you all for our first concert of the year on October 24 at 6:30 PM. All of our ensembles will be performing, and it will be a memorable night of music.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mustang Bands!

Sincerely,
Mr. Blount

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thu 10/10 MPMM Rehearsal 4 to 7
- Tue 10/15 & Thu 10/17 MPMM 4 to 7
- Mon 10/21 MPMM 4 to 7
- Tue 10/22 Concert Dress Rehearsal 2:30
- Wed 10/23 MPMM 4 to 7
- Thu 10/24 MP Bands Fall Concert

2019 MPHS Football – Band Performances

- 10/11 vs. Butler
- 10/18 vs. Hickory Ridge (Homecoming)
- 11/1 vs. Porter Ridge (Senior Night)
- Playoff games TBD

Remaining 2019 Marching Band Competition Dates

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

And mark your calendars early for:

- Prospective Students’ Night – 10/11
- Senior night - 11/1
- Marching Band Awards Banquet - 11/14
- Thanksgiving day parade - 11/28
- Fruit sale pickup – 12/6 (may change)

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GET INVOLVED

Calling all middle school students and parents. JOIN US at our prospective member night and tailgate party on Friday, October 11: Tailgate party in the Quad at 5pm and then the Butler game at 7. It's a chance to meet the band, talk to parents and see what it's REALLY like to be a Marching Mustang. (Spoiler alert – it's awesome!)

March Merch! Get your band gear and show your band spirit with merch from our website: <https://myersparkbands.org/store/>

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

Senior moments: 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 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.



Which way is up? Use your favorite social media portal to tell the rest of the band community whether the trumpet, the sax or the name should be shown "right side up" in our logo.

SUPPORT THE BANDS

Auto Bell Round One Results: The early fall Auto Bell card sales contest ended in style! We had three separate competitions:

Individual. Congratulate the individual sales winners who each received a larger-than-life check (and some cash of course) with fun goodies:

- 1st place – Alex Rambo-Navarrete – sold 50 cards
- 2nd place – Sophie Mueller – sold 39 cards
- 3rd place – Sullivan Dill – sold 30 cards

STAY INFORMED

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

- Website: www.myersparkbands.org
- Facebook: Myers Park Bands
- Instagram: myersparkbands

Section. Marching band sections competed for bragging rights and \$100 toward section merch. We had some doubling of cards sold toward the last three days of the selling which helped push one team out of reach. Thanks to the 11 marchers that took Leigh up on the double offer and turned in additional sales.

Top Section – THE SAXES!! Sold a total of 113 cards – not including the doubling figures.

Drum Major Showdown. Possibly the most anticipated contest ending of the season was the Drum Major showdown. Each drum major had four evenly sized teams each, drawn at random. Each of the 11 marchers that turned in cards the last 3 days was given a plate full of whipped topping to place in their opposing drum majors FACE! It was a great sight...ask your kids for the video!

The winner: Jennifer and her Jumping Jelly Bean teams, with 128 more cards sold than Nourhan and her Needy Niblets!

Jennifer got to smash a lemon cake into Nourhan's face with 80+ marchers, a few parents and one dedicated band director cheering on. Then, thanks to Caleb and Ian, Jennifer and Nourhan were showered with an ice cold water cooler drench to wash all those sweets away! (And yes, Leigh added a pack of ice to each cooler to make it more fun!)

But wait, there's more ... Watch for more information on Round 2 of the Auto Bell sales near Christmas. If you need additional cards, feel free to call, text or email Leigh Robinson directly (lrobinson.rp@gmail.com). Cards can also be ordered from the website ... use the Notes area to credit your Band member of choice.

Orange you glad I didn't say mañana? The annual fruit sale is ON. This year our sales window is 10/7 through 11/3 with delivery on or about 12/6. Once again, Band members can earn fabulous prizes:

- Overall sales: \$200 / \$100 / \$50 for the top three sellers
- Weekly incentives: seller of the week earns \$50
- Raffle: each band member that sells 8 or more boxes will be entered into a raffle for \$150

Once again, we'll have local delivery as well as the option for band supporters across the country to pick from a more limited menu of fruit that can be delivered right to their door. Fruit can be ordered from students or directly from the website, with an option to credit the student for the sale.

The order form can be found here: myersparkfruitsale.com

Email Leigh with questions: lrobinson.rp@gmail.com

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 the Band gets a small percent of eligible purchases.

- Harris Teeter: **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 if you use smile.amazon.com to access Amazon when you shop, 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

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