



## Myers Park Bands News March/April 2020

# Let's March!

Dear Myers Park Band Families:

Happy March! I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying these last few weeks of winter.

Looking back to January and February, we have several successes to celebrate: 13 MP students were selected to All-District Band. They had a great weekend making music with some other fine musicians from our region. Also at that clinic, I had the honor of conducting the 9-10 honor band – a once-in-a-lifetime-type experience and one that I will forever regard as a high point of my career. We also had a student representing MP at the West Region Jazz clinic in Asheville.

We also hosted a successful Mattress Sale Fundraiser, selling 66 mattresses which netted the band \$7705 (not counting the \$1700 that went to students for referrals). Thank you for your participation in this effort.

Leadership for the 2020 Marching Mustangs was selected through a process of auditions and interviews. Congrats to those students and thanks to all who tried out.

Looking forward to March, we'll have our Spring Concert on March 17 at 7 PM. Wind Ensemble will follow up that performance with another performance of the same music at the district MPA (Music Performance Adjudication) in Mooresville on March 26. Also taking place in March: auditions for All-State Bands. 8 MP students will audition on March 7 for this prestigious honor – Good luck, Annelise Bowers, Robert Starling, Charlie Odulio, Andrew Kuntz, Conner White, Abby Roselli, Evan Schmit, and Caleb Abernethy! Finally, March officially kicks off the 2020 Marching Band season with our 2 prospective member meetings on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please spread the word!

In music,

Mr. Blount

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Concerts

- Spring Concert –  
March 17, 7pm -  
**CANCELED**
- District MPA – 3/26  
**CANCELED**

#### Marching Band Info Sessions

- 3/19, 6:30pm, Band  
Room - **OSTPONED**
- 3/23, 6:30pm, Band  
Room - **POSTPONED**

*Bring your band-eligible  
friends and social media  
influencers!!*

#### And mark your calendars for:

- Next year's Mattress  
Sale: Sunday, 2/14/21

## CELEBRATE OUR BAND

**Congratulations to band members recognized at the District and State level.** Way to go, band members!! We had thirteen students (count 'em... one-three!), participating at the District level in February and quite a few eligible to audition for All State.

### All District Honors Band

Annelise Bowers, Trumpet  
Alessandro Del Pra, Clarinet  
Ian Hull, Euphonium  
Andrew Kuntz, Trombone  
Charlie Odulio, Trumpet  
Brian Ratledge, Trumpet  
Abby Roselli, Tenor Sax  
Evan Schmit, Percussion  
Robert Starling, Trumpet  
Kip Sullivan, Trumpet  
Allison Ward, Tuba  
Conner White, Percussion

### West Region Jazz Band

Caleb Abernathy, Sax

### All State Placements

Abby Roselli - 1st Chair Tenor Sax  
Andrew Kuntz - 1st Chair Trombone  
Annelise Bowers - 3rd Chair Trumpet  
Charlie Odulio - 7th Chair Trumpet

**Changing of the guard.** Major drum roll .... wait for it ... (and we did) ... Welcome to our new student MPMM leaders for 2020-2021!

### Drum Majors

Nourhan Abdelrahman  
Charlie Sharpe

### Section Leaders

Flute: Marlowe Henderson  
Clarinet: Alessandro Dal Pra  
Saxophone: Abby Roselli  
Trumpet: Robert Starling  
Mello: Brian Ratledge  
Baritone: Garyn Peterson  
Tuba: Maxwell Rusmisell

### Captains

Brass: Robert Starling  
Guard: Moriah Campbell, RyLee Robinson  
Percussion: Conner White, Mary Nattaradol  
Woodwinds: Alessandro Dal Pra  
Logistics: Alex Rambo, McCartney Butler

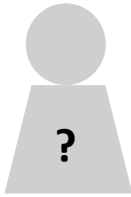
## GET INVOLVED

**Pass the baton. Oh heck, throw it up in the air.** It's time to recruit for the next Marching Mustang class. Compelling band / color guard members and current parents, please join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Band Room to inspire potential new marchers and give them the inside scoop on what makes MPMM so special. **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED**

## STAY INFORMED

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

**Mustang merch!** It's never too early, or too late. Get your band gear and show your band spirit with merch from our website: <https://myersparkbands.org/store/>



**We are still missing lots of senior photos.** Parents of seniors, there are a few weeks left to send Sara the photos we will use for senior recognition. We're looking for at least one baby/toddler picture, a Senior Portrait (or any nice recent picture). Once your child knows his or her post-high school plans, we'd like to include those in the recognition too. Send everything to: [sararoselli@yahoo.com](mailto:sararoselli@yahoo.com)

## SUPPORT THE BANDS

**Mattress Sale:** Way to recruit buyers. We are the recruiting-est. We met our ambitious sales goal with 66 mattresses, netting \$1700 for band members and \$7700 for the program! Mark your calendars for 2/14/2021.

Congratulations to students with leading referral totals:

Hank Ball  
Vincent Gerik  
Leah Jarrell  
Tye Mendenhall  
Sam Waller  
Brady Miller

## LINKS

Support the Band program any time, any where. 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>.

**We know you're out there:** Many students still have Autobell cards to sell or return. Let's help our city wash the road salt (and pollen) from those vehicles! Need more cards? Contact Leigh at [lrobinson.rp@gmail.com](mailto:lrobinson.rp@gmail.com)

And ... Watch your email for news on opportunities to engage in a little friendly card-selling competition!

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

