

Mount Pleasant Marching Band

Student and Parent Handbook



*Every musician is looking for something special. We have found it.
We are Mount Pleasant Band. Welcome home.*

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2018-2019

THE MOUNT PLEASANT MARCHING BAND HANDBOOK

The **Mount Pleasant Marching Band Handbook** contains information relating to marching band activities, band rules, scheduling and important release forms/information forms, which you are to complete and return. Please complete the forms and return them, along with your child's \$500.00 band fee, by July 31, 2018. If you are unable to provide payment in full prior to this date, we would be more than willing to set up a payment plan option for your family. To set up a payment plan, contact Bart Tulbert at 704-436-3172, or at william.tulbert@cabarrus.k12.nc.us, prior to July 31, 2018.

WHAT TO DO

1. Please read the entire handbook with your student(s).
2. Encourage your student(s) to practice the fundamentals taught at Rookie Camp.
3. Complete the forms and return them to the director by July 31, 2018.
4. Please mark all dates on your calendar and free all dates. Attendance is mandatory.
5. Please volunteer to work for the Mount Pleasant Band Boosters. The band really needs your talents, ideas, and energy! We strive to be one of the leading programs in the state, but we cannot do that without the support of our parent volunteers.
6. Please remember that all rehearsals and all performances are mandatory. We try to limit the amount of rehearsal time that your son/daughter is required to attend. We also work very hard to make the most of the limited amount of rehearsal time that we do have.
7. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. Tulbert at 704-436-3172 or 704-773-0788 or via email at william.tulbert@cabarrus.k12.nc.us.
8. Payment plan arrangements can also be worked out through Mr. Tulbert at the above listed contacts.

SUMMER TUESDAY REHEARSALS

Dates: June 26th, July 3rd, July 10th, July 17th and July 24th

Times: 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Summer rehearsals begin the week of June 26, 2018. Summer rehearsals occur on Tuesdays in four-hour segments. 50% of our time will be spent on music rehearsal while the other 50% of our time will be spent on marching basics and physical conditioning. Students should wear a white t-shirt, gym shorts (color optional), and tennis shoes with socks. Please do not wear flip-flops.

Summer rehearsals are not required. However, I hesitate to refer to them as “optional”. Allow me to explain. Many kids attend summer camps, or visit relatives, or go on Caribbean cruises, or play travel baseball, or teach/attend Vacation Bible School, or have summer jobs, or participate in any number of other opportunities that the summer break affords them. If a student is obligated to another structured activity, event, opportunity, or vacation, I encourage them to go to that other activity/event/etc. and enjoy themselves. However, if I student is in town, and otherwise unoccupied, I would like them to attend our summer rehearsal. Vacations are good. Responsibilities are good. However, if the choice is between watching Netflix while eating Doritos, or going to summer rehearsal, please choose to attend the summer rehearsal. Your time will be well-spent.

BAND CAMP

Band Camp is held each August and lasts for two weeks. These weeks enable the band to start off the year as an impressive organization and a refined performance ensemble. During the weeks of band camp, the band will learn everything pertaining to that year's competition show. Specialists in each instrument classification are hired for the best possible instruction. These two weeks of intensive training are worth more than two months of after school rehearsals. Utilization of summer band camps allows the band to rehearse three days per week during the school year rather than every day and Saturday during the school year. **Everyone is required to attend both weeks of camp.** During the first week there will be time available for each new student to be instructed in all the basics and fine points of marching and playing. This provides the opportunity for the new player to become an integral part of the performing group and develop good social relations.

Band Camp is a great deal of work but fun as well. Please plan your vacation prior to the start of band camp. **Students must go to camp in order to be in the field show.** The dates for this year's camp are July 30 – August 10, 2018. Both of these weeks are for everyone involved in the marching band. A typical schedule for the camp held at MPHS would be as follows:

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Marching basics and outdoor drill rehearsal.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch break. **You must bring your lunch and eat on campus.**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Music rehearsals. Students may go home for dinner break from 4:00-5:30 PM.

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Outdoor drill and music rehearsal.

Please see the master schedule for specific times and sections involved

REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

During the school year, the wind and percussion members rehearse on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:00 PM, while the colorguard members rehearse on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM. There will also be two Saturday morning rehearsals and they are scheduled for September 8th and 22nd. Rehearsals, like camps, are not optional. No athletic team member could expect to participate having never attended a practice or camp session. Our philosophy is the same, but unlike athletic teams, the band has no “back ups” or “second string players”. Absences are a detriment to the entire organization. Students who make a commitment to marching band should be in attendance at 100% of all rehearsals and camps.

FOOTBALL GAMES

The marching band will perform at all home football games and at most away games. Since all football game transportation costs are paid for by the Mount Pleasant Band Boosters, it is at the discretion of Mr. Tulbert as to which away games that the band will attend. Typically, these games are within Cabarrus County. This year there are six (6) scheduled home games and three (3) scheduled away games that the band will attend. These dates are on the calendar. Post-season dates are not available as they are dependent on regular season results. We should know something about post-season games in early November.

BAND COMPETITIONS

The band will perform at five (5) marching band competitions and two (1) exhibitions this fall. Participation in these events benefits the band in many ways. It provides motivation to strive for excellence, it raises standards of quality for performance, and it builds esprit de corps. It also offers an opportunity to gauge the band's progress and to gain positive recognition for our students, our school, and our community. Finally, it provides a positive experience as a reward for hard work. All band competitions are open to the public. The competition schedule is as follows:

September 15th- Cabarrus Preview @ MPHS

October 6th - Forestview Jaguar Classic

October 20th- Mooresville Blue Devil Classic

November 3rd - North Davidson Fall Festival

September 29th- Mount Pleasant Showcase @ MPHS

October 13th- East Lincoln Carolina Classic

October 27th- Providence or Porter Ridge or both (pending)

PARADES

The MP Band will perform in the Concord and Mount Pleasant Christmas Parades. Dates are as follows:

November 17th- Concord Christmas Parade

December 8th- Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade

THE BAND FEE

All students participating in the Marching Band will be required to pay a participation fee. The fee for all marching band members will be \$500.00. This fee will be put toward the cleaning of individual uniforms, band t-shirts, guard costumes and design, travel and transportation, music, drill and instruction. Student fees must pay for these components of our program as there are no budget allotments from MPHS or CCS for the marching band program. In addition to the band fee, all students will be responsible for purchasing their own

Under Armor, gloves and marching shoes through the band. Most students will use the same shoes and Under Armor all four years while socks and gloves will need to be replaced yearly.

SHOES, SOCKS, GLOVES, and UNDER ARMOR

There are four pieces of the uniform that are not provided by the school and those are shoes, socks, gloves and Under Armor. The students will order their shoes and gloves through *Marchmaster* on Tuesday, July 31st during our evening rehearsal. Returning marching band members may use their shoes from the previous season, but everyone (minus percussionists and Colorguard members) must order at least two pairs of black gloves and two pairs of white gloves for performance use. Percussionists do not wear gloves, and Colorguard members will order different weight lifting style gloves. Each band member (minus Colorguard) is also required to purchase Under Armor to wear under their uniform. Under Armor is made of spandex and serves as the undergarments while wearing the uniform. Our uniforms themselves are made from a polyester/spandex material and are more form-fitting than older wool uniforms. Under Armor prevents unnecessary sweat damage to the uniforms and also helps to keep the students cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Students should purchase at least one Under Armor top and one bottom. Black is the preferred color, though gray will also work if that is all you can find. Do not purchase Under Armor of any other color. Under Armor and other generic versions can be found at Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart, and any sports equipment store. Colorguard members will purchase specifically prescribed body tights as the undergarments for their uniform.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who participate in the Marching Band should be aware of the time commitment involved with such an ensemble. Conflicts arise when students attempt to take on multiple extra-curricular activities during one semester. It is best to limit the number of extra-curricular activities in which you participate in order to do them well. We will do our best to work around conflicts, however, the best way to avoid conflicts is to not take on more than you can handle. If you have any questions concerning this issue, please speak to Mr. Tulbert.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All students are required to have a health form properly filled out and signed by their parents before they will be allowed to participate in band activities. Students are also required to show proof of hospitalization insurance coverage on the health form. If the student is not covered under some type of hospitalization insurance policy, the parents will be required to attach a letter stating that neither the school nor Mr. Tulbert will be held responsible for charges incurred due to medical emergency. It also states that the parent will be legally responsible for all charges incurred while securing medical treatment. Every time the band travels, the health forms are taken along in the event of a medical emergency. Administration of prescribed medication from the student's doctor is the responsibility of each student. Students with insect sting allergies should have an epi-pen with them at all times. **A two-sided medical form is included in this handbook. Please return it by July 31st. Dr. Holt is also working on an active PDF version of the form that I will email out ASAP.*

STUDENT PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM

A student permission and release forms are located on the back of the student medical form. Please read carefully and sign in all areas requested. **Please return this form by July 31st.*

SCHEDULE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Once you and your child have read the entire rehearsal and performance schedule, there is an area on the back of the student medical form where you should acknowledge that you have read the schedule, understand the policies for attendance, and that your child will abide by the schedule for the 2018 marching season. The student is also required to sign the schedule acknowledgement form. This form is not to be taken lightly. Our ability to function as a performing ensemble depends on the attendance of every member at every rehearsal and performance event. We do not have back-ups or substitute players like a sports team.

MP BAND RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.
2. Excessive tardies or absences will cause you to lose your spot within the band without a refund.
3. If you are well enough to attend school, you are well enough to attend the rehearsal/game/competition.
4. Club meetings, detention, and after school jobs are not considered excused absences or tardies.
5. Should the need for an emergency absence occur, a parent must contact Mr. Tulbert at 704-773-0788.
6. All band members are expected to give 100% effort during all rehearsals and performances.
7. All band members are to treat the band instructional staff with respect at all times.
8. All band members are to treat the band booster parents with respect at all times.
9. Negative attitudes and abusive language will not be tolerated.
10. Students are expected to take excellent care of their instruments and all band-owned equipment.
11. All students should arrive at least ten minutes before call time in order to be on time.
12. Bring all materials to every rehearsal (notebook, coordinate sheets, music, pencil, water bottle, shoes).
13. Students may not drive off of campus during rehearsals.
14. Respect for your peers is expected at all times.
15. All students will wear white shirts (t-shirts, tanks, sweats, etc.) to every rehearsal.
16. No drinks on the field other than water.
17. No gum in rehearsals or in the band room.
18. Proper decorum is expected during all award ceremonies.
19. All students will wear the MP Band Uniform correctly and with pride.
20. We are a professional performing ensemble with extremely high standards. Get on board.

FUNDRAISING

Every year, the Mount Pleasant Band program will conduct multiple fundraising events. These fundraisers can aid in the payment of your student's band fees, the costs of trips, or any other expense your student may incur. Money earned will go towards the daily expenses of the group such as: music, instruction and transportation costs. Some of these fundraising activities may include: working at the Cabarrus Arena, Charlotte Motor Speedway, yard sales, car washes and community service. All students are expected to participate in every fundraising effort. Student accounts will be set up for each band member, with specific percentages of fundraising money going toward these student accounts. This money can be used at the student's discretion, as long as it is for a band related expense.

PRE-GAME/COMPETITION MEALS

A pre-performance meal will always be served to the band students prior to each football game and competition. This food is prepared by the parents and provided in the cafeteria at 5:30 PM on Friday nights and at noon on Saturdays of competition dates. Times are subject to change based on performance times.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CAMPS AND REHEARSALS

1. Three-Ring Binder Notebook with clear, plastic page protector sheets for your music and drill charts.
2. A ½ inch PVC Ball Valve for breathing exercises.
3. Water Bottle- Students need a water bottle every day of band camp and every regular rehearsal.
4. Sunscreen, Hat, and Lip Balm
5. Tennis Shoes and Socks (no flip flops in rehearsal)
6. White T-Shirts for every rehearsal.
7. Pencil
8. A black hand-towel to put their instrument on when it is on the ground.

MARCHING BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Drum Major: The drum major will be the direct link between all band students, the adult staff, and the director as well as the booster club. The drum major will call and preside over meetings of the other student leaders as needed. The drum major is the primary leader of the marching band second only to the director and any other adult staff. The drum major will also be the field conductor of the marching band ensemble.

The Leadership Team: The student leaders will handle matters of administration, teach marching sectionals, maintain the practice field and in the classroom, and ensure see that band policy is carried out. The Student Leaders will also be responsible for attendance, equipment inventory, loading of equipment for all trips and maintaining all school owned instruments and equipment. There may be more than one student leader in each section or none at all.

PREVIEW AND SHOWCASE

The Mount Pleasant Band hosts two major performance events on the high school campus during marching season. The first is the Cabarrus County Preview of Bands. “Preview” is a countywide marching band exhibition show at MPHS on Saturday, September 15th. The second is the Mount Pleasant Showcase of Champions. “Showcase” is a full-scale marching band festival at MPHS that usually draws between 20-30 bands. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year. We acquire revenue through ticket sales, concessions, and a variety of other mediums. “Showcase” is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th at MPHS and usually runs from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

My ultimate career goal, or purpose, is for the students of Mount Pleasant High School Band to never feel the frustration and disappointment from the constant change in leadership, technique, attitude and structure that I experienced as a high school student of music. There are of course many ways to do any task, but we will always make it our mission to put forth 110% effort in everything that we do in the name of the Mount Pleasant Band. I never want our kids to know what it feels like for someone to be embarrassed for them. At some point in time we have all felt embarrassed for someone else, or some other team, or group, etc. We will never be that person, team, group, etc. We will work harder, smarter, and better than any other organization in North Carolina because we owe that work to our school, our community, our families, our alumni, and most importantly to ourselves. We will strive to instill in all people an awareness of music’s important role in the enrichment of the human spirit. We will *Play Like Champions Everyday* because we know that *Excellence is not an event; it is a habit*, and we believe that *Pain is just weakness leaving the body*. Every musician is looking for something special. We have found it. We are Mount Pleasant Band. Welcome home.

MASTER SCHEDULE 2018

Please mark all of these dates on your calendar. All rehearsal and performance dates are mandatory.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 14-17	Rookie Camp @ MPMS	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
May 29	After School Rehearsal @ MPHS	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
May 31	After School Rehearsal @ MPHS	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
June 26	Summer Rehearsal @ MPHS	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
July 3	Summer Rehearsal @ MPHS	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
July 10	Summer Rehearsal @ MPHS	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
July 17	Summer Rehearsal @ MPHS	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
July 24	Summer Rehearsal @ MPHS	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
July 27	Leadership Training Day@ MPHS	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
July 30-Aug 10	Full Marching Band Camp for all band members	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM*
July 31	Parent Information Meeting and Chaperone Training	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

During the weeks of Band Camp, students must bring their lunch, but may leave campus for dinner

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Aug 10	End of Band Camp Pool Party	1:00-5:00 PM
Aug 13	Regular Rehearsals Begin	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Aug 17	Away Football vs. Cox Mill	5:00 PM Call Time
Aug 24	Home Football vs Northwest	5:00 PM Call Time
Aug 27	1 st Day of School for Students	7:15 AM – 2:15 PM
Aug 31	Away Football vs. Central	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 3	Labor Day	No School. No Rehearsals.
Sep 7	Home Football vs. North Stanly	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 8	Saturday Rehearsal @ MPHS	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sep 14	Home Football vs. Concord	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 15	Cabarrus Band Preview	All Day Event
Sep 21	Away Football vs. Robinson	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 28	Home Football vs. East Rowan	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 29	Mount Pleasant Showcase of Champions	All Day Event
Oct 6	Forestview Jaguar Classic	All Day Event
Oct 13	East Lincoln Carolina Classic	All Day Event
Oct 19	Home Football vs. Forest Hills	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 20	Mooresville Blue Devil Classic	All Day Event
Oct 27	Marching Band Competition TBD	All Day Event
Nov 2	Home Football vs. West Stanly	5:00 PM Call Time
Nov 3	North Davidson Fall Festival of Bands	All Day Event
Nov 17	Concord Christmas Parade	All Day Event
Dec 8	Mount Pleasant Parade	Morning Event



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION FORM 2018-2019

(Student's Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

(Grade) (Birth date) (Instrument or Section)

(Student's Home Address) (City, Zip) (Home Phone) (Email address)

(Father/Guardian Name) (Place of Business/Work) (Work Phone) (Email address)

(Mother/Guardian Name) (Place of Business/Work) (Work Phone) (Email address)

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY, THE FOLLOWING PERSON MAY BE CONTACTED IF THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS CANNOT BE LOCATED:

(Name of Friend/Neighbor) (Phone Number) (Relationship to Student)

List any Medications that your son/daughter will need to take: _____

List any health problems regarding your son/daughter that we need to be aware of: _____

Is your son/daughter under any medical treatment presently? __yes __no. If yes, please list reason: _____

I, _____, the parent of _____,

have insurance coverage, which will accept responsibility should an accident or health problem arise.

Insurance Information (Company): _____ Policy #: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

RELEASE FORM

I understand that there will be adequate adult supervision on all outings involving the Mount Pleasant Band. In the event that my child suffers any illness or accident requiring emergency medical aid, I hereby authorize Mr. Tulbert, or his designee, to acquire any necessary medical treatment for my child, understanding that Mr. Tulbert, or his designee, will contact me at the earliest possible moment. I also give permission for my child to travel with the band. By signing, I attest that I will not hold Mr. Tulbert, Mount Pleasant High School, Cabarrus County Schools, or any Chaperones responsible for any accidents.

This digital signature will serve as my acknowledgement of my understanding of the information listed above and will allow Mr. Tulbert or his designee to seek medical assistance for my child should a time for such assistance ever occur.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Mount Pleasant High School Band Permission for Field Trips 2018-2019

Date: July 31, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In order for your son/daughter to be allowed to participate in off-campus, we must have the following agreement signed by a parent/guardian giving permission. This permission form is blanket permission for the entire 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

_____, Band Director

Destination: All Football Games (home and away), Competitions, and Parades

Mode of travel: Activity Bus or Chartered Bus

This is to certify that I/we the parent/parents/guardian of (name of student) _____ do hereby grant permission for him/her to attend all football games (home and away) and all parades and understand that all CCS, MPHS and Mount Pleasant Band rules and policies apply.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mount Pleasant Band Attendance and Schedule Acknowledgement Form 2018-2019

We, the parent(s)/guardian of _____ have carefully reviewed the Mount Pleasant Band Attendance Policy and the Mount Pleasant Band Schedule for 2018-2019. We have marked our personal calendar and we have cleared all rehearsal and performance dates with our child’s employer or faculty advisors for additional activities. We have no date conflicts.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mount Pleasant Band Member Pledge 2018-2019

As a member of the Mount Pleasant Band, I understand that is a privilege that requires commitment and carries with it responsibilities. I have read and understand the expectations for all Mount Pleasant. As a member of this ensemble, I understand that I personally contribute to the overall success of the ensemble. As such, I will abide by the following terms of this contract:

- I will behave in a way that will bring respect to me, my teachers, my instructors and my school.
- I will not use foul language or inappropriate gestures, or bully other students.
- I will learn and follow the disciplinary components required of a strong and meaningful musical performance.
- I will learn and apply all technique as it pertains to musical performance, marching, and ensemble effect.
- I will listen to and respect the decisions of all administrators, teachers, instructors, and adjudicators.
- I will never use the band program as an excuse for not completing an assignment for another class.
- I will behave in a respectful manner in all of my classes, both music related, and non-music related.
- I will always give 100% to every rehearsal, run-through, and performance and demonstrate esprit de corps at all times.

Signature of MP Band Member _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

2018 Marching Band Payment Schedule and Payment Coupons

In order to prevent holes on the field and also to ascertain a correct headcount at an early date, the Mount Pleasant Band has a payment schedule for band fees which will begin with a non-refundable commitment deposit of \$200.00. Security is the primary reason for this process. We must prevent drop out, and also ensure that the Band Boosters will have enough money in their checking account to cover the purchase of our music, drill, visual book, etc. The payment deadline dates are as follows:

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

1st payment of \$200.00 is due. (non-refundable)

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

2nd payment of \$150.00 is due.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

3rd payment of \$150.00 is due.

Each cash or check payment should be accompanied by its corresponding payment coupon. Please fill out all information on the coupon every time you make a cash or check payment. If you choose to pay your child's band fee in one lump sum on the first payment date, please write this on your payment coupon. Credit card payments can also be made, via PayPal, on the band website (www.mpband.org) under the "band payments" tab. Additional payment arrangements can be made with Mr. Tulbert if necessary. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Tulbert at 704-773-0788, or at William.tulbert@cabarrus.k12.nc.us.

Marching Band Payment Coupons

3rd Payment (Due Tuesday, July 31, 2018)

Student Name: _____ Payment Amount: **\$150.00**

Student Instrument: _____ Circle Grade Level: **8th 9th 10th 11th 12th**

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____

2nd Payment (Due Tuesday, July 3, 2018)

Student Name: _____ Payment Amount: **\$150.00**

Student Instrument: _____ Circle Grade Level: **8th 9th 10th 11th 12th**

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____

Non-Refundable Commitment Deposit /1st Payment (Due Tuesday, June 5, 2018)

Student Name: _____ Payment Amount: **\$200.00**

Student Instrument: _____ Circle Grade Level: **8th 9th 10th 11th 12th**

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature _____