Mountain View High School

MARCHING BAND

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2009 – 2010

Mountain View High School Band
2135 Mountain View Road
Stafford, Virginia 22556

Please complete the following information:

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

Student's E-Mail: _____

Marching Band Instrument: _____

Student's Shirt Size (polo shirt): _____

Your Marching Band Deposit of $100.00 should be included with this form. This required, *non-refundable* fee for all marching band members must be paid in order to secure your position in the marching drill that will be written during the summer months.

Please tear off and return this information, along with your deposit, to reserve your position in the Mountain View Marching Band for 2009-2010. You may send it to school with your student or mail it to:

Doug Armstrong, Director of Bands
Mountain View High School
2135 Mountain View Road
Stafford, VA 22556

For more information, please visit our web site at:

http://www.mvhsband.org

The members of the ***Mountain View Marching Band*** have established themselves as an integral part of the spirit and pride of Mountain View High School. This dynamic group of young musicians performs regularly at all home football games and provides the excitement and pageantry that is an integral part of high school football. The band works with the cheerleaders, dance team and football team to provide an exciting, spirited atmosphere for the entire school community.

The Mountain View Marching Band also competes in field show competitions and parades during the fall season representing our school across the state of Virginia. The group has rapidly improved, having recently been named a ***"Virginia Honor Band"*** for the third straight year.

The pageantry and excitement of the marching band is enhanced by an outstanding Color Guard. This group combines dance with visual implements to visually express the band's music. Color Guard is open to any student at Mountain View and auditions for this exciting group are held in May of each year.

Involvement in the Mountain View Marching Band is an outstanding part of any student's musical learning. It helps to build life skills of teamwork, cooperation, responsibility, and leadership. Additionally, participation in marching band helps to give students a sense of belonging and helps to develop a student's positive self-image which will, in turn, help them toward higher self-esteem. Most importantly, participation in the Mountain View Marching Band will generate exciting times, friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. For students new to MVHS, band camp provides an opportunity to begin the school year with a supportive and positive group of new friends.

Membership in the Marching Band is open to any student enrolled in a band class at MVHS. We encourage you to get involved and we look forward to welcoming you as a member of our band family at Mountain View High School.

Parents: We welcome your involvement!

The Mountain View Band Parents Association provides outstanding support for the band program and all of the students involved in the band at MVHS. During Marching Band season, the band parents are an integral part of the spirit and excitement of our group. From fitting uniforms to working in the concession stand, chaperones to "pit crew" and more, the band parents provide the help that is needed for our students to have a great performing experience with the Mountain View Marching Band. We encourage all band parents to join in the fun and friendship of being an active member in the Mountain View Band Parents Association!

Marching Band Spring Sessions

Marching Band Reading Sessions: Marching Band starts in the spring of this year with music reading sessions on Wednesday, May 27th, Tuesday, June 2nd, and Thursday, June 4th. All rehearsal sessions are from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. These sessions are more than just reading the music. It is our first opportunity to get organized and get to know each other for the coming marching season.

Drum Line Clinics and Placement Auditions:
Practice sessions for Drum Line are on the following Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm: May 14th; May 21st; June 4th and 18th. Students will be placed on instruments for the marching season according to their performance skills shown during these sessions.

Color Guard Clinic and Try-outs:
Clinics: May 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 - All sessions 3:00 - 4:30
Try-outs: May 29 - 3:00 pm until completed

Band Camp begins in **August** with orientation days for our new members. The entire group begins working together on Monday, August 11th. We will have two weeks of intensive music and drill design work. During these early days of band camp we work a four day week, Monday through Thursday, from 8:00am until 4:00pm. All students ***must*** attend ***all*** band camp rehearsals to be full participants in marching band.

All student leaders
August 12th - 14th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

All Color Guard and Percussion
August 10th - 14th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

All New Marching Band Members
August 13th and 14th, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Bring a lunch and wear athletic shoes

All Marching Band Members
August 17th – 20th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
August 24th – 27th, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
August 31st, Sept. 1st – 3rd, 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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The information contained in this brochure is intended for students who reside within the Mountain View High School attendance zone.

Required Items

Band Fees for All Members

Returning Band Members	**$200.00**
New Band Members	**$235.00**

The member fees for participation in marching band include uniform rental and maintenance fees, instructional staff, entry fees for competitions and the cost for travel to marching band festivals. In addition to the fee for returning members, the additional cost for new members includes the "informal uniform" polo shirt, MV Band cap and required music folio. Returning members will need to pay the additional cost if replacements for the items are needed. A $100 *non-refundable* deposit is due before the end of the current school year to reserve your position in the marching band as the drill and music are prepared for you during the summer months.

Instrument Rental and marching band shoes are not included in the member fee as these needs vary by member and section of the band.

Winds and Percussion

Instrument Rental Fee **$40.00**
All students using a school-owned instrument must pay this fee required by the Stafford County Public Schools. This fee covers basic use of all school instruments and equipment for the entire school year. Students using multiple instruments (marching and concert) need only pay one fee. An Instrumental Rental Contract must be completed by the student and parent and returned before instrument issue.

Marching Band Shoes

Students must have approved footwear for marching band. If you already own a pair of marching shoes, please bring them in to see if they are appropriate.
Wind and Percussion players **$32.00**
"Roll-heeled" white shoes designed specifically for marching.
Color Guard Shoes **$32.00**
Black dance/guard shoe

Optional Items

MVHS Band ball cap **$15.00**
MVHS Band Polo Shirt **$25.00**
These items are part of the "informal uniform" and included in new member fees. Returning students may need to replace their faded or worn hat or shirt.
White T-shirt, short sleeved **$10.00**
With screened Mountain View Band logo
White T-shirt, long sleeved **$15.00**
With screened Mountain View Band logo

Other MVHS Band logo items are available for purchase through the ***Mountain View Band Parents Association****.*

NOTE: Any band family in need of amended payment schedules or payment assistance should contact the Director of Bands to arrange a confidential meeting to discuss available options. This meeting must be arranged by the parent or guardian and student attendance at this meeting is not required.