
Why join the MV Marching Band?

The Marching Band at MVHS offers students one of the greatest positive growth experiences available for a high school student. The camaraderie, friendship and fun are balanced by life lessons amplifying intrinsic motivation, teamwork, leadership, responsibility and self-discipline.

The skills employed in a single performance far exceed other activities within their high school experience. The mental, emotional and artistic qualities of the musician combine with the mental conditioning and physical endurance of any athlete. The marching band experience requires listening, focusing and analyzing “on the move” while matching pitch and timing with almost 100 other students scattered across a football field. There is nothing that can match marching band for the lessons about music and, most importantly, about themselves.

The MV Marching Band has a tradition of high achievement both on and off the field. The habits of strong self-discipline and hard work carry over to the student’s expectations away from rehearsal. At the end of the 1st 9 week grading period of the 2009-2010 school year, the Grade Point Average of the marching band, accounting for all 93 members, was an astounding 3.99! While this average is calculated on our new 10-point grading scale, it still provides clear and compelling evidence that this is the kind of group you want your child to be associated with. This positive influence during these first weeks of high school can make a significant impact on your child’s academic career.

Students joining the MV Band will start their first day of high school with a strong group of friends who help guide them through those often frightening first days in their new school environment. We hope you will consider being a part of the Mountain View Band family.

For more information, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.mvhsband.org>

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MARCHING BAND



INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2010 – 2011

The members of the Mountain View Marching Band have established themselves as an important part of the spirit and pride of Mountain View High School. The group 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 and spirited atmosphere for the entire school community. The band also competes in field show competitions and parades during the fall season representing our school across the state of Virginia.

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, active participation in marching band contributes to a student's overall 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

Marching Band Rehearsals

Marching Band Reading Sessions: Next year's Marching Band starts in June of this year with music reading sessions on Tuesday, June 8th, Thursday, June 10th and Monday, June 14th. All rehearsal sessions are from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at MVHS. These sessions are more than just reading the music and learning to march. This is our first opportunity to get organized and get to know each other for the coming marching season.

Band Camp begins in August with orientation days for our new members. The entire group begins working together on Monday, August 16th. 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. Students **must** attend **ALL** band camp rehearsals to be full participants in marching band.

All Color Guard and Percussion

August 9th - 12th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Guard Only, Friday, June 13, 9:00am to 12:00 noon

All NEW Marching Band Members

August 11th and 12th, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Bring a lunch and wear athletic shoes

All Marching Band Members

August 16th - 19th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
August 23rd - 26th, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
August 30th - Sept. 1st, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Marching Band Family Picnic

Tuesday, August 31st, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

For a complete calendar of band activities, please visit our web site at:

<http://www.mvhsband.org>

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

Band Fees for All Members

Returning Band Members \$200.00
New Band Members \$275.00

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, marching shoes 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 by Thursday, June 10, 2010 to reserve your position in the marching band as the drill and music are prepared for you during the summer months.

Winds and Percussion

Instrument Rental Fee \$50.00

All students using a school-owned instrument must pay this fee, which is required by the Stafford County Public Schools. This fee covers the use of all school-owned 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. The cost of shoes is included in the new member fees. Returning students needing to replace shoes may purchase them separately.

Wind and Percussion players \$32.00

"Roll-heeled" white shoes designed specifically for marching.

Color Guard Shoes (Black dance/guard shoe) \$32.00

Optional Items

MVHS Band ball cap \$15.00

MVHS Band polo shirt \$29.00

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 and may purchase these items separately.

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.