

MCHS Instrumental Music

New Student Information and Program Updates

Hello!

Director Garry McPherson and the entire instrumental music staff are excited to welcome both you and your student to Mt. Carmel's Instrumental Music program and look forward to meeting all of our new, talented students who will be joining us this fall. As you may know, we are a nationally recognized, Grammy-award winning instrumental music program.

Though these last few years have been unlike any other, we are truly excited for this upcoming school year and look forward to making new memories together!

In preparation for this upcoming year, we wanted to touch base with you and send out some important updates regarding instrumental music events. We will continue to send out updates through the end of the school year and summer, so please continue to check your email. Updates will be sent from both myself, and our music foundation.

We have a fun and rewarding year ahead!

Ms. Francis

Calendar:

An up to date calendar of all of our events can be found here: <http://mchsband.com/calendar/>

There, you can find rehearsal information and important event updates throughout the summer.

Survey:

Please take a quick minute to fill out the following survey to help us best plan for next year: <https://forms.gle/p7JAWyJ1crbjgNKy8>

Instrumentation / Section Leaders / Mentors

Our student leadership will typically host welcome events and sectionals throughout the summer for our incoming and transfer students. This is a great way to introduce your student to the program, and allow them to connect with their leaders as well as other members in their section over the summer. Our leadership will contact parents/guardians first, unless you provide your student's direct contact info.



Mandatory Registration Night

**Monday, June 6th
5:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Band/Orchestra/Guard
Families**

Since the fall season can begin quite suddenly, we will be hosting a mandatory registration night for our new and returning families.

There, you will receive information about our program, summer camps, registration, as well as important dates and hear from our Foundation President. In order to make a smooth transition into our program, this meeting will be mandatory. Light refreshments will be served. Please watch your email, as updates will be sent out closer to the event date.

Summer Rehearsals and Events

Band Camp: (Includes Percussion and Color Guard)

We are excited to welcome students back to band camp this year! This weeklong event provides an opportunity for your child to get a head start on the music and marching routines they will be learning for the upcoming marching season.

During the camp your student will have an opportunity, each day, to work in small groups with professional instructors specific to their instrument, learn the marching routine with help from experienced marching coaches, and practice the music they will play during the field show competitions. In addition to the music instruction, summer camp presents an opportunity for your student to meet and bond with the other marching band students; this is especially helpful for incoming freshmen and other new students to the program.

Band camp attendance is strongly encouraged, as we will be learning drill. If you will not be present for camp, please notify me as soon as possible. Students who miss camp will typically begin the year as an alternate.

Please save the following dates in your calendar. More information will be sent out soon from our music foundation:

Freshman/ New Member Orientation: Saturday, August 6th

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Camp: Monday, August 8th to Friday, August 12th

7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Band Camp Concert and Family Potluck:

Friday, August 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Orchestra Camp:

Orchestra Camp is a three day camp that takes place in August. Much like band camp, orchestra camp allows your student to work in small groups with professional instructors specific to their instrument, learn the orchestra music they will be playing this upcoming fall, and meet and practice with other students in their class. More information will be available soon from our music foundation.

Tuesday, August 9th to Thursday, August 11th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Orchestra Camp Concert:

Thursday, August 11th at 1:30 PM in the Orchestra Room



Instrument Check Out

Monday, June 20th

11:00 to 1:00 PM

or

Wednesday, June 22nd

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

For students that currently do not have/own their own instrument, we are happy to provide one while they are students at Mt. Carmel.

We can supply the following instruments: Percussion, Bassoon, Oboe, Tenor Saxophone, String Bass, Violas, Cellos, Bass Clarinet, French Horn, Baritone, Trombone, Tuba, and Sousaphone.

If your child is a band student and plays an instrument that is not used in marching season (Oboe or bassoon) please contact us so we can discuss options.

Color Guard Summer Workshops

Our color guard will be meeting throughout the summer for rehearsals, leading up to Band Camp. All rehearsals will take place at MCHS from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Upon returning to school in the fall, color guard members will have evening rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday. More updates will be sent from our color guard coaches, Brent Baker-Dunlap and Gigi Dorsett as well as our music foundation.

Jun 2022						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 3-5pm @ MCHS	21 3-5pm @ MCHS	22	23	24	25
26	27 3-5pm @ MCHS	28 3-5pm @ MCHS	29 Parade Rehearsal 4:00-6:30 @MCHS	30		

Jul 2022						
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3	4 4 th of July Parade	5 3-5pm @ MCHS	6	7	8	9
10	11 3-5pm @ MCHS	12 3-5pm @ MCHS	13	14	15	16
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Percussion Rehearsals and Camp



For the fall season, our percussion students begin rehearsing in June.

In the percussion section, students have the choice to play one of multiple instruments. This is a very different environment than other wind sections, as your child will have a choice to play a different instrument each year. **For this reason, we hold rehearsals throughout the summer to acclimate students to marching percussion.** This also gives our new members a chance to meet percussion staff and become acquainted with the marching instruments before school ends, and to begin learning the music for

our fall show. Your child may be interested in playing in the battery section, or may be a part of the front ensemble.

We encourage students to attend all rehearsals if they are in town. For any student interested in marching in the battery, all June rehearsals are very important. At the first rehearsal, students will be asked to provide contact information for best reaching both students and parents. Students will also be provided with contact information for staff in case they will miss any summer rehearsals. Please contact either a staff member or myself if you will miss any rehearsals. The battery line and front ensemble will be set early in the summer, so attending rehearsals is very important.

We will also be holding a week long percussion training camp, from July 11th to July 15th. Please see the schedule below for a complete list of dates:

2022		June				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUE SDAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09 Last day of School	10	11
12	13	14	15 Percussion Introduction and Clinic 12p-3p	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Battery Only: Parade Rehearsal 12p-2p	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Battery Only: Parade Rehearsal 12p-2p; 4:00-6:30	30	01	02

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July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
03	04 Parade	05	06	07	08	09
10	11 Percussion Training Camp 12p-3p	12 Percussion Training Camp 12p-3p	13 Percussion Training Camp 12p-3p	14 Percussion Training Camp 12p-3p	15 Percussion Training Camp 12p-3p	16
17	18	19	20 Percussion Rehersal 12p-3p	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Percussion Rehersal 12p-3p	28	29	30
31	01	Notes:				

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August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	01	02	03	04 Percussion Rehersal 12p-4p	05	06 Freshmen Camp
07	08 Band Camp	09 Band Camp	10 Band Camp	11 Band Camp	12 Band Camp	13
14	15	16	17 1st Day Of School	18	19	20



Rancho Bernardo 4th of July Parade Info: Tentative Schedule

All Color Guard, Percussion battery and **10th-12th** grade band members will participate in Rancho Bernardo's Fourth of July Parade on July 4th. The expectation is that if you are going to be in the music and guard program next year, and you are in town, you are expected to participate in the parade. You must attend the rehearsal AND the parade. More information, including updated call times, will be sent closer to the event.

New band members (apart from percussion and guard) will not march in the parade, but are invited to watch and cheer on their fellow band members.

Rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, July 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at MCHS.

Monday, July 4th the parade call time is tentatively scheduled for 2:45 PM. We will meet in the shopping center parking lot on the corner of Lomica and Acena, and you can find MC in front of the Post Office. The Parade is set to begin at 3:30 PM. We should finish the route no later than 4:45 PM.

Students will wear their summer uniform, which is listed below. Information on how to order polo shirts and jerseys will be sent out by our music foundation later this summer.

Band / Percussion

MC Red Polo Shirt
Solid black shorts with no logo
or striping
White socks
CLEAN white tennis or cross-
trainer type shoes

Color Guard

Black Shorts
Black Shoes
Returning Members: Jersey
New Members: Red Shirt

Directions from Mt. Carmel:

Take Highway 15 north
Exit Bernardo Center Drive
Turn right onto Bernardo Center Dr.
Turn right on Lomica Dr. (students can be dropped off at this corner)
Go to the shopping center parking lot on the corner of Lomica and Acena and look for MC in front of the Post Office.

Uniform Fittings

Uniform fittings for students will be scheduled in the early summer. At this time, students will have an opportunity to order their red polo shirts, marching shoes, and other swag gear. More information will be sent out soon.

Marching Band, Percussion, and Guard: Fall Information

As mentioned, our fall season can begin quite suddenly! Below are some important dates to be aware of, as well as some general reminders regarding the upcoming fall season. Please make sure to always check our program's website, your email, as well as the calendar to receive the most updated information.

Fall Rehearsals:

Marching Band (Guard, Brass, Wind, and Percussion) rehearse every Wednesday evening, from 6:00 to 9:15 in the Sun Devil Stadium, beginning on August 17th and ending on November 16th.

Percussion rehearse on Monday evening, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Color Guard rehearses on Monday evening, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM.

There will also be occasional Saturday rehearsals, which will be listed on our band calendar. Marching Band tournaments will take place on Saturday evenings, typically between 6 and 9:00 PM. Parade Band reviews will also take place on Saturdays, but during the morning and afternoon hours. Parade Band dates will be added to the calendar once scheduled.

Below are a list of important dates to be aware of. Please remember that our calendar is subject to change, so make sure to check it often. Any scheduling changes will also be communicated directly to students and from our foundation.

Football Games (this schedule is subject to change):

During football games, the band will play pep tunes throughout the game and perform our field show during halftime.

Friday, August 19th: MC vs. Central Union (Pep Band only; no field show performance)

Friday, September 2nd: MC vs. Valley Center

Friday, September 9th: MC vs. Scripps Ranch

Friday, September 30th: HOMECOMING! MC vs. Vista (this will be a pre-game performance)

Friday, October 28th: MC vs. Westview

Marching Band Tournaments: (this schedule is subject to change):

Saturday, October 8th: Rancho Bernardo Field Tournament

Saturday, October 22nd: Poway Field Tournament

Saturday, October 29th: Mt. Carmel Tournament of Bands (Parade and Field)*

Saturday, November 5th: Mira Mesa Parade and Field Tournament

Saturday, November 12th: Maytime Band Review and Rancho Buena Vista Field Tournament

Saturday, November 19th: Championships (Parade and Field)

Private Music Lessons

We highly encourage all of our students to take private lessons! In private music lessons, students have the opportunity to work one on one with a professional musician, who is able to work in depth with the student on their instrument. Students who take private lessons will get help with developing a more professional tone on the instrument, fundamentals of playing their instrument correctly and with a proper technique, and make progress while working on goals that will help your student excel. We have learned that when students take private lessons, they improve as musicians. If you are interested, below is a list of our recommended coaches. In addition, many of them offer lessons throughout the summer and after school here on campus:

Instrument	Name	Email	Phone
Bassoon	Danette White		(619) 444-1087
Clarinet	April Leslie	aprilleslie@gmail.com	(619) 792-5339
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Oboe	Amy Kalal		(619)244-7814
Saxophone	Christopher Holiday	jazzbeat24@aol.com	
Saxophone	Bradley Nash		(951) 834-2551
String Bass	Mackenzie Leighton	mackenzieleighton@gmail.com	
String Bass	Sam Johnson	sklosh@hotmail.com	(619) 847-7409
Trombone/Baritone	Sean Reusch		(760) 438-4884



Trombone/Baritone	Kaelyn Henderson	kmgima@gmail.com	
Trumpet	Tim Saeger	tim.saeger@att.net	(858) 922-0846
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Viola/Cello/Violin	Michael Tagart	mjtagart@musician.org	(619) 392-7347
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Percussion	Richard Legerrette	richard.legerrette@gmail.com	
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We know that there is a lot of information in this letter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us below!

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