



Middletown HS Cavalier Marching Band Weekly Bulletin 9.19.11

A few notes from the Director...



We have an important week ahead of us with much to do. Of course, finishing the show is a priority as well as adding in some great visuals and other effect moments. With that said, we must retain what we have already learned, sustain what we are doing well, and improve what we need improvement on at the same time! We wear a lot of hats in this activity, but this is why you are some of the best MHS has to offer!

Please make sure you are maintaining your uniforms. They should be hung up after every wearing and kept looking as sharp as possible! Speaking of uniforms, please refer to the handout you received from the Boosters when you issued your uniforms. It **VERY CLEARLY** defines our uniform expectations to include no jewelry, painted nails, etc. while in uniform. If you have any questions, see your Section Leaders, Drum Major, or any instructor for clarification.

PARENTS: We have some great events planned in the coming months to include Stadium Echoes, bringing our middle schools in to perform at a football game in the stands with us, and other memorable gatherings. If you are not already a Booster, please consider volunteering your time and joining us!

A quick reminder to all parents and students that ALL students are required to help unload the trailers and cleanup the bandroom areas prior to being dismissed from a rehearsal, football game, or competition. If everyone chips in, the process can be done in as little as 20 minutes or so! Yes, your child may be tired, but so are the 50 other students, staff members, and Booster volunteers!

Be Great!

The importance of communication...

The staff and I will make every effort to accommodate special needs / requests. However, we **cannot** read minds! Please communicate early and often, especially as it relates to attendance.

You received a calendar several months ago outlining our rehearsal and performance schedules. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Important Dates:

Reminder: Our most up to date calendar information can be found on the Google calendar at www.middletownband.com/!

- Practice @ MHS: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
 - 3-5 pm
- Practice @ MMS: Wednesday
 - 6-9pm
 - Bring hat and marching shoes!
- Saturday- MHS @ Concord HS & Lake Forest Competition**
 - 800am report / load
 - 815am depart for Concord HS
 - 900am arrive
 - 900-1000am warmup
 - 1010am PREGAME PERFORMANCE
 - Bring money for lunch at the game!
 - 145pm Approx. return to MHS / Unload
 - PRACTICE
 - 315pm Load / Dinner**
 - 400pm Depart for Lake Forest HS
 - 500pm Arrive / Bathrooms / Warmups
 - 656pm PERFORM
 - 845pm Awards
 - 1015pm Return to MHS (Approx.)
 - Students will call home when we are enroute should the show run early / late.

**** Boosters are providing dinner!**

Saturday is going to be a long day...

...but we must remain physically and mentally resilient!
Remember that commitment and discipline will be our key to success!

Thought for the Week:

“In great deeds, something abides. On great fields, something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear; but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls... generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field, to ponder and dream; and lo! the shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls.”

-COL Joshua L. Chamberlain