

Dear Band and Dance Team Members and Parents:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Band Year. We hope you've had a great summer so far. The Mt. Spokane High School Band program offers Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Intermediate & Advanced Jazz Bands, Percussion Class, Marching Band & Pep Band. As we enter another year with the Mt. Spokane Band, we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. Please take the time to read the rest of the attached information and fill out the activities health form. Please return these forms the first day of band camp, Monday August 15, or if you are unable to attend band camp, please return forms on the first day of school. At the time of this letter, band students **DO NOT** have to pay the \$40 activities fee (If this changes, we will let you know), but all band and dance students must pay the \$45 ASB fee.

Sincerely,

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Band Camp 2011

Dates: **August 15 - 26 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM (Monday-Friday)** On Thursday, August 25, we are planning an overnight game night at the school for marching band and dance members. Camp will end Friday, August 26 at 1:00pm. The Bandstand will provide a dinner and breakfast. More details about this event will follow during the first few days of band camp.

Where: Mt. Spokane Band Room & Fields (enter Band Room door at west end of school by the staff parking lot)

Who Attends: All Band Students, Dance Members & Percussionists - If you are not able to attend, please contact Mr. Jones - scott.jones@mead354.org or Laura Loomer – laura.loomer@mead354.org or James Layman the marching band director – laymanjames@hotmail.com. We will do uniform fittings the first two days of camp for **ALL music students** (Jazz only players do not need to come to band camp. Jazz will meet at 7:00 AM the second day of school, Wednesday, September 7). Therefore, we ask that all students registered for band in the fall come to band camp the first day of band camp. If you are not marching, you will be able to leave by 12:00pm.

What to Bring: Individual water bottle; hat; tennis shoes (no sandals or flip-flops); sun block; sack lunch.

We will have practice rain or shine, so be prepared!

Help is needed the first 2 days of Band Camp to fit all students in Concert and Marching Uniforms. If you are able to help in any way, please contact our uniform chair person, Paula Judah - 238-9419, byjandp@hotmail.com.

More Information on Reverse

Anticipated Band Fees 2011-2012

(Please make sure to pay any outstanding band accounts prior to the beginning of school)

- \$45.00 – ASB Card – **All band students and dance members must have an ASB card** – due by 9/16
- \$35.00 - Uniform Fee (includes cleaning of all uniforms for all band students) - due by 9/16
- \$35.00 – Ladies Black Concert top – due by 10/17 (New students only)
- \$20.00 – Men’s white concert shirt **new students only** (or \$5.00 trade in if yours is in good condition)- due by 10/17
- \$35.00-\$40.00 - White Marching Shoes for all incoming Freshman and new students – due by 9/16

Band Trips - Band trip fees need to be paid at the business office prior to each band trip.

- \$200.00 – Total anticipated costs for all **marching show trips** (includes most meals, gym stays, transportation & t-shirt). We ask that this marching/dance fee be paid by October 1.
- \$150 + food – Clark College Jazz Festival – **Jazz I & II**
- \$35-\$45 – University of MT Concert Band Festival: **Symphonic/Perc. only** (hotel stay)
- \$20.00 – CWU Wind Ensemble Festival: WE/Perc. only
- \$60-100 – CBC Band Festival (All Bands)
- \$200-\$400 – Possible Spring Band Tour or Heritage Festival

All band and dance fees are to be paid at the business office. The business office will be open Monday, Aug. 15 8:00am-12:00 and Aug. 22-Sept. 2 7:00am – 3:00pm (closed 12-1pm). The business office accepts cash, checks and debit/credit cards with the Visa or MasterCard logo on them.

We have many fundraising opportunities for students to raise money for trips and band fees. We have the following fundraisers planned this year:

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| Red Apple Gift Wrap Fundraiser: | Starts September 14 |
| Cookie Dough/Butter Braids: | Begins mid October |
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If you have any fund raising ideas or questions, please contact Bandstand or Laura Loomer.