



Five and a half PACKED weeks to go in the school year.....to help you out, here's an expanded version of our music program calendar. Please take a moment to write these things down on your personal calendars so you can be a part of your student's last few concerts and band activities of the year. All of this is also posted on our website: www.musketeerband.org - so I hope you have that flagged as a "favorite" and visit it often.

May 8 **Westlake Jazz Festival** – Information has gone home with the students. Itinerary will be posted online and information can be accessed at www.whsband.org as well.

May 11 **Drumline/Winter Guard Concert** at 6:30 in the MHS New Gym. Here's your chance to see the drumline & winter guard's performances! \$5 admission goes to the senior scholarship fund. No bake sale at this event.

May 12 **Jazz Finale Concert** at 6:30 in the PAC. Do not miss the end-of-year performances of all three jazz bands! As always, we'll need some volunteer help at the admissions table. \$5 admission goes to the senior scholarship fund. Percussion and brass sections, please bring baked goods! Tina will continue to do DVD/CD copies for \$5 each, the proceeds of which also go into the scholarship fund. Call time for all performers is 5:45.

May 17–20 **Musical Tech Week** for pit orchestra

May 20-22 **"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"** performances

May 19 **Booster Meeting** – This will be our last meeting of the year. Come to the meeting to hear if we made budget and vote on what the boosters will "gift" to the program!

May 25 **Concert & Strings Bands Finale** at 6:30 in the PAC. All parents are encouraged to support our bands by experiencing their last concert of the year. \$5 admission goes into the senior scholarship fund. Woodwinds and strings, please bring baked goods for our bake sale! Contact Barb McDonald if you can help out. Please note that the concert on 5/26 was canceled.

June 1 **Concert and Jazz Auditions** for 2010-2011 begin for all incoming freshman – concert and jazz bands only (strings do not need to audition). See website for sign-up information.

June 2 7:00PM **Band Rookie Night** (for incoming freshmen & their parents) There have been a lot of rumors about whether or not incoming freshman can fit band into their schedules. MHS has worked to make this possible with summer go-ahead programs for history & health, either at MHS or in neighboring districts. Please encourage all potential incoming freshman families to attend our Band Rookie Night to hear about our programs. Information is on the attached parent letter, which is also on our website.

June 2 7:45PM **Parent Night for next year's band trip to New York!** Yes, the band is going to New York next year. This is an optional trip, but one you should come hear about. Ms. Blake is looking into ways to make this fun, educational and affordable, so join her at 7:45 on 6/2 to hear the plans.

June 4 **Band Banquet** at Grand Vista Hotel – a truly not-to-be-missed event for both students and parents, the banquet is an evening where students are recognized for their achievements, senior scholarships are awarded, a few speeches are made – and next year’s CLC is announced. In addition, this year, there will be a dance from 9-11PM! Tickets are only \$35; they can be bought at any of the upcoming concerts or you can send in your order form with your student. All payments are due by 5/28. Space is limited. Order forms are in the band room or on our website:
<http://www.musketeerband.org/library/tech/BAND%20BANQUET%20ORDER%20FORM%202010.pdf>

June 10 - **Graduation** – the wind orchestra (minus seniors) accompanies graduation ceremonies.

June 12 - **Rookie Picnic** at Peach Hill Park 11A – 2P

June 14-17 - (M-TH) **Rookie Camp** for all incoming freshmen and new marching band members. 9AM-2PM daily. Bring water, sunscreen, and lunch!

August 9-20 – **Band Camp**. Times TBD. (Watch for our summer mailer!)

I’d also like to take a moment to thank all our incredible volunteers, without whom this program would be a much smaller one. Keep in mind that Moorpark Unified only gives our entire music program (2 concert, 1 strings, 3 jazz, marching & color guard, winter guard, drumline) about \$6,000 a year. YOU help us raise over \$100,000 to keep the program the award-winning, friend-making, fun, learning experience it is. So thank you very, very much.

Hope to see you at our events!

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