

# Dear Music Parents,

---

I have received many emails and phone calls regarding the difficulty of signing up for a music class at the high school next year. There seems to be much confusion. Below are the facts, and options for all students. Please read thoroughly and know that if your son or daughter wishes to be a part of the Moorpark High School Instrumental Music program there is definitely a way to make it happen.

- **There is a FREE or LOW COST summer school program** in Simi Valley called **Opportunities for Learning**. Students need to attend classes 2 days a week, the rest is online. Classes are offered in many subjects. Call (805) 577-6808 for more information. Students will need to enroll quickly, and have a form signed by their MHS counselor prior to attending.
- **JOIN MARCHING BAND!** Marching Band is considered “7<sup>th</sup> period” (an extra period) and it also counts for one semester of PE. 4 semesters of PE are required for graduation. By taking marching band, you open up a slot during the day for concert band or strings (required to be in marching band) and then still have an elective period available for language or something else. If you are in marching band all four years, you will cover fine arts credit AND Physical Education requirements for graduation. AND.... It’s fun!. **No experience necessary.**
- **Two years of Language** other than English meets the minimum eligibility requirement for UC/CSU. Deferring the foreign language class until 11<sup>th</sup> grade is an option, and it opens up the elective period in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade for a music class, which is equally impressive on a college application.
- **For a fee, incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students may take a “go ahead” Intro to SS/Health Class** in the Moorpark Unified School District’s Summer School Program. Taking this class will create a space in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students schedule for an additional elective. The elective space must be filled with Foreign Language, Band, Strings, Musical Show Production, Chorus, or Drama.
- **Summer school** is available in surrounding districts on a limited basis. If you wish to receive MHS graduation credit for attending summer school in another district, the class must be equivalent to MHS courses and WASC accredited. For clarification on this, please see your MHS Counselor.
- **There are classes you can take at Moorpark College** for high school credit, which could open up a period for a music class. If you are not an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student and wish to receive high school credit for a Moorpark College class, you must see your Moorpark High School Counselor prior to enrolling in the class. Please note: Counselors will only be available until June 11, 2010.

# Mark Your Calendars

---

## Grand Finale Concerts

May 11 – Drum Line and Winter Guard, May 12 – Jazz A, B, and C, and May 25 – Concert Bands and Strings. Come see and hear all that our award winning music program has to offer! Free for all incoming Freshman music students.

## Rookie Night

June 2, this is an information meeting for all incoming freshmen music students. This is a great meeting to go to **EVEN IF THEY ARE UNCERTAIN** about whether or not to join band/strings. All aspects of the program will be discussed including schedule, cost, uniforms, expectations, etc. We will also be discussing our Spring 2011 NEW YORK TRIP during this meeting.

## Rookie Picnic

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. 10AM-2PM at Peach Hill Park, 13200 Peach Hill Road, For all incoming music freshmen (all music classes)! BBQ, games, and bonding. Meet the MHS CLC, and the MHS band staff, and eat great food, courtesy of the world famous Moorpark Marching Musketeers Chuckwagon!

## Rookie Camp

Music day camp at MHS!. This **FREE** camp is recommended for all incoming freshman music students and **mandatory** for those who are already signed up for marching band and CLC members. Rookie Camp takes place from 9AM-2PM, Monday –Thursday, June 14-17 at the MHS bandroom and field. Rookie Camp is a TON of fun, you won't want to miss it!