

# FREQUENTLY USED BAND TERMS

*QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK AS THIS IS NOT AN ALL-INCLUSIVE LIST AND SOME MAY NEED FURTHER EXPLANATION. NO QUESTION IS A DUMB QUESTION! IF YOU ARE THINKING OF IT, THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHERS THAT ARE TOO. THANK YOU!!*

**Auxiliary meeting/Board Members-** Band auxiliary (Boosters) meeting held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend to discuss upcoming events, review the treasury report and voice your opinions/ask questions. Officer positions-President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted on each April.

**Away Band Camp-**Students attend a weeklong camp at Jackson's Mill at the end of July - parents must drop off and pick up. Students may **NOT** drive themselves to camp, per MHS school rules.

**Band Directors-**Mr. Lorne Hyskell ([lorne.hyskell@k12.wv.us](mailto:lorne.hyskell@k12.wv.us)) and Mr. Brian Reed ([brian.reed@k12.wv.us](mailto:brian.reed@k12.wv.us))

**Band Spectacular-**MHS puts on our own band spectacular where bands across the state are invited to be showcased. It is used as an annual fundraiser, currently held at MHS.

**Ball Cap-**Each Freshman is given a ball cap and it should last them through Senior as they only wear them for performances. They are not to be worn outside of band performances and parents are not to wear them.

**Chaperones-** Volunteers who are approved by the school when a person submits a school volunteer form and passes a background check that is required by the school. This is good for as long as your child attends MHS.

**Concessions-** (Home side concession and Band side concession-for band students) Each family **MUST** work at minimum one shift to help support our band. There are multiple positions, available: selling, taking orders, taking money, runners to get items from band room as needed, etc. If handling food, a food handlers card is needed and can be purchased for 1 or 3 years at <https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/west-virginia/monongalia-county-courses>

**Day Band Camp-**Held at MHS in July. Students attend practice during the week. Day and time is based on the instrument they play. See calendar on webpage for schedule.

**Dinkles-**White shoes that students must purchase as part of their uniform. There are extra "used" dinkles that students can use if they need to. See a band director or Duana Crum for this. New ones can be purchased at Fawley's in Sabraton. Do not wait until the day of a performance as they may have to be ordered.

**Drumline-**They have their own practice schedule in addition to regular full band. Please talk to your student or another drumline parent. Clinics and tryouts for the following year are held during the second semester.

**Drumline Techs-** They assist the drumline throughout the season..

**Edgewood-**The road by the band room.

**Fast Pass-**Used for Away Band Camp Check In. Pay in full and have all paperwork turned in by the set date (July 12, 2024) and you will be able to skip the check in line and check in directly at your cabin at Jackson's Mill.

**Field Commander-** Leader of the Band. In parades, leads the drumline.

**End of Year Banquet-**Banquet for all band members and their families where awards are given out. Coordinated by parent/caregiver volunteers.

**Full Uniform-**Consists of bibs, jacket, band t-shirt, white ball cap, shako hat, plain white high socks, dinkles and gloves (if needed for your instrument). Throughout the year, students tend to forget items. Place the ball cap and gloves inside of the shako hat and this helps from losing them.(Video on how to wear uniform is on the website.)

**Fundraising Committee-**Group of parent/caregiver volunteers who collaborate to ensure the band has and is facilitating fundraisers to assist the band with regular yearly costs as well as building our uniform fund for the purchase of new uniforms in the future.

**Game Day Seat Rentals-***All students & families MUST participate, no exceptions.* One of our largest fundraisers. Students & Caregivers attend & work assigned WVU football game. We sell portable stadium cushioned seats (Game Day Rental Seats) and at the end of the game we collect & stack them for the next game. Once you are finished selling seats in the beginning of the game, you are able to watch the rest of the game. Details will be given closer to the start of the season.

**Head Majorette-**The leader of the M&Ms. Leads the parades.

**M&Ms-**The Mohigan Marjorettes-They perform routines to songs in the front of the band. All M&Ms must play an instrument in other band classes. Clinics and tryouts for the following year are held during the second semester.

**Merchandise Table-**Sell merchandise during home football games and other band events. Volunteers help run this at football games and events.

**Meatball Monday-**Making meatballs the day before the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. This is bi-annual, spring and fall. Students and families must work based on their class year however all volunteers are welcome to help every time.

**Patron Ad Book-**This is a memorabilia book sold at the MHS Band Spectacular where patrons (families, businesses, anyone) can buy ad space to congratulate a student, advertise their business, etc. You will receive forms in the summer. When you purchase an add you receive Patron Passes (see below for definition).

**Patron Passes-**Passes that are received as a thank you from the MHS Band for purchasing a Patron Ad (see above for definition). It covers the cost of MHS sponsored band events/concerts- DOES NOT INCLUDE FOOTBALL GAMES.

**Practice locations-**During the fall, practice will be held at the Morgantown Mall in the back parking lot due to football practice being on the field. All students must be present. If students need a ride, please have them ask a friend. Families carpool often. After the season is over, we will return to the school for practice.

**Remind App-** Receive notifications from the band in regard to information and updates.

**Secret Spot-** Where students meet prior to each home game so that they can practice and march into the stadium prior to the start of the game.

**Section Leader-** Each section (instrument group) has their own section leader who is in charge of the section during the year. They should be sharing messages with their section.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser-**Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner. Held on a Tuesday in the Fall and Spring. Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, Texas Roadhouse roll and cookies are sold. Dine in is in the cafeteria and take out lines on Edgewood and Prairie Ave.

**Stadium Seats Fundraiser-***FULL BAND PARTICIPATION*-Install and Uninstall season ticket holder stadium seats. Install- 1 big day followed by a couple of small days for newly purchased seats after the season begins. Uninstall-1 big day of uninstalling and putting seats away for the season.

**Summer Uniform-**Consists of khaki shorts, band shirt, ball cap, plain white high socks and dinkles.

**Watering the Band-**Making sure the band has water when needed, at day band camp and football games mostly.

**Volunteers-**Family and Friends of the band. Volunteers do not have to have students in the band. If you have a friend/family member who wants to volunteer, please see one of the Auxiliary Board members. We would be more than happy to have them volunteer.

**Webpage-** [www.redbluemhsband.com](http://www.redbluemhsband.com)- This is where you will find all information regarding band- calendar, forms, student's music, merchandise, sign ups, upcoming event information, videos and other important information.