

# MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG BAND

## SUMMER BAND 2023

As we close out the 2022-2023 school year, let me begin by thanking you for all of your hard work this past year. I hope that you have an enjoyable summer vacation. Please take a moment to study the Summer Band schedule and arrange your activities so that you can attend all of the rehearsals.

### SUMMER BAND SCHEDULE

Monday, July 24 – Leadership Team Training and Workday – 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Orchestra Room)

Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27 – PERCUSSION CAMP\* and COLOR GUARD CAMP  
8:00–11:00 a.m. and 12:30–4:00 p.m. Bring your equipment and dress appropriately.  
Percussion will meet in the Band Hall before splitting up into sections. Color Guard will meet in the Auditorium Foyer. Lunch is on your own.  
\*Percussion Camp Fee: \$150/person – checks made payable to MHS Band Booster Club, Inc.  
This fee will help supplement the cost of hiring additional instructors from N8RHYTHM. Please bring payment on the first day of Percussion Camp.

Tuesday, July 25 – Thursday, July 27 – ALL MUSTANG BAND MEMBERS  
8:00–11:00 a.m. (Marching – church parking lot; Front Ensemble – MHS Band Hall)  
12:30–4:00 p.m. (Memorial HS PAC) Bring your instrument and dress appropriately. Please wear light colored clothing, **athletic** tennis shoes (running or cross training shoes required), sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. Also, you must bring a small igloo-type water jug (half gallon or larger) filled with ice water every day. **Students are required to provide their own water for rehearsals.** We will be outside during the morning rehearsal. Lunch is on your own.

Monday, July 31 – Thursday, August 3  
FULL BAND – 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 12:30–4:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

**Friday, August 4 – UNIFORM FITTING & REGISTRATION DAY– 1:00-6:00 p.m.**

Saturday, August 5 – Band CAR WASH – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (MHS Front Parking Lot)

Monday, August 7 – Thursday, August 10  
FULL BAND – 4:30–7:00 p.m. *Teacher Staff Development during the day*

Friday, August 11 – Band POOL PARTY – Location and Times TBD

Saturday, August 12 (*tentative*) – MEET THE MUSTANGS Pep Rally – The entire band will perform.

### **Monday, August 14 – “MEET THE BAND” PERFORMANCE and “BAND PICNIC”**

4:30–7:00 p.m. – FULL BAND on the MHS Track Field – *Teacher Staff Development during the day*  
6:00 p.m. – NEW PARENT MEETING – Parents of freshmen and new marchers will meet with Ms. Scott and the Band Booster Club Officers for a brief Q&A session in the MHS cafeteria.  
6:30 p.m. – Parents and families meet at the MHS Track Field to watch the end of our rehearsal and see what we have been working on during Summer Band.  
7:00 p.m. – After the marching demonstration, we will move to the cafeteria for our annual “Band Picnic” and Band Booster Club meeting for new and returning parents. Bring a picnic-style dinner for your family to eat during the meeting. Desserts and drinks will be provided.

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Tuesday, August 15 (*tentative*) – FRESHMAN STAMPEDE – The entire Mustang Band will perform.

## **Wednesday, August 16 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Wednesday, August 16 – Thursday, August 17 – FULL BAND Rehearsal, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 16 – NO BAND REHEARSAL

Monday, August 19 – Begin Fall Rehearsal Schedule (see Charms Calendar)

If you know of any conflicts that you have with the Summer Band schedule, please notify Ms. Scott by email at [Suzanne.Scott@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Suzanne.Scott@springbranchisd.com) **as soon as possible**. Students must attend Summer Band to be considered for a drill position in the UIL marching contest show.

## **FALL SCHEDULE**

The Fall 2023 Marching Band Rehearsal Schedule is now available in Charms. Please realize that the rehearsal schedule is subject to change and may be updated when the teachers and staff return to campus in August. We have also included our Fall Performance Calendar with this letter. Please schedule all appointments at a time when we do not have rehearsals or performances to minimize the interruptions.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

All students are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Please make special note of the dates for the Rehearsal at Tully Stadium, the Battle at the Berry Marching Festival, the UIL Region 27 Marching Contest, and the UIL Area I Marching Contest. Please do not register for the SAT or ACT tests on any of those dates. **Also, please do not plan any trips on October 6-7 as we have a required stadium rehearsal and marching contest during the 4-day weekend.** **NOTE:** Please do not register for the SAT or ACT in December as there are conflicts with the Region Band auditions on December 2 and the Region Jazz Ensemble Clinic and Concert on December 9.

Marching spots in the UIL contest drill are earned and kept by attending rehearsals, displaying competency in marching fundamentals, and by “passing off” (playing by memory) the songs that we will perform on the field. These songs include the MHS Fight Song, MHS Alma Mater, and the competition show music. There will be a group of students who will have “shadows” or be “shadowing” other students. These students will alternate with another member in a drill position at rehearsals and some football game performances. The best player/marcher in a drill position will march that position for the marching contests. All marching band members, whether in the drill or not, will receive the physical education credit for their participation in after-school marching band.

Please refer to the Charms website regularly for calendar information. We recommend that you sync the Charms calendar to your mobile device to avoid any potential conflicts. We look forward to another successful year for the Memorial HS Mustang Band!

Sincerely,

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## FALL CALENDAR 2023

### JULY

- 24 Percussion Camp and Color Guard Camp – 8:00am-4:00pm  
Band Student Leadership Team Training and Workday – 9:00am-4:00pm  
25 First Day of Summer Band for ALL Mustang Band members – *see letter for schedule*

### AUGUST

- 4 Uniform Fitting and Registration Day – 1:00-6:00pm  
5 Band Booster Club Car Wash (MHS Front Parking Lot) – 10:00am-2:00pm  
11 Band Pool Party – location and time TBD  
12 Meet the Mustangs – 6:00pm Pep Rally (*tentative date*)  
14 Meet the Band Performance – Band Picnic and Booster Club meeting to follow  
15 Freshman Stampede Performance – time TBA (*tentative date*)  
16 First Day of School – Full Band Rehearsal after school  
24 MHS vs. Seven Lakes (Legacy Stadium) – 7:15pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Pearland vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 6:00pm  
8 Klein vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 7:00pm  
15 Open week (no football game)  
18 Region Jazz Ensemble Auditions (Memorial HS) – 5:30pm  
22 MHS vs. Cy-Creek (Pridgeon Stadium) – 7:00pm  
**27 SBISD Band Extravaganza (Tully Stadium) – 6:45pm**  
29 Northbrook vs. MHS (Tully Stadium – home) – 7:00pm – *Homecoming*

### OCTOBER

- 5 MHS vs. Spring Woods (Tully Stadium – visitors) – 6:30pm  
6 Rehearsal at Tully Stadium (Student Holiday) – 8:30am-11:00am  
**7 The Battle at the Berry Marching Festival (CF-FCU Stadium) – time TBD**  
13 Cy-Ridge vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 7:00pm – *Marching with the Mustangs*  
**14 UIL Region 27 Marching Contest (CF-FCU Stadium) – time TBD**  
**21 UIL Area I Marching Contest (Legacy Stadium) – time TBA (if we advance)**  
MHS vs. Jersey Village (Pridgeon Stadium) – 12:00pm  
27 MHS vs. Stratford (Tully Stadium – visitors) – 7:00pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Cy-Fair vs. MHS (Tully Stadium) – 2:00pm – *Senior Recognition*  
13 Region Orchestra Auditions for Winds/Percussion (Cy-Fair HS)  
15 Region Orchestra Sectional for Winds/Percussion (Jersey Village HS)  
17-18 Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert (CFISD Visual and Performing Arts Center)

### DECEMBER

- 1-2, 4 Region Band Auditions (Cypress Ranch HS)  
7 Winter Concert (MHS Auditorium) – 7:00pm  
8-9 Region Jazz Ensemble Clinic and Concert (Stratford HS)  
15-16 Region Band Clinic and Concert (CFISD Visual and Performing Arts Center)

### JANUARY

- 6 Area F Band Auditions for placement in the Texas All-State Band (Dekaney HS)  
*Please do not plan any family vacations or trips during the Area Band Auditions*