

***MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN MARCHING BAND***

***PARENT INFORMATION PACKET***



***2023 MARCHING BAND SEASON***

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# **SPARTAN MARCHING BAND**

## **MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040

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**COVID-19:** This information is based on proceeding 'as normal' - everything is subject to change.

### **Dear Parents and Students:**

Welcome to the 2023 Spartan Marching Band! We'd like to tell you about several exciting events coming up before school starts:

### **Band Camp 2023: Monday, July 24th - 28th**

Our 2023 Band Camp will be a week-long home camp. We encourage all Marching Band students to attend the annual kick-off to each new Marching Band season - an opportunity for new Marching Band members to make friends and become part of our "band family". Everyone learns or reviews skills required for success in Marching Band, and we begin learning the music and the show. Activities include marching, music and color guard rehearsals, team building, and games.

**Student Orientation:** Band Camp will conclude before the MVHS Student Orientation. Students will be able participate fully in both.

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### **Complete the Registration Packet by Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and email to [ricky.alegria@mvla.net](mailto:ricky.alegria@mvla.net)**

*We have a large enrollment for Marching Band, and a lot of paperwork to complete to get ready for the season. To help things run smoothly, please respect this deadline.*

**Step 1:** The Registration Packet has been attached to this email. To download another copy, go to [mvspartanmusic.net/marching-band-forms](http://mvspartanmusic.net/marching-band-forms)

**Step 2:** PARENTS - please fill out one Online Registration Form per child: [url.mvhs.io/SpartanMarchingBand23](http://url.mvhs.io/SpartanMarchingBand23)

Please upload your registration packet in the google form. Please do not email.

**\*Form 1** - Marching Band Registration - *To be completed for all Marching Band students*

**\*Form 2** - MVHS Emergency/Health - *To be completed for all Marching Band students*

**\*Permission Slips** (x2) - *To be completed for ALL Marching Band students (includes MVLA Code of Conduct for your records)*

**\*Instrument Use Form** - For those using a school owned instrument

**Please Doante:** All interested students may participate in Marching Band, regardless of their family's ability to contribute financially. However, without generous contributions from most of our families, we wouldn't be able to continue this program with the success we now enjoy. Please review the requested contributions to cover expenses of your student's participation in Band Camp and marching band, and your family's "Fair Share" contribution to Music Council to help cover the instrumental music program's operating expenses. You can make these contributions by check made out to "MVHS Instrumental Music".

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## **Why Join Band?**

...Imagine going to a new school and not knowing anything about where to go, or who to talk to. The transition from middle school to high school is easier for band students because you will have many friends to help you through this process. Incoming band freshmen have immediate contact with upperclassmen, in a big brother/big sister kind of way. High school band is very healthy for students in a multitude of ways.

## **In The Arts**

...Music has a profound effect on the academic success of the student. Band is a group effort. Members are required to shift from an *I/Me* reasoning to a *We/Us* concept. This means extending oneself beyond the normal considerations of much of our day-to-day living. Instead of the logic being “What's in it for me?” it becomes, “What's in it for us?” The values of cooperation, communication, concentration, correlation and completion come into play each rehearsal and performance.

Music is one of the few academic disciplines that require the student to master skills and apply them in performance. In other words, music involves multiple forms of learning. Band builds positive self-worth. Although we share many similarities with our athletic counterparts, band is a place for everyone. Rarely is a person serving as an alternate or substitute. Everyone in the band plays a starting role.

## **Some Additional FAQs**

### **Q: Will Marching Band fit in a rigorous academic/athletic schedule?**

A: Yes! We have students who are planning to enter all fields in college. The class schedule at Mountain View High School is made to allow these students to take a full schedule of classes (including AP) and play in one of the bands during all four years. We work together with Fall Sports and have made everything work (except Football).

### **Q: How good do I have to be?**

A: All students are welcome to join the band program. Yes, even beginners!

### **Q: Will band and time commitment adversely affect my grades?**

A: Whether you are in activities or not, at Mountain View High School, good grades are dependent upon having a good work ethic and good time management skills. If you are conscientious and organized, band, or any other activity, will not adversely affect your grades. If you are not conscientious and organized, grades will be a problem at Mountain View HS, even with no additional activities! The bands' schedules have been carefully developed to work with the school's academic demands. In fact, many of the school's top scholars are in band.

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## **2023 Fall Rehearsal & Performance Schedules**

### **2023 BAND CAMP**

**\*July 24th-28 - 8:00am-5:00pm @ MVHS**

*Extended day on July 28th*

### **Weekly Rehearsals:**

The Spartan Marching Band meets for rehearsal three days a week through the competitive season.

Weekly Rehearsals start on the week of August 31st:

**Monday, 4:00pm-6:30pm**

**Thursday, 5:00-8:00pm**

**Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm**

**Makeup Rehearsals:**

Wednesday, August 23rd

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Note: There is a four day weekend October 12th-15th.

We WILL be keeping our regular rehearsal schedule that weekend.

Please do not plan any out of town trips during that time.

### **Performance Schedule:**

September 1st - Home Football Game vs. Live Oak

September 8th- Home Football Game vs Leigh

October 6th - Home Football Game vs Burlingame

October 21st - Gilroy Garlic Classic Competition

October 27th, **Middle School Tour**, 7:00am-3:30pm (*Tentative*)

October 28th - Community Thank You

November 4th - Independence Band Review

November 11th - WBA Regional Championships, Logan HS\*

November 26<sup>th</sup>, **Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade**, 3:00-8:00pm

*\*The weekend November 11th is a long weekends. We are still attending the Logan competition and our regular rehearsal schedule will be observed. We ask that families do not plan any out of town trips.*

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## 2022 Marching Band

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