

# MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS PARENTS' GUIDE

Band Edition for Summer to Fall, 2017

You are a Music Boosters member if you have a child in any of the music programs at MTHS

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## MTHS MUSIC BOOSTERS BAND GROUPS

MTHS has a recognized music program comprised of multiple ensembles, some which are open to all interested students and some which require auditioning for membership. All ensembles rehearse, perform at concerts and festivals, are part of Pep band for football and basketball home games, host guest conductors and performers, and travel. They are all led by director Darin Faul.

**Chamber Winds (CW)** – Select wind band requiring audition or instructor permission.

**Symphonic Band (SB)** – Larger wind band requiring no audition.

**Percussion Ensemble (PE)** – Focuses on developing percussive excellence and accompanies the CW and SB at concerts.

**Jazz Band I and II** – The highest and second highest level of jazz band respectively, requiring audition or instructor permission. Both ensembles cover a wide array of jazz styles and perform extensively. Jazz Band I is highly recognized and performs in national events.

**Jazz Band III** – The preparatory ensemble for Jazz Bands I and II. No audition is required.

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## GET INVOLVED WITH MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Boosters provide support to our instructors, help to organize concerts / trips / other events, act as chaperones, move instruments and equipment, coordinate performances, support additional instruction, provide scholarships for travel, and conduct fundraisers to sustain our great music program and the development of our musicians.

The Music Boosters also promote student performances by encouraging attendance through district channels, community outreach, and social media.

How can you help? You can attend events, donate refreshments, procure supplies or items for our auction, join one of our committees, promote an event, etc. Donate through work and get your donation matched. Our Tax ID is 94-3086537.

We also have regular needs for cases of bottled water, cases of regular paper and a ream of 11" x 17" cardstock. See the side bar for other ways to help.

**Shop & donate** – designate MTHS Music Boosters through company programs to have a percentage of your purchases donated to "Mountlake Terrace High School Music Boosters."

**Fred Meyer:** Update or create an account at [fredmeyer.com](http://fredmeyer.com). Go to Account > Community programs, search for "MTHS Music Boosters" and enroll.

Shop Amazon via [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). A portion of your purchases goes to the Boosters at no additional cost.

## PREPARE FOR THE FRESHMAN FLURRY

### BOOSTER INFO

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### GENERAL MEETINGS

Held once a month and vary on Tues / Wed / or Thur. The first fall meeting is tentatively set for 9/13/17 @7 pm in the MTHS Library.

fundraisers, specialized donation events, retreats, a mattress fundraiser (Need a new mattress? Can you wait until the fall?), and band enrichment campaigns.

Yes, lots will happen. And we are here to help.

We can answer questions and get you up-to-speed. Please introduce yourself at events (we usually have a table) and see the sidebar of this newsletter for websites and calendars that can keep you on-track. You can contact the board members at our website, [mthsmusic.org](http://mthsmusic.org), or at [mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:mthsmusicboosters@gmail.com).

### TRIPS

Annual trips are typically Northwest festivals where one or more groups participate: Clark College, CWU, UW, Sno-King, and such. There have been periodic trips to Disneyland, Portland, Ellensburg, Silverwood, and New York. Costs vary from lunch money for a day trip to Ellensburg to \$1,500 for trips to NYC. While we cannot require a trip, it is highly encouraged that ALL participate, since all musicians have parts that are important to the ensemble.

Students and ultimately their families are responsible for travel costs. Each year the boosters provide several opportunities for students to earn money toward their trips. This year we offered poinsettia and Chinook Book sales in the fall, flower baskets and a mattress fundraiser in the spring. We hold larger events like the winter Santa Breakfast and the spring auction.

### WHAT TO WEAR FOR CONCERTS

**Men:** A black suit, white tux shirt, and black bow tie for both Concert Band and Chamber Winds. JC Penney, Kohl's, and others carry reasonably priced sets. We have some jackets at the school if you need one for growing boys. Parents swap with other parents all the time. Jazz Band requires all black with a bright red tie.

**Women:** Same attire as men (above), or a black dress that covers their knees. Dress must have straps that are at least 2" wide or have sleeves. No spaghetti straps or sleeveless dresses, and no leggings.

Pep Band has a t-shirt that can be ordered in September. The idea is for a team look. Any questions should be addressed with your director.

MTHS band members and their parents hit the ground running in the fall. Be prepared for more action and less communication than in middle school. Just for example, several events happened in the first five weeks last fall, including pep band for football games, a field trip to the symphony, a special jazz quartet concert, two drumline events, a private event, an audition deadline, and--oh yeah--Homecoming. Jazz is especially busy early in the school year, starting with summer jam sessions, jazz workshops in September, and the all-day Jazz Symposium at the end of October.

You will hear us ask for volunteers to set up events, chaperone, help run events, come to our monthly general meetings, and attend concerts. Clinics, trips, special guests, and other materials help MTHS bands stand out. So, yes, there will be talk of money. We hold