



MHS Instrumental Music Classes

Samantha Blake, Director (805) 378-6305 x3068, sblake@mrpk.org

Daniel Cook, Assistant Director x3112, dcook@mrpk.org

WEBSITE: www.musketeerband.org

Concert Band and String Orchestra Classes

- Wind Ensemble (top concert band)
- Wind Symphony (2nd concert band)
- String Orchestra (dependent upon enrollment, may be split into 2 groups)

Year Long Electives

The concert bands and string orchestra are one year elective classes that meet during the regular school day. Students in these ensembles perform several times throughout the year in the evenings, and there are sometimes weekend events. All students will “audition” for these classes during the second week of February. The intention of the audition is to get to know each freshman and identify the appropriate class placement for them.

Any student can participate in a concert band or orchestra class regardless of experience.

Color Guard

Year long Fine Arts Elective

Any student interested in being a member of our Color Guard and learning the art of flags, rifles, and sabres, can join our Color Guard. All students enrolled in this class must also be in the Marching Band.

Jazz Ensembles

- Jazz A – Year long elective before and after school (0 period)
- Jazz B - Year long elective before school (0 Period)
- Jazz C – Spring Semester Only, after school (7th Period)

Participation in the Jazz Bands are by **audition only** during the last week of May. Each jazz band rehearses either before or after school and times vary. Rehearsal times for the 2011-2012 school year will be posted in May prior to auditions. If you are interested in playing in the jazz band, please register for “Jazz Ensemble” during your registration period. We will post audition music and times in early May, and your schedule will then be adjusted according to your placement.

Marching Band

First Semester Elective – After School (7th Period)

One Semester PE Credit

The Marching Band is one of the most active, character building, FUN, competitive, inspiring classes at Moorpark High! The marching band begins rehearsals during band camp in August. They rehearse approximately 8-10 hours per week after school, performs at all home football games (and some away), community parades/events, and competes in field show competitions across the state. Note: “Marching Band” consists of woodwinds, brass, drumline, pit, and Color Guard.

Corequisite: Students in Marching Band, MUST also be enrolled in Color Guard, Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony or String Orchestra class.

Extra Opportunities

Here are just SOME of the things that students in the MHS Instrumental Music Program have participated in the past. Dependent upon interest and funding, we will continue to offer and/or encourage participation in these opportunities:

- Winter Drumline
- Winter Guard
- Chamber Music Ensembles
- Jazz Combos
- Latin Ensemble
- Drum Corps
- Honor Bands (Ventura County, All Southern, All State, Pasadena Rose Parade Band, etc., etc.)
- CLC – Corps Leadership Council, our Student Leadership group.
- Plus – Special Trips or tours (Reno Jazz Festival 2010, New York City Trip 2011....)

Mark Your Calendars!

- **February 7-11, 2011 – 8th Grade Auditions for Concert Band**
Visit our website at www.musketeerband.org to choose your audition time.
- **February 9, 2011 7PM in music room– Booster Meeting**
All Parents welcome, ESPECIALLY future parents. Booster meetings are the 2nd Wed. of every month.
- **May 23-25, 2011 –Auditions for Jazz Band**
Beginning in early May, Visit our website to choose your audition time.
- **Saturday, June 4, 2011 – Rookie Picnic**
A BBQ, and party to welcome all incoming freshmen! Time/place TBA
- **June 6-9, 2011 – Rookie Camp**
9AM-2PM, Monday –Thursday. This camp is for ANY freshman interested in the marching band. There is no commitment necessary, and is TONS of fun!
- **August 8-19, 2011 – Band Camp**
Monday Through Friday, 8 hours daily. Mandatory for all Marching Band Members

Upcoming MHS Music Department Performances:

- February 22, 6:30 PM, PAC – District Jazz Concert featuring MHS, MVMS, and CMS Jazz Bands
- February 23, 7PM – Jazz Combo Night at Java Kai
- March 5, 6:00 PM, Thousand Oaks High School – Sights and Sounds of Conejo, featuring Winter Drumline and Winter Guard
- March 10, 6:30 PM, PAC – Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, String Orchestra – Festival Concert
- March 22, 6:30 PM, PAC, MHS Jazz A, and B, featuring Guest Artist
- April 25-30 – New York City Tour
- May 7, All Day, PAC – Moorpark High School Jazz Festival
- May 16, 17, 6:30 PM, PAC – Concert Bands, Strings, and Chamber Music Finale Concert

There are many more performances, tours, competitions, off site. Please visit www.musketeerband.org for a complete calendar and more information!