

Mapleton High School Band Handbook

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Program Objectives

Service - To lend spirit, color, and atmosphere to school and community events while promoting and enhancing the reputation and traditions of Mapleton High School and the surrounding community at all times.

Cultural - To foster the development of music appreciation and understanding of the musical traditions of various cultures through the study and performance of high quality musical literature.

Educational - To develop interested and discriminating musical audiences, provide a well-rounded musical education, and prepare members for musical activities beyond high school.

Citizenship - To develop the ability to function as a responsible member of the group, to enhance the member's ability to interact with others in a positive manner, and to develop the ability to function as a responsible member and leader of the school and community.

Recreational - To provide all members with the opportunity for worthy use of leisure time, an emotional outlet, and positive social experiences.

AND MOST OF ALL, TO HAVE FUN MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER!!!

Student Leadership

The Mapleton High School Band is built on its Student Leadership program. The 2016-2017 Student Leadership consists of the band President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Seniors. The 2017-2018 Student Leadership will be selected by the Band Director through a written essay, interview, and teacher recommendations to take place during April 2017.

Chain of Command: Director - Instructors - Officers - Seniors - At Large Band Members

Band Member Responsibilities

- 1.) Be on time for all rehearsals and performances. At least ten minutes early is "on-time." Always remember: To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be left!
- 2.) Always bring all materials to rehearsals and performances, including the right attitude and a pencil.
- 3.) Make a REAL effort to improve and learn each day.
- 4.) Maintain a satisfactory Grade Point Average and School Discipline Record.
- 5.) Be responsible for and assume the consequences of your behavior.
- 6.) Show respect for all adults, fellow students, equipment, and YOURSELF!
- 7.) Follow all instructions from the director, instructors, chaperones, and all reasonable requests from the Student Leadership Team.

Course Descriptions

Concert Band

The Concert Band is the primary performing group of the band program. This is a year-long course that meets during the school day with occasional after-school rehearsals. The group performs various concerts throughout the winter and spring; additionally, the Concert Band students will participate in the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Adjudicated event, community performances, and will have the opportunity to audition for county, region, and state honor bands. Grading will be based upon attendance, participation, musicianship, written assessments, and playing assessments.

Marching Band

The Marching Band rehearses at select times during the spring/summer and performs during the fall. This is a responsibility of all members who register for Band Class. This group performs at football games, parades, school events, and community functions. Grading is based upon attendance, participation, and musicianship.

Pep Band

Pep Band consists of all members of the band program. All members are expected to attend all home boys basketball games as well as select home girls basketball games to perform prior to the start of the Varsity game and during halftime. Music played is stands tunes, pop tunes, Mapleton Fight Song, and The Star Spangled Banner.

OMEA Solo & Ensemble

During the second and third 9 week grading periods, students will have the opportunity to create chamber ensembles and/or prepare solo literature. ALL band members will be encouraged to perform in a chamber ensemble. Possible groups include Woodwind Quintet, Brass Quintet, Saxophone Quartet, Horn Ensemble, Trombone Quartet, Low Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, and additional small groups. Students will have opportunities to perform at the Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event, community events, and concerts.

Sweethearts

Students who are interested in dance, choreography, and movement are encouraged to audition for the Fall and Winter Sweethearts programs. Auditions for the Sweethearts are held in April/May. The after-school rehearsal schedule for the Sweetheart program will be set by the band director and guard instructor.

Potential Ensembles

Interest has been expressed in forming ensembles such as a Jazz Ensemble, year long chamber ensembles, and percussion ensembles. Due to limited rehearsal time during the school day, these ensembles must meet after school to rehearse. This rehearsal schedule will be set by the director. Anyone interested in these ensembles needs to write a short letter to the Band Director expressing 1.) What after school ensemble in which they are interested, 2.) Why they are interested in this ensemble, and 3.) Why this ensemble would benefit themselves and the program.

Band Camp

Band Camp will be held the last two full weeks of July (dates may vary from year to year). For the 2018-2019 school year, Band Camp begins Monday July 16, 2018 through July 27, 2019. It is REQUIRED of all Woodwind, Brass, Percussion and Sweetheart students in the band and is taught by the Mapleton High School band director, instructors, camp staff, and the Student Leadership Team. Parents (especially nurses) are strongly encouraged to volunteer to be present and help out with whatever logistical needs may arise. We will conclude band camp at 12 PM on Friday July 28, 2017. Please remember to bring instruments/equipment, comfortable outdoor clothing, tennis shoes WITH socks (may consider bringing multiple pairs of socks), 30+ sunscreen, a WATER bottle, and your positive attitude to EVERY rehearsal day.

Special rehearsals will be held throughout the Spring and Summer for the Percussion, Guard, and New Members for the 2018-2019 Marching Band. We will also have full band music/visual rehearsals after band camp in order to enhance our Marching Band program. These events are mandatory for participation in marching band, as each member needs EVERY other member present in order to make the most out of our time together!

Other necessary Band Camp information:

Where: Band Camp is held at Mapleton High School

When: Band Camp dates are July 16 - July 27, Monday through Friday, camp is held from 8 AM-12 PM.

Who: Band Camp is required for all performing members of the marching band and sweethearts.

Why: To prepare for football games, parades, and community events in the fall and early winter season.

An informational band camp letter will be mailed home the second week of July with important band camp reminders, information, and an emergency medical form to be completely filled out and handed to the band director on the first day of Band Camp.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not permitted during rehearsals, activities, athletic events, and competitions. Students are permitted to carry and use cell phones on buses during any band trips, and to use cell phones to contact parents for pick-up at the conclusion of any band activity. Any cell phone that is seen or heard during a band activity will be confiscated by the band director and the Mapleton Student handbook guidelines will be followed.

Football Season

- Report time for all home football games will be 6:00 PM, unless otherwise announced by the band director. Away game report times will be announced no later than the Tuesday before the game. See the bulletin board for call times.
- When instructed by Ms. Swineford, the “Summer Uniform” may be worn during the early portion of football season; this consists of the red band polo, a belt, light-colored tennis shoes WITH socks, and khaki shorts/capris/pants/skirt that meet the Mapleton High School dress code requirements.
- Students should ALWAYS wear ALL parts of the full uniform, unless otherwise instructed by the band director. NEVER take a uniform part off, un-tuck a shirt, unzip a zipper, etc, unless instructed by the Director or Instructors. Additionally, uniform parts will always be folded or laid neatly as instructed. Failure to comply to this rule will result in disciplinary action. **See “Uniform” section for further details regarding marching band uniforms.**
- For home games, students will be dismissed following the band director’s dismissal in the band room – not at the end of the game! For Away games, students may only ride home with their parent/guardian if Ms. Swineford has a note signed by the parents at least 24 hours prior to the game, and the said individual must make contact to sign out with the director at dismissal time.
- When marching to the stadium, the band will remain at ATTENTION. When you have class IT SHOWS – when you don’t, IT SHOUTS!
- Only uniformed, CURRENT band members and assigned parent chaperones are allowed in the band section. Friends of the band members and the student section are not permitted to sit with the band.
- All members are to remain in their section. **There will be assigned seating in the stands.** Sectional stands cheers are encouraged but must be previously rehearsed and approved by the band director.
- There will be absolutely no eating or drinking in the stands (unless the drink is water). The band will have the third quarter off if all expectations are met and must be back in their seats for the downbeat at the beginning of the fourth quarter (ready to go at 0:00... NOT ARRIVING in the stands at 0:00). Should a student not return on time or fail to meet an expectation, he or she will NOT have a third quarter break at the next football game.
- All members should be alert as to what is going on in the game and on the podium. Be ready to react immediately to instructions given by the band director. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOUNTIE FOOTBALL TEAM!

Graduation Performance

All freshman, sophomore, and junior band members are expected to perform at the Graduation Ceremony in June as part of their band grade. Graduation is June 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Student call time is 1:00 PM, and we will move to the gymnasium at 1:30 PM. This is required as part of your FINAL for this class.

Rehearsal Expectations

- During the school day, you must be in the band room when the bell rings; a downbeat will be given three minutes after the bell. During the three minutes you should assemble your instrument and obtain music, a music stand, and a pencil, and begin warming up for the day's rehearsal. Percussionists should refer to the rehearsal plan on the board and set up ALL equipment and music during the warm-up. During summer or after school rehearsals, the rehearsal will begin PROMPTLY at the starting time, so please make sure ALL preparations are made five to ten minutes ahead of time.

- Failure to comply will result in a warning for first two offenses, lunch detention for third offense, and phone calls home with after school detentions for further offenses.

- Talking will not be tolerated during rehearsal. It is unfair to disturb the musical experience of others around you!

- Failure to comply will result in a warning for first two offenses, lunch detention for third offense, and phone calls home with after school detentions for further offenses.

- The purpose of rehearsal is for you to learn **the parts of others and how they relate to yours, not to learn your individual music!** Practice your individual parts at home.

- If you must leave your seat or spot for any reason, please ask. Restroom breaks should be taken before or after rehearsals or on breaks except in cases of EXTREME emergency. See student handbook for guidelines for hall pass usage.

- Be reasonable in your individual warm up; this is NOT the time to see how high, loud, or fast you can play. Instead, it is important to do each of the following on a daily basis: long tones/lip slurs, scales, and daily assignments.

- Each student should have the following items in class every day:

- a sharpened pencil
 - your instrument (sticks or mallets for percussionists)
 - your music and folder
 - at least three working reeds (clarinets and saxophones)
 - at least two working reeds and a water canister (double reeds)
 - your OMEA scales and terms sheets

From time to time during the school year, there will be unannounced materials checks. If you have all the items listed above, you will receive a grade of "A." Your grade will be lowered one letter for each item you are missing. The easiest way to make sure you receive an "easy A" is to have everything that you need at all times.

Travel Information

The band takes several trips throughout the year and must always remember that they are representing not only themselves and their families, but also their school and community. Any inappropriate behavior will be handled by the director in the manner outlined by Mapleton High School and Mapleton Local School District., and if deemed necessary by the band director, the student will be sent home at the parent's expense.

School district activity buses are used for most football games and trips. Bus assignments are made by the director, or may be done on a "first-come, first-serve" or "seniority" basis. The director, instructors, and adult chaperones will be on every bus to supervise the students. Band members are usually permitted to bring snacks, videos, iPods, blankets, and pillows on the bus trips, and parent donations to the band are ALWAYS welcome. Please keep in mind that Mapleton High School and Mapleton Local Schools are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items brought to band activities. Parents will be notified if spending money is needed for meals, souvenirs, etc. on trips. Parents will receive itineraries with times, locations, and emergency phone numbers for each overnight trip.

All students are required to stay with the band at all times, including during travel.

Special Band Trips

Each year, the music department plans a trip for students, usually based on performance. In past years we have done the Indians Game, Lake Erie Hockey Match, and a trip to Playhouse Square. Plans for this year are under way, and are not yet settled. More information will be distributed via the Music Dept. website. Stay tuned.

Participation in these events is voluntary, providing the stipulations at the top of this page are fulfilled

School-Owned Equipment

Each student who uses a school-owned instrument is completely responsible for the care of the instrument. If an instrument is damaged due to negligence, the student will be responsible for the entire cost of repair or replacement. Each student that uses a school-owned instrument will be required to sign an agreement form at the beginning of the season and photos of the instrument will be taken before use. Malicious damage to any instrument will be addressed under appropriate Mapleton High School and Mapleton Local School District Policies, and students will be required to pay for repair of damages.

Students will receive a Marching Band music folder at the beginning of band camp. Wind instrument players must purchase a flip folder and a lyre (flutes are the exception to the lyre) to hold their music for Marching Band and Pep Band seasons. No student should be at a performance without music. If a Concert Band folder is lost, an appropriate fine will be charged to replace any missing parts, which may include warm-up books and/or music.

Uniforms

Marching Band and Sweetheart uniforms will be stored at the school, but students are responsible for taking care of the uniforms while they are checked out (during season) and for returning them at the appropriate time. Students are responsible for purchasing shoes and gloves (order forms will be provided at Band Camp) and for providing tall BLACK socks. A white t-shirt must be worn underneath the uniform.

- Students will need to wear the following under their uniforms: White t-shirt, athletic shorts, and BLACK socks. If the wrong color is being worn under the uniform, penalty is losing 3rd quarter privileges.

- Director and Officers will perform uniform inspections prior to leaving the band room on performances, as well as before students check out to leave after performances to ensure proper care of the uniforms.

Concert band will perform in formal black and white attire. For the ladies, this may consist of a black skirt, black pants, black stockings, black shoes, white blouse, or white sweater. These must be plain white tops with no design. All skirts or dresses must adhere to the Mapleton High School dress code, and black leggings/stockings must be worn in accompaniment to the dress/skirt. Gentlemen should wear black dress pants, a white dress shirt, a black tie, black socks, and black shoes for all Concert Band performances, unless otherwise notified by the director. Absolutely no flip-flops, sleeveless shirts, or tennis shoes will be allowed from ladies or gentlemen. Any violation of a uniform policy will result in a failing grade for the performance, and the student will NOT be permitted to perform. If you have any questions regarding uniform expectations, please contact Ms. Swineford at least 3 weeks in advance of any performance.

Sweetheart uniforms will be announced by the director and Sweethearts advisor once their productions for the season are announced. Some uniform parts will be provided by the school and paid for in the form of a fee; other parts may be provided by the students.

For Honor Band auditions, Solo and Ensemble, and other individual events, students should wear a nice outfit. Please do not wear jeans or flip-flops to ANY event, unless otherwise announced by Ms. Swineford. We are representing our school!

Marching Uniform Care Instructions

The marching band uniforms this year are brand new! Our previous uniforms lasted almost 20 years. Our goal is to take care of our uniforms so that they last a long time, as they are expensive. The new uniform parts include: pants, jackets, hats, plumes, rain-coats, and garment bags. Please follow the instructions listed below:

1.) Hang uniform bibbers/pants on the hanger so that the creases remain aligned and pants do not wrinkle. Hange jacket ovetop on the same hanger. Hats are not to go inside of the garment bag.

2.) Wash instructions for Marching Band Uniforms:

- Yes these are machine washable, but DO NOT machine wash the jackets under any circumstances. Dry Clean only if needed during the season.
- In extreme cases where the pants get quite dirty during rainy football games, the bibbers/pants can be machine washed.
 - Cold water washed. No agitation. Do Not Iron. Cool Dry Only. No Softeners. Do Not Bleach.
- If you chose to machine wash your pants (or anypart of the marching band uniform) and damage occurs (bleach marks, tearing of fabric, snaps/buttons missing, etc.), you will be held responsible for the purchase of a new uniform to replace the items damaged.
- We recommend dry cleaning all parts of your uniform.

3.) Wash instructions for Rain Coats:

- Machine wash warm, delicate cycle
- Use non-chlorine bleach and Detergent
- Line Dry ONLY
- DO NOT STEAM PRESS
- DO NOT DRY CLEAN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!

4.) In the event of a rainy performance, take all uniform parts (including hat and shoes) out of the garment bag and hang seperately at home immediately upon arrival. Do not, under any circumstances leave wet uniform parts in a garment bag. Again, damaged/moldy uniform parts will require you to purchase a new uniform.

5.) After every event, hang your uniform at home. DO NOT leave it on the floor, in a car, or in the bottom of your garment bag. All uniform parts must be hung properly at home, while not in use.

6.) Bring uniforms to school on game days to hang on rack in band room.

7.) Wash your gloves to keep them white before all band performances.

8.) Remove dirt and mud from shoes before each band performance.

Rehearsal and Performance Attendance Policies

The band director and other instructors understand that students' time is valuable, and we take pride in the fact that we use time wisely and begin/end rehearsals as promptly as possible. Students and parents are asked to give the band program the same consideration and cooperation, as all students have individual responsibilities to perfect their own performance and group responsibilities to be present so that they may help out other members of our "team." Please remember, however, that the staff will strive to dismiss students at the ending time but that students (ESPECIALLY Student Leadership Team members) are still responsible for cleaning their areas and returning equipment to its proper place.

Please try to schedule appointments, etc, on days other than rehearsal and performance days. Students with jobs should realize that work is NOT an excused absence and should present their employers with the band schedule as soon as possible. Any conflicts should be discussed with the band director as early as possible.

If an absence would be considered excused by Mapleton Local School District, it will be excused by the band. In case of an emergency, an excused absence requires parents to contact Ms. Swineford directly through email at mapl_rswineford@tccsa.net or phone call to her office at 419-945-8153. **Excused absences that are NOT an emergency must be communicated with Ms. Swineford at least 4 weeks prior to the concert through parent communication via phone call and written note or email.**

Unexcused absences will result in grade reduction and/or possible loss of leadership positions or spots in the band productions. Absences are unexcused if the student misses a performance and does not contact the director.

Communication is absolutely vital to the band program. Ms. Swineford's email and voicemail are running 24/7. Please cover all bases, and if need be, leave a voicemail and an email.

We strongly encourage our band members to be involved in as many extra-curricular activities as they would like and are generally willing to compromise should activities be scheduled at the same time. Ms. Swineford will ALWAYS be willing to work out a compromise with a band activity and another Mapleton High School activity – but YOU MUST communicate **well** in advance with Ms. Swineford and your other coaches/sponsors!

Auditions

Auditions will be held at specific times during the year to determine chair placement or participation in specific ensembles. Criteria for chair and ensemble placement include technical proficiency, instrumentation needs, balance needs, student interest/enthusiasm, and attitude. The director reserves the right to assign students with higher audition scores or placements to play a lower part in order to achieve a more balanced sound or instrumentation.

Awards and Scholarships

All students are eligible for the following awards and trips only if the below criteria are met:

- 1.) The Student must be in attendance to all scheduled performances.
- 2.) The Students must have perfect attendance to Band Camp.
- 3.) The Student must earn a total of points by attending band camp, performances (including parades, pep band, concerts, etc.)

First Year Award: Numerals of the student's graduating year

Second Year Award: The Band Varsity Letter

Third Year Award: A Band Medallion

Fourth Year Award: Band Plaque with Student's Name

Other Awards:

John Philip Sousa Band Award: Awarded to one 4th year senior who has shown superior musicianship and outstanding dedication to the ensemble.

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: A yearly award given to an outstanding Jazz Musician.

Frederick Chopin Piano Award: A yearly award given to a musician who displays outstanding performance on piano.

Mapleton Music Boosters Instrumental Scholarship: Awarded to one third or fourth year senior instrumental musician who, during their senior year, took an OMEA Class A or B solo to OMEA Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event and received a rating of Superior, Excellent, or Good. This Scholarship is worth \$250 towards tuition at the university where the students will attend.

Late Work Policy

It is the agreed upon policy of Mapleton High School that students turn their work in on time. If a student does not hand in their work on the given assignment due date, the student will have **one week** to hand in their work for 50% credit. Beyond one week, a student will receive no credit for that assignment.

Points System for Varsity Award

Starting a few years ago, we began a points system in regards to earning Varsity Awards in the music program. We want these awards to be something students work for and something they can be proud of earning. Students will need to earn a total of 1,900 points. If a student has an unexcused absence from any of the below performances, they will not receive the points towards their award. A student must participate in at least two fundraisers, and miss no more than 2 pep band events.

Band Camp	=	200 pts.
Each Football Game	=	50 pts.
Labor Day Parade	=	50 pts.
Parade of Bands	=	50 pts.
Holiday Parade	=	50 pts.
Winter Concert	=	150 pts.
March Arts Concert	=	150 pts.
May Spring Concert	=	150 pts.
Krispy Kreme Fundraiser	=	50 pts.
Spaghetti Dinner Donation	=	150 pts.
Zap-A-Snack Fundraiser	=	150 pts.
Concessions Volunteer	=	50 pts.
Pep Band Games	=	40 pts.

Private Lessons

All Mapleton High School band members are strongly encouraged to take private lessons. Private lessons are the very best way for students to reach their fullest potential as instrumentalists by receiving extra help on band literature, preparing for honor band auditions, and by learning solo repertoire for studio recital performances. A list of area private instructors ranging from college students to orchestra performers is available from the band director.

Calendar of Events

** = These dates have not yet been confirmed, but based on recent years, these are the supposed dates of the event.*

NOTE: These are all performances as it stands right now. Performances are likely to be added throughout the year, as some dates have not yet been released for parades and similar events. We will keep you informed of all performances as soon as these dates are published.

Dates for Honors Band opportunities will be released at a later date.

2017-2018 9-12 Band Schedule

<i>DATES:</i>	<i>EVENT:</i>	<i>LOCATION and TIME:</i>
July 17-21 & 25-28 2017	HS Band Camp	Mapleton HS 8AM-12PM (Noon)
July 24, 2017	Mapleton Music Booster Meeting	Mapleton HS Band Room 7:00 PM
August 12, 2017	Hog Roast	MHS Stadium/Gym, Time TBA
August 25, 2017	FB @ Hillsdale	Call Time 5:15PM, Bus Leaves 5:45
September 1, 2017	FB @ Wellington	Call Time 5:30PM, Bus Leaves 6:00
September 4, 2017	Labor Day Parade	Call Time 8:15AM, Bus Leave 8:45 AM, Parade starts 10AM
September 8, 2017	FB Home vs. Rittman	Call Time 5:45PM
September 15, 2017	FB @ Monreville	Call Time 5:15PM, Bus Leaves 5:45
September 17, 2017	Ashland County Fair, Parade of Bands	Fairgrounds, Grandstands, Call time 1:00 PM, 2:00PM Start
September 22, 2017	FB Home Vs. Crestview	Call Time 5:45PM
September 25, 2017	Start Zap-A-Snack Fundraiser	
September 29, 2017	FB Home vs. South Central (Homecoming)	Call Time 5:00PM, Alumni call 5:30PM, March to Stadium @ 6:10PM
October 2, 2017	Spaghetti Dinner Donation Papers Distributed	
October 6, 2017	FB Home Vs. St. Paul	Call Time 5:45PM
October 9, 2017	End Zap-A-Snack Fundraiser	
October 9, 2017	Spaghetti Dinner Donations/Papers Due	
October 13, 2017	FB @ Plymouth	Call Time 5:15PM, Bus Leaves 5:45
October 20, 2017	FB Home vs. New London (Senior Night)	Call Time 5:30 PM

<i>DATES:</i>	<i>EVENT:</i>	<i>LOCATION and TIME:</i>
October 23, 2017	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	MHS Commons 5:30-7:30 PM
October 27, 2017	FB @ Western Reserve	Call Time 5:15PM, Bus Leaves 5:45
October 27, 2017	Canvas and Cupcakes Forms Due	Call Time 5:30 PM
November 4, 2017	Canvas and Cupcakes	MHS Commons @ TBDPM
November 8, 2017	Zap-A-Snack Delivery	MHS Commons at end of school
November 18, 2017	Ashland Holiday Parade	Ashland, Oh Call time TBD start time TBD
December 11, 2017	6-12 2017 Band and Choir Holiday Concert	MHS Gymnasium @ 7:00PM, Call Time 6:00PM
January 22, 2018	Booster Meeting	MHS Music Room @ 7:00 PM
February 3, 2018	OMEA District 10 Solo & Ensemble	Mansfield Senior HS, Times TBD
February 26, 2018	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Begins	
March 5, 2018	March Arts HS Band and Choir Concert	MHS Commons @ 7:00PM, Call Time 6:15PM
March 6, 2018	Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Ends	
March 19, 2018	Krispy Kreme Delivery/Pick up	MHS Commons 2:30-3:45 PM
May 7, 2018	HS Band and Choir Spring Concert	MHS Commons @ 7:30 PM, Call Time 7:00 PM
May 10, 2018	HS Music Dept. Awards Banquet	MHS Commons @ 7:00PM
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day Celebration&Performance	Nova Firehouse, Nova, Ohio @ 2:00PM, Call time 1:15PM
June 3, 2018	Graduation	MHS Gymnasium, Call time 1:00PM, Music starts at 1:30PM, Graduation starts at 2:00PM
July 16-27, 2018	2018 HS Band Camp	See "Band Camp" section for info.

Mapleton Music Boosters

The purpose of the Mapleton High School Music Boosters is to provide support to the Mapleton Local Schools Music Programs. As a family member of a MHS Music Student, you are automatically a Music Booster. The Boosters support shall consist of providing operational funds, volunteer services, and organizational coordination as requested by the Band Director to the fullest extent possible. Parents should feel free to contact the Booster Club Officers with any questions. This group meets the fourth Monday of every month at MHS, and we look forward to seeing YOU at the next meeting! Being involved with the Boosters is the very best way to support your child's musical education.

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON ALL THINGS MOUNTIE MUSIC!

We know how difficult it is to keep all of your student's extracurricular activities straight! The Mapleton Music Boosters has several ways to help you keep track of band, choir, and Sweetheart events, concerts, fundraisers, deadlines, etc. for grades k-12.

Website

Check out our website at www.mapletonmusicboosters.weebly.com. Details of upcoming events and our calendar are updated frequently throughout the year.

Email

Sign up to get our email updates. There is a form to sign up on our website, or just email us at mapletonmusic@gmail.com. We'll email you when there is important news.

Facebook

We now have a Facebook Group! You can request to join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1940660599485821/>. We will try to put as much information out here for our students and parents as we can...and you can share posts with grandparents and other family members!

And we are always excited to see new faces at our meetings, held at 7 PM on the 4th Monday of each month. Upcoming meetings include July 24 and August 28.

As a group of parent volunteers, we know how busy everyone's schedules are, and we want to make it as easy as we can to keep up-to-date. If you ever have any questions, or can't find an answer on our website for Facebook, please feel free to contact your student's music director or the Boosters (mapletonmusic@gmail.com).

Looking forward to another great year of Mountie Music!!

2017-2018 MAPLETON MUSIC BOOSTERS
PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Music Boosters need your help! Please complete the areas below where you would be willing to assist at our events/fundraisers and then return to Ms. Swineford, Mrs. Sillman, or any Music Booster Officer.

_____ I will help sell popcorn & donuts at the home football games (evening)

_____ I will help with the Sap-A-Snack Fundraiser. (afternoon)

_____ I will pop popcorn at the girls and boys home basketball games (late afternoon/evening)

_____ I would be willing to pop popcorn at the Mapleton XC Invite night or Mapleton High School/Middle School/5-6th grade track events (after school)

_____ I will help at the Volleyball concession stand (late afternoon/evening)

_____ I will help with the 3rd quarter table at the home football games or provide food (evening)

_____ I will help at the Annual Spaghetti Supper With a Beat (evening)

_____ I will help with the winter concert reception (evening)

_____ I will sell raffle tickets for Raffle for Rhythm (evening)

_____ I will help with the Krispy Kreme Fundraiser (afternoon)

_____ I will help with the High School awards banquet (evening)

_____ I will help with the Cupcakes and Canvas fundraiser (Saturday afternoon)

Please contact me at:

Name _____ Cell Phone: _____ Text Yes or No

Student Name _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail address _____ Best time to contact me _____

If you have any questions or need to contact us, we can be reached at:
mapletonmusic@gmail.com or go to our website:
www.mapletonmusicboosters.weebly.com for more information.

2018 OHIO MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

This letter serves two purposes: to inform you of Solo & Ensemble contest and as a commitment contract. For those of you who are not interested in contest, there is no need to return the commitment contract. Every year, OMEA holds a contest where students have the opportunity to prepare a solo for their instrument, play with an ensemble, or both! It is a great learning opportunity for students as they continue their high school music participation. Just as it makes the student a stronger player, it increases the strength of the ensemble as well.

The contest will be held at Mansfield Senior High School in Mansfield, Ohio on February 3, 2018. Times are to be determined, and will not be distributed until approximately one week before the contest date. Not everyone will play at the same time, as I, the director and accompanist, will need to be in the room at the time of the performance. As soon as I am aware of performance times, you will be informed. You will also be informed of more details as the contest date nears.

The contract below must be signed and returned with payment of fees to Ms. Swineford by Friday, October 6, 2017. Those of you who are interested will receive your music before Thanksgiving Break (and I suggest that you begin practicing during that time to give your very best performance on the contest date!). If you chose to take a solo to contest, you must rehearse with Ms. Swineford a minimum of 3 times before contest. If you chose to take an ensemble, you must rehearse together with Ms. Swineford a minimum of 4 times before the contest (and more outside of that!). These requirements are important so that you are used to playing with the accompaniment or your other ensemble members.

There is a lot of interest in Solo and Ensemble contest this year. The Ohio Music Education Association charges a fee of \$18 for solos and \$23 for ensembles. These fees are due by October 6th, as previously stated. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Swineford at mapl_rswineford@tccsa.net or call her office at 419-945-8153. I will return your call as soon as possible.

2018 Solo and Ensemble Contest

I, _____, want to take a solo/ensemble (circle one) to Contest.

Solo Instrument: _____ Ensemble Type: _____

Other Members of the Ensemble:

Student Signature: _____ Fee Amount being Paid: _____

•Circle: CASH or CHECK

Parent Signature: _____

Student/Parent Handbook Contract

Please Sign and return to Ms. Swineford by August 25, 2017

Rules and Procedures

I have read, understand, and will comply with all rules and procedures in the 2017-2018 Mapleton High School Band Handbook. I will be at every band function unless I have a Mapleton Local Schools excused absence and advance documentation from my parents or else my band grade will be lowered. I believe that we are all responsible for making rehearsals run smoothly by preparing parts in advance and remaining focused in on the task at hand. I am willing to do my part!

Uniform Contract

I understand that I am personally responsible for the uniform items assigned to me, and that I will be charged for any parts that are lost or damaged due to neglect or abuse. I also agree to take care of the uniform as directed. At the end of each game or competition, I will see that I have all uniform parts assigned to me properly stored in the garment bag. I will personally check my uniform in and out from the uniform parents, and I will not assume responsibility for another band member's uniform unless instructed by the director. I will report any missing or damaged items immediately to the director. I understand that failure to follow these rules will result in immediate disciplinary action and financial responsibility.

Letter of Mutual Consent

I, the undersigned student, accept membership in the Mapleton High School Band and understand that I am responsible for knowing and following all the policies as set forth in the Band Handbook. I fully agree to carry out my responsibilities to the very best of my ability. Above all, I agree to keep a positive attitude and have FUN making MUSIC!

(Student Signature)

(Date)

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, have read and understand the policies as set forth in the Band Handbook. I also grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Mapleton High School Band. In addition, my child has full permission to attend all band functions and understand that he/she must travel to and from all functions on band transportation unless I have submitted a permission letter at least 24 hours in advance to Ms. Swineford.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Student Cell Phone and Email _____

Parent Cell Phone and Email _____

Type of Instrument _____ (example: Trumpet)

Manufacturer _____ (example: Bach Stradivarius)

Serial Number _____

Locker #: _____